

CSCAA Meeting

May 22, 2021 at Camp Silver Creek

Present: Board members Pat Schrader, Jeremial Rasca, Connie Strong, Emily Roemeling, Asher Roemeling, Becca LaFramboise, Mariah Fairman, Jo Jablo, Crystal Cram, Mark Bradley; Tim Sinatra, Jeff Dickmann, Jerry Woodcock, John Ross, John Mistkawi, Guy Greider, Dan Moore and many other SCS alumni both old and new.

President Pat Schrader welcomed everyone. He briefly explained how he became president due to the resignation of Nick Benevidez. He thanked Connie Strong our “ambassador of Goodwill” and mentor Jerry Woodcock for all of their help in getting the CSCAA moving again.

YMCA CEO Tim Sinatra was introduced. He gave a short bio and stated that he was excited to be here and that camping is so important to a successful YMCA program.

Tim then introduced Jeff Dickmann, the newly hired Camping Services Director who said that he was excited to be here and shared a short bio.

Pat asked Jerry Woodcock, as one of the founding members, to share a short history of the CSCAA. Jerry emphasized our mission statement “to support, preserve and strengthen YMCA camping at Camp Silver Creek.”

A short break was taken to distribute lunches.

Cathrine Sandor-Korte, the outdoor education coordinator from ODFW was introduced and spoke briefly on the possibility of partnering with CSC to offer educational programs for the campers, especially fishing education. Everyone agreed that this was an opportunity we wanted to pursue further.

Erin Chambers and Tamera O’Connor talked about a fundraising program they are spearheading to enable children that lost their homes in last summer’s fires to be able to attend camp this year. It is called Canyonland Kids. They are looking to get not only registration fees covered but to also get all supplies necessary donated (sleeping bags, flashlights, warm clothing, etc.)

Pat then moved on to the hard stuff – how to fill the vacant vice president position and how to fill two years worth of board members. There was a discussion on the interpretation of the CSCAA by-laws regarding this. It was decided to fulfill the VP position immediately to last until the Annual Meeting this summer. Crystal Cram and Erin Chambers were nominated. A vote was taken by board members present and Crystal Cram was elected to fill out the year.

Camp Director Mariah Fairman suggested **August 4 for the Annual meeting.**

A nominating committee was developed consisting of Crystal Cram, Connie Strong, Pat Schrader, Matt Hagen and Cate Derscheid. If you yourself are interested or would like to

nominate someone to be on the board, please let one of them know. All board members were asked to review the by-laws and be prepared to discuss changes needed at the next meeting.

Mariah gave an update on Camp. All alumni are welcome to help with staff training beginning June 26. If you have an area of expertise that you want to share please let her know. She also spoke about the "Wish List" and explained that it included items large and small and any donations were welcomed.

Jeff spoke briefly about the Work Day planned for June 5. Please let him know if you are planning to attend. He also said that camp is hurting for staff at this point (especially a cook) and wants everyone to help recruit.

Jerry talked a little bit about the Golf tournament scheduled for August 16. Signups are now available on line at <https://www.salemymcagolf.com>. Guy Greider is taking charge of the Auction this year and it will be an online auction. Help is needed to get auction items donated. Also, helpers will be needed at the tournament since camp staff will be working this year. Anyone who wants to help out please contact Jo Jablo.

Connie talked about several committees she wants to develop to help the camp staff; one that offers a mentoring connection between former and current staff members and one that concentrates on future staff development and recruitment.

Jeremiah Rasca said that the CSCAA financials had a current balance of \$17,757.60. Between \$35,000 and 36,000 were raised at last year's Golf Tournament but it was hard to say for sure due to confusion about where the money should be collected. He asked that this issue be straightened out before this year's tournament. Jerry said that the Y would be handling all the money, it's just a matter of getting everyone to send it there.

The question was asked concerning the cost of stocking the lake. Mark Bradley estimated it around \$750 Jerry Woodcock, Guy Greider, Tim Sinatra, Dan Moore, John Ross, Mark Bradley and 1 more?? immediately offered to contribute \$100 to cover the cost. A huge thanks to all of them.

A thank you and call out was offer to John Mistkawi for everything he has done over the years for both the YMCA and the Camping program.

Pat thanked everyone for being here in support of the CSCAA.