

Meeting Date: October 18, 2015. In Person Meeting at Yankee Grill-Renton WA

Present:

Judy Norris
Dave Imas
Robann Mateja
Ed Fisher

Call to order: Dave Imas called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 PM.

First order of business: Do we have a quorum for the meeting?

According to the by-laws, a majority of the board constitutes a quorum. Since we had 4 out of the 7 current BOD members present, which is greater than half of the current BOD membership, we deemed that the criterion for a quorum had been met.

Old Business:

1. Application Form for trial host support: Dave has created this form and sent it to Cheryl. It should be published on the web site soon.

Action Item: Robann will check with Cheryl to confirm that she has the form and request posting to the web site.

2. Communicating to the Membership at large regarding By-Law changes: We have to get membership approval in order to change the President and Vice President terms, and the transition of VP to President. We discussed having a special in person meeting (since our by-laws allow amending by-laws by a special meeting, and requires only those members present to vote. Please see the New Business item #2 which discusses a proposed change to By-Law voting procedures.)

Action Item: A future special meeting needs to be planned and properly announced so we can get membership approval of the changes. This is more easily achieved than the electronic voting procedure which requires a minimum of 50% participation.

3. Clarification of Proposed Officer Term Changes: It was clarified that the proposed term change for the President office will be effective with the next election of that office. The proposed change to the Vice President office will be effective immediately. The reason for this is that the individuals currently holding those offices agreed to do so under those conditions. This motion was made by Ed, seconded by Dave, and all present were in favor.

4. Current Vice President office is being assumed by Heather Haynes. Heather's Director

position is now open.

New Business:

1. **Communications Officer:** The idea of a “communications officer” was discussed. The roles of this position would be to manage the Facebook Group, possibly own a special “email address” to serve as official point of contact for WASH. This needs additional discussion and will be added to a future meeting agenda.

2. **Change to voting procedures for By-Law changes:** Currently, by-laws can be amended in one of two ways: (1) in person meeting where 2/3 of the members in good standing *present* at the meeting vote in favor; or (2) an electronic voting where at least 50% of the membership must vote, and 2/3 of those 50% must approve. The second condition is very difficult to meet. Dave proposed a new system of electronic voting where voting would take place over a period of time with adequate notice to start voting, a period of about 2 weeks of open voting, and an announced voting closing period of about a week. 2/3rd of those actively voting would carry the motion. This needs further refinement and will be presented formally at the next board meeting. Note that to make a change of this nature will require a special in person meeting with some representation of members in good standing.

3. **Faansie Baason Clinic:** Heather Haynes volunteered 2 separate, free, one day audit slots for the Faansie Clinic October 31/Nov 1. The “winners” would be chosen by a random drawing and would be open to WASH membership.

Action Item: Robann to post on Facebook, with Heather's approval. (Done).

3. Facebook:

Action Items:

a. Robann will publish “good stuff” that WASH does for its members on Facebook.

b. Robann will create a draft of current WASH members who give lessons, and will cross check the list with the BOD and the individuals who are recognized as instructors. This instructor list will be published on the WASH website, with a link to the same published on Facebook. The goal is to help the membership know where they can get instruction from WASH members.

4. **Future Clinics:** Dave is considering offering a penning clinic. Details are to be determined.