

Minutes from DPO meeting 11/7/2009

Attendees

Tim Kindblade
Sandra Kindblade
Howard Hammel
Linda Schimel
Patrick Fischer
KatyBeth Anthony
Rita Wallberg
Teresa Finnigan

Meeting started 10:15am

Organization Reports

Chairperson: Tim reported that he felt uncomfortable with the decision with the Sept committee's decision to finish the meeting at a restaurant at DPO's expense. He feels it sets a bad example. The booth at the Deaf Expo was very successful. It got a lot of interest from the people who attended the Expo. Patrick handed out the information sheet's tally of all the respondents. The top three interests were in the running team, walking team & bicycling. There was also a name change survey with varying responses. Tim met with the bylaws committee (Patrick & Linda) to draft the new bylaws. The bylaws have been created. KatyBeth met with both Mark Long & Tish Randolph to ask if Mark would accept being the bicycling captain & Tish to be the kayak captain they both accepted. They both had scheduling conflicts & could not attend the meeting but they gave their reports to Tim. Tim made an organizational chart to show the chain of command of DPO. He added a sports liaison since there are now more different sporting events. The captains will need to come to meetings. There will be more discussions on the new bylaws later.

Assistant Chair: KatyBeth was not present but will come a little later so no report.

Minutes handed out, read, corrected & approved.

Secretary: No report other than the minutes being read & approved.

Treasurer: Howard handed out the checking account balance sheet. The fee for the walking team in 2010 will be the same until March, which then will be increased from \$880 to \$912. One walker has already paid for next year. The running team's fee has increased to \$1,3200. The check has not been cashed yet. At the next meeting Howard will need more information on van rental expenses, etc. This year's budget of \$400 for gas was too much & a lot was given back.

Committee Reports

Running Captain: Patrick announced that he is acting captain for the running team for now. The running team fee is increasing & it is unknown who will be the future running team captain. The H2C have increased the fee for the running teams because they travel farther to get to the beach so more support are necessary for them. It is also a more popular event with many more teams applying every year.

Walking Captain: Rita said the walking team's fee would not be increased until March. One walker has already paid for his spot on the team. The group team photos & individual photos can be ordered by team members via the H2C website.

Bike Captain: Mark Long was not present. Tim reported for him. He has scheduled an event called the "Worst day of the year bike ride." It will be in Feb 2010. There will be more biking events on the second Saturday of every month. The DPO site needs to add these on its web page.

Kayak Captain: Tish Randolph was not present. Tim reported for her. She has two events planned; one of them will be up in San Juan Island.

Post-Party (camp) Chair: Teresa has no report for now.

Public Relations: There is no PR person as of yet. Mark is willing to train a new PR person. KatyBeth asks should we interview 3 candidates? There will be more discussion on this in the January committee meeting. KatyBeth has in mind 3 possibilities for the position.

Web Coordinator: KatyBeth has updated the website except for the more recent business meetings but has not gotten any feedback from anyone except Mark Long. Teresa & Sandra will give pictures to KatyBeth to put on the website. After January KatyBeth will finish adding additional pictures & information to the website. Teresa will send information on the fundraisers. Patrick suggests adding testimonials to the website. The website fee is \$46. FaceBook would be great for sending out information but unfortunately the FaceBook would always be linked to its creator. We need a PR person soon, preferably before the Jan recruiting meeting.

Design Team: Patrick has the new design ready for the thank you cards for the donors who contributed to DPO. Patrick will make thank you cards & give them to Howard to mail before Christmas. Patrick asked for more ideas on the new design. Everyone needs to remind each other in order to keep all on track. Secretary is responsible for reminding everyone to attend meetings.

Safety Chair: Rita said one set of lights were defective other than that no report.

Fundraiser, Grant, & Donation Chair: Teresa said fundraising is more difficult because of the name change of the organization is not yet settled. She has not been able to

ask for donations because of this. Teresa suggested a Valentine Party with an auction & a dinner. She has one park in mind, which would be excellent but would need to get an OLC license to serve alcohol. Other ideas include workshops & performances. The performers would be willing to donate their services or for nominal fees. Portland Community College allows the community to use their buildings for free. Other ideas include; bazaar craft shows, doggie daycare, & dog parties. Teresa needs the name of the Medford man who is willing to donate to the organization. KatyBeth will add a donate button to the website. She suggested that Teresa ask Purple for a donation after the new name is decided for the organization.

Transportation: Tim said that van rental fees have increased, will need about \$2500 for van rentals & gas & etc. Patrick suggests getting 2 or 3 different price checks with other car rental places.

Volunteers Coordinator: Howard said Tish & Kimm Randolph would volunteer again. The various captains need to keep in contact with them. Howard is not able to do it online because he is not a captain.

Supply Chair: Sandra has no report except a pair of unclaimed scissors, which will be added to the auction list.

Old Business

DPO name change after some discussion is tabled for future discussion. A name change committee will be set up. KatyBeth proposes closing old business. Howard 2nd it. Passed.

New Business

Teresa proposes renting a large room for the wine tasting fundraiser on Feb 13th. The room holds up to 45 people. It costs \$200. Sandra 2nd it. Passed. KatyBeth proposed getting reimbursed for the \$46 web fee deposit. Teresa 2nd it. Passed. Patrick proposed setting up FaceBook for DPO. Howard 2nd it. Katy Beth amended proposal to add an open email address i.e. dpo@gmail.com so everyone could access it. Rita 2nd it. Passed. The Bylaws have been tabled until the new name of the organization has been decided. An organization chart with a new sports liaison person over all the captains will be brought to January recruiting party. KatyBeth proposed setting up a committee for coordinating all events planned for the year along with their budgets. Patrick 2nd it. Passed. Patrick proposed KatyBeth to be temporary Public Relations until January. Teresa 2nd it. Passed.

The next meeting will be in January at Patrick's apartment complex recreational room.

Meeting adjourned 12:54pm