

SKSR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MARCH 10, 2011

Those present: Rachel Lake, Roberta Hawkins, Rita Requa, Linda Fitzgerald, Evie Nordeen, Gordon Bowers, Virg Rayton, Ellie Bonanno, Donna Murrish, Alice Bingaman, Barbara Berg

Rachel called the meeting to order at 1:00 and led us in the flag salute.

BYLAWS - The first order of business was to review the changes to the Bylaws. Roberta pointed out the changes in each section; we discussed them and made changes where needed. Alice Bingaman made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Donna Murrish seconded the motion and it was passed.

Rachel read the minutes of the general meeting that was held while we were at the Brightwater Treatment plant in February where the bylaw amendments were approved by the membership present at that meeting. We each had a copy of the February 9 minutes and after looking them over, they were approved as written.

Roberta will write an article for the bulletin regarding the bylaw changes and advising that the amended document will appear on our Website and that hard copies will be available if needed. Rachel will send out the changes to the board members via email.

APPENDIX – The appendix is a separate document giving more detailed descriptions of the various Sno-King committees. We looked at each description, made changes where needed, and approved each as we went along.

Treasurer's Report – Nothing specific to report on the budget, but Donna told of two incidents regarding our February bank statements. First, we were charged a 'service fee' of \$15 that she inquired about and was told that it shouldn't have been applied and that it would be removed. Second, the dues amount reported by the WSSRA office was \$25 less than what the bank reported on the statement. Again, Donna inquired about this and discovered that a \$25 check had been deposited into our account that should have been applied to someone else's account. The bank will make the correction. *(details of these incidents are filed with these minutes)*

COMMITTEES:

Legislative: Ellie urged us to keep working on the legislature. She said we need to be aware that we are not opposed to pension reform, but we do oppose TRS/PRS 1 Uniform Plan Cola provisions in the Governor's proposal. If this is taken away, we'll never get it back. Leslie Main has written a very good article on this in the March/April Journal. Ellie also mentioned the unfair tax giveaways and said that a 2/3 vote is needed to repeal these. A Town Hall meeting is being held at 3rd Place Books in Lake Forest Park on Saturday, March 12. Rachel encouraged us to attend this meeting and to ask questions of the legislators. We should also pay attention to the bargaining situation. We can't afford to lose our ability to bargain.

Health: Gordon reported on several health issues. One was skin cancer and the fact that even a little bit of sun can set off the cells. On prostate cancer, a "wait and see" attitude seems to prevail all over the world. The life expectancy of a male is now 75 years and female 80 years. A breakthrough has come about regarding Alzheimers in that a brain scan has been developed that can identify the amount of plaque in the brain. Waiting for FDA approval.

A Johns Hopkins report told of tools used for diagnosing memory problems.

The FDA has approved drug treatment for macular edema following branch or central retinal vein occlusion.

Gordon had a news article that he had submitted to a local paper regarding a horticulture class at Edmonds CC where they had a learning experience by spiffing up his yard.

Membership: Rita reported that our membership is up. We have the second highest number. Yakima is first.

Scholarship: Linda has yet to hear from the young man still needing to finish a requirement before getting his diploma.

Sunshine: Evie sent sympathy cards to Barbara Shaddock who lost her mother; to Robin Randles & Ed Orsborn for loss of Robin's mother; Ken Lake recovering from eye surgery; Patty Lang who had her foot rebuilt; Erma Snook who has been ill with a very bad cold. Ellie reported that Ruthanne Warren has broken her wrist. Evie is still waiting for word from the Hazel Miller Foundation. Linda said her group has received a check and that the foundation may still be working on the distributions.

State Committee Nominations: We don't have a nominee for the Stan McNaughton Outreach Award but we are nominating Rita Requa for the Patrick T. Hoban Meritorious Award.

OLD BUSINESS:

Retirement Seminars: Someone is needed to help at the meeting of Thursday, March 24. Evie pointed out a good page in the retirement booklet that promotes membership in WSSRA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Betty Odle will write an article about the program for April. A sign-up sheet was passed around for potluck donations and/or help with setting up/cleaning up.

Rita asked for our endorsement of Dick Anderson for WSSRA President-Elect. Dick is a member of the Whatcom County unit and was a high school English teacher. Rita made a motion that we endorse him; it was seconded and passed. We may be asked to help him with his bid for this position.

Rachel asked for volunteers to be on the 2012 SKSR Nominations Committee. Alice said she would be on it. Two or three others are needed.

A Northwest I meeting is coming up on Monday, March 14. It will be held at Denny's in Mt. Vernon. Exit 227. Rachel, Rita, Ellie, Barbara, Alice, and Donna said they would attend.

The deadline for bulletin news to Dave is March 25. Folding will be on April 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Murrish, acting secretary