

## **OWAC TELECONFERENCE – August 16, 2021**

**7:05pm Call to Order: Carrie Wilson, President**

**Roll Call** – Carol

Present: Carrie Wilson, Bob Semerau, Peter Schroeder, Risa Wyatt, Betsy Senescu, John Williamson, Tom Martens and Carol Martens

Not Present: Barbara Steinberg and Don Vachini

**Review and approval of previous Board minutes, APP A**

Bob motioned to approve and Risa Seconded it. Minutes approved

**Call for Additions to Agenda.** Tom requested a brief discussion at the end of meeting.

**Financial Report** - Bob reported we have \$12,340.79 in our General account.

**Investment/Endowment report** – Peter reported we have \$16,000 in our funds.

**Fall Conference Tuolumne County, Sonora;** Carrie, John, Betsy:

Date is set November 14-17, 2021, We can sign up for conference on our website.

GiGi worked very hard for the past two weeks to get the website ready for our Fall Conference sign ups. A list of the available activities and agenda are also on the website. GiGi de Jong and John Poimiroo will be our craft speakers at the conference. GiGi will be covering how to use our redesigned website and John will share what we can do with our cell phone cameras. Our conference hosts are excited to assist us in various ways and will also be giving all attendees goodie bags and handouts.

**Spring 2022 Conference Big Bear Lake, California** May 8-11, 2022

**Website** –Bob reported that changes are being worked on to plug-ins and linkage. GiGi has worked diligently getting everything in good working order.

**COY** – Status – We will not be having the COY awards at our fall conference this year.

**Publicity** – Betsy reported that the press releases for EIC have been completed and distributed. She has been unable to find time to do the Vachini Scholarship press releases; but will try to do some about the OWAC Fall Conference.

**Membership** – Bob is still working on a few glitches in regards to signing up people for the next conference.

**Extend conference invite to OWAA, NOWA, BATW?**-Peter shared why inviting people from other organizations would be a good idea for our fall conference. If we invite people from other organizations to join us it would guarantee a larger turnout and benefit the host by having more coverage. The board agreed this is a good idea and Peter has a list of people we can reach out to. There was a discussion about the cost and benefits for outsiders.

**OWAC Code Of Conduct**-Board members are looking for a copy of the OWAC Code of Ethics from the past so they can be put on the website and be reviewed if a situation arises where a persons ethics are questioned.

**Tom Martens** brought up two topics for a brief discussion. #1 was the issue of bikes and motorized bikes on hiking trails and safety issues. #2 The art of story telling and how it could be incorporated into OWAC.

**Nest Meeting Date**-Monday, September 13, 2021

**8:10 pm** Betsy motioned to adjourn and John seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

