

Minutes of September 6, 2021 SBCA Activities Committee (AC) meeting

Meeting convened at 9:00am at the Bay Club. Members present: Vickie K Norris, Committee Chair, Chuck and Cheri Gerstenberger, Peggy Hathaway, Bob Kent, Susan Shadrick, Janet DeDenato, liaison to the Board, Gil Skinner, Board President.

Members were introduced and welcomed.

Gil reviewed some past activities e.g. pancake breakfast, wine hours, and outdoor games. The AC should prioritize member experiences over a goal of making money for the Club; however, he also encouraged the AC to at least break even on events, if possible. AC should anticipate budget impacts in advance to be reviewed by the Board. "After the fact" requests for reimbursement will likely not be approved.

Old Business was reviewed. Peggy gave a status report on the Flat Walkers. The current time of 4:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday is working for those who are interested. The response has been positive with groups numbering 4 to 8. This is a relaxed walk suitable for those who may have limitations. Peggy would like to maintain this schedule at least through the end of September. Peggy will get some more detailed information about the walk, including time and distance to Janet for publication in subsequent notifications about the activity. Great job, Peggy!

The coffee and pastries on the patio is discontinued due to waning interest.

New Member Orientation project was discussed. Orientation meetings will be scheduled for 20 members per group on October 4,5 & 6 with morning (10:00am - 11:30am) and afternoon (1:30pm - 3:00pm) sessions in the Auditorium. "New Members" are those that have arrived since January 1, 2020. The purpose of the orientation is to welcome those new to the community; inform them of the relationships between the various villages; briefly explain the governance of SBCA; familiarize them with various rules of SBCA, ARC processes and the SBCA website; and let them know what the Bay Club has to offer; and last, but not least, what a new member might offer SBCA in volunteerism.

To facilitate this orientation, the following needs to occur:

1. **Identification** of “New Members” from internal database. Gil said he would coordinate this.
2. **Communications** to new members about the orientation sessions and the need to sign up for one of the group meetings. Janet can coordinate with staff about the communication and sign up process. Also consider having stick on nametags to be filled out by members.
3. **Coordination of participants** in the orientation. Vickie emceeds the sessions, e.g. welcome participants and introduce the agenda and speakers. At a minimum the committee would like one Board member present at each session. Ideally, Mark Torres attends all sessions and participates in the presentation. Additionally, it would be helpful for Dean Rosenthal to be present about health and fitness activities and Joe Guillien to discuss the ins and outs of the woodshop.
4. **Preparation of materials:** Many of the new members will have already received the welcome packets from the Bay Club. There should be a number of those packets available to hand out at the sessions for those who have not already received the packet. We discussed updating the SBCA rules to include COVID restriction; however, instead, let’s consider a separate sheet describing the COVID restrictions for the use of the Club. Perhaps Mark could prepare that sheet. Susan mentioned that all the acronyms for the various clubs, villages, etc. were sometimes confusing. Maybe Mark could prepare a “cheat sheet” handout with what they all stand for and handout with the names of all SBCA employees and current Board members. Janet observed it would be nice for members to have an opportunity to meet staff.
5. **Tour of Club facility.** Following the tour, weather permitting AC would like to offer coffee/pastries/cookies on the patio.
6. **Odds and Ends.** Vickie will prepare an agenda for the sessions and circulate to the AC before finalizing.

Fall Activity - October Fest. A date and time of Friday, October 29th starting at 4:00pm for an outdoor (under a tent, Gil and Mark will figure out how to raise it) October Fest celebration was selected. Vickie will talk to neighbors who are planning to open a ciderey on Bainbridge, for a possible donation. Cheri will contact another cider provider. We also discussed getting keg beer. We plan to provide grilled brats in-house (it was represented by Gil that Mark is a grill master and overall great cook!) and check with local grocers about their offerings of German potato salad. A nominal amount of \$10.00 to attend was discussed. The AC should be prepared to finalize a budget at our next committee meeting. We also discussed that it

would be helpful to have some outdoor heaters (a fire pit was also suggested) so we can extend our ability to have outdoor events. The requirement of proof of vaccination was deferred until the SBCA takes up the issue at the September board meeting. Vickie will follow up with Janet regarding communications for this activity.

Long Range Planning. A holiday party was discussed although the COVID uncertainty caused the AC to defer detailed planning until next meeting. Bob pointed out it isn't too early to discuss holiday décor for the Club. Following a discussion of past decorations, there was a consensus that this year a more modest effort would be appropriate. Gil will speak with a member who has participated in decoration efforts in the past and if she is receptive to volunteering this year, Gil, Susan and Vickie will coordinate with her.

We also discussed an event for summer of 2022. Janet described an event at Bloedel Reserve. Restaurants offered small bites both savory or sweet and wineries and breweries had tastes. There was live music and an auction. The Pike Place Market Foundation puts on a similar event each August and Bite of Seattle also comes to mind.

We discussed mounting a similar event featuring local eateries, etc. with a silent auction. We explored the idea of a partnership with non-profits, PLPA and LVP in helping/benefiting from the event. The AC will reach out to representatives of these organizations to further explore their interest in this project.

We also discussed other interactive events. Vickie recently attended a Shakespeare in the Park (comedies only) event held in the backyard of a private home she thought our members would really enjoy.

New AC meeting time: We will meet on the Monday before the Thursday Board meeting, usually the second Thursday of the month. A 9:00am meeting time is difficult for one of our committee members. Our next meeting time is October 11, 2021 at 1:00pm at the Bay Club.