

WSGA Board Meeting 09/18/2024

| Executive Committee | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Present | Position | Real Name | Geocaching Name |
| X | President | Antoine Pin | Winos_Seattle |
| X | Vice President | Steve Thurin | SMuddT |
| | Treasurer | Annette Bailes | Peach of WA |
| X | Secretary | Kevin Defields | Cool Cow Cachers |
| Chapter Representatives | | | |
| | Chapter | Real Name | Geocaching Name |
| X | 48 North | Jean Hoffmann | Morhoff |
| X | Cache-Cadian | Eugene Reed | Mr. Gadget #2 |
| X 6:50 | Inland Empire | Elaine Edwards | lucymogus |
| X | Olympic Peninsula | Lori Cassidy | SeabeckTribe |
| X | Puget Sound | Jim Pommert | rocketglider |
| X | South Central | Benjamin Parruzot | Tecsomane |
| X 7:05 | Southwest | Rhonda Britten | HawaiianMaile |
| Appointed Positions | | | |
| | Position | Real Name | Geocaching Name |
| | GeoTour Manager | Chris Brue | Mc3cats |
| X | Campout 2025 Managers | Carter Cantrell | cacheingcants |
| X | Campout 2025 Managers | Annette P. Bailes | Peach of WA |
| X | Merchandise Manager | Kevin Defields | Cool Cow Cachers |
| | Wa. State Parks / USFS Liaison | Annette P. Bailes | Peach of WA |
| | Seattle Parks Liaison | Oleg Barshay | OBarshay |
| X | King Cty. Parks Liaison | Steve Thurin | SMuddT |
| X | Pierce Cty. Parks Liaison | Kevin Defields | Cool Cow Cachers |
| | OP Chapt. Parks Liaison | Cathy Cohoon | DiscGolfBirdie |
| X | Scouts Liaison | Ann Nakamoto | AnnScout |
| | Webmaster | Mitch Eatough | Nepokama |
| X | Tech Support | Mike Nelson | ThePiCacher |
| X | Official PIO | Linda Huskey | lindahuskey |
| Events Committee (Appointed) | | | |
| | Chapter / Role | Real Name | Geocaching Name |
| X | Puget Sound | Carter Cantrell | Cacheingcants |
| | Cache-Cadian | Kay Williams | WillDolt |
| | Cache-Machines | Jim Tollefson | Terrible T's |
| X | Puget Sound | Antoine Pin | Winos_Seattle |
| | Puget Sound | Gabe Vankemper | Go-pher-it |
| APE Event Committee (Appointed) | | | |
| | Chapter / Role | Real Name | Geocaching Name |
| X | Director | Antoine Pin | Winos_Seattle |
| | Co-Director Technology | Mitch Eatough | NepoKama |
| | Co-Director Operations | Andrew Johnson | AndrewRJ |
| X | Co-Director Logistics | Kevin Defields | Cool Cow Cachers |
| X | Finance | Elaine Edwards | lucymogus |

CALL TO ORDER - 6:40 pm

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - Motioned, seconded, approved

CHAPTER REP REPORTS – Given by chapter reps in attendance. See attached reports.

- President conversation on volunteers, event venues, feedback from the membership.

TREASURER REPORT - Given by Secretary in Treasurer's absence. See attached report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Given by Vice President

My tracking of the attached spreadsheet shows the following active membership count:

Puget Sound: 91

North48: 34

Inland Empire: 32

Southwest: 30

CacheCadian: 20

South Central: 20

Olympic Peninsula: 14

Total: 241

We have had some website issues complicating the recording of members' renewals. Hopefully these are being resolved.

MERCHANDISE (Sec. – CoolCowCachers / Winos Seattle)

- Requesting to reorder new T-Shirts, chapter WSGA banners, pens, WSGA notebooks, etc.

COMMITTEES: EVENTS inc. Outreach / CAMPOUT / APE / TECH (Social Media)

- Briefing: C.A.B. – PSES – Campout25 (Cacheingcants)
- APE (Block Party) 2025 – Update (Asst. Director: AndrewRJ / Director: Winos_Seattle)
- KCLS: Relationship King Cty. East Dist. - (Winos_Seattle)
- Social Media Report (Social Media Vol. – LindaHuskey + Req. Approval for PIO)

UPDATE COMMITTEE (SkyHawker)

OLD BUSINESS

- Repeat Votes Approvals for Campout Board Mtg: Nominee Committee 9.4.3 Updates, Co-Campout Mgr. update by-law 3.3 Bullet point 2 working for Premium member. – Motioned, seconded, approved.
- 501 (C) 3 Discussion - Tabled
- GeoTour Wrap-up Instructions given

NEW BUSINESS

- Requested Q3 WSGA Sponsored Events: CITO's, Holiday Events
- GeoWoodstock 2026 (Vancouver, WA) & GCF 2028 (Spok. Or Tri-Cities)
- Geocaching Block Party 2030 (Seattle, WA)
- Discussed changing chapter allocations to coincide with the fiscal year rather than calendar year. – Tabled
- Appointment of new committee members:
 - Linda Huskey - WSGA Public Information Officer – Approved
 - Sally Stromberg – Tech Committee – Approved
 - Ann Scout – Scout Outreach – Approved
- Lifetime WSGA memberships at 20x the annual membership rate. Chapter reps to discuss with membership. - Tabled

MOTION FOR FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING: November 20th, 2024 @ 6:30PM

ADJOURNMENT – 9:29 pm

POST-MEETING QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON STATE GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Bank Balance, June 30, 2024 \$ 9,222.36

INCOME:

| | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Membership Income | \$ 1,281.00 | |
| Merchandise sales | 79.75 | |
| Campout Site Sale Income | 325.00 | |
| Event Income-Cache Across the Border donation | 20.00 | |
| Unaccounted Income | 6.17 | <u>1,711.92</u> |
| Subtotal | | \$ <u>10,934.28</u> |

EXPENSE:

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Postage Expense | \$ 99.02 | |
| Chapter Allocation Expense | 180.44 | |
| WSGA Summer Campout Expense | 957.43 | |
| WSGA Events - Puzzle Events & Cache Across the Border | 300.09 | |
| Stripe Fees | 39.01 | |
| Internet Expense | 135.28 | |
| P. O. Box Annual Rental | 200.00 | <u>\$ 1,911.27</u> |

Bank Balance, August 30, 2024 \$ 9,023.01

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Bank Balance 9/11/2024 | \$ | 9,054.42 |
| Less: Outstanding Checks | | |
| Campout Expense - refund of overpaymer | | (65.00) |
| Chapter Allocation reimbursement | | (228.80) |
| Sub-Total | \$ | 8,760.62 |
| Add: Balance undistributed in Stripe | | 23.97 |
| Total Cash On Hand, 09/11/24 | <u>\$</u> | <u>8,784.59</u> |

9/11/2024

apb

WSGA SUMMER CAMPOUT 2024
July 26 - 28, 2024 - Horn Rapids County Park

INCOME:

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| 13 Campsites @ \$65 (WSGA Member) | \$ 845.00 | |
| 6 Campsites @ \$65 (Non-member) | 390.00 | |
| Membership Income for Non-Members (6 @ \$15) | 90.00 | |
| Total Income | | <u>1,325.00</u> |

EXPENSE:

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Benton County Parks - Rental of entire park | \$ 1,050.00 | |
| Liability Insurance required by Benton County Parks | 309.00 | |
| Campout Raffle prizes procured by Antoine Pin | 50.71 | |
| Food, paper goods, etc. - pd by Antoine | 320.62 | |
| Spudnuts (92), Freezer pops, & Orange Juice-Benjamin | 118.62 | |
| Coffee, Nightcache supplies, Passport printing-Carter | 143.48 | |
| | <u> </u> | <u>\$ 1,992.43</u> |

Net Loss (Expense Over Income) \$ (667.43)

NOTE: The Campout has never been expected to have a net income due to the fact that the Annual General Meeting is held at the Campout, so the WSGA should bear some of the expense for this meeting.

9/13/24 Revised
apb

CHAPTER ALLOCATIONS DATA FOR 2024

Updated: 09/11/2024

| 2024 Chapter Allocations (Paid Out) | Puget Sound | 48 North | Olympic Peninsula | Cache-Cadian | Inland Empire | Southwest | South Central | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| January | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| February | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| March | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| April | | | | | | | | \$19.98 |
| May | \$75.77 | | | | | | | \$75.77 |
| June | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| July | \$45.96 | | | | | | | \$45.96 |
| August | \$107.48 | | | | | \$228.80 | | \$336.28 |
| September | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| October | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| November | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| December | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| Used to date | \$229.21 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$228.80 | \$46.98 | \$504.99 |

| Membership List as of 3/20/2024 | Puget Sound | 48 North | Olympic Peninsula | Cache-Cadian | Inland Empire | Southwest | South Central | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Preliminary 2024 Funds | \$820.00 | \$390.00 | \$190.00 | \$220.00 | \$300.00 | \$250.00 | \$170.00 | \$1770.00 |
| January Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| February Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| March Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| April Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| May Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| June Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| July Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| August Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| September Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| October Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| November Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| December Additional Funds | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Used | \$229.21 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$228.80 | \$46.98 | \$504.99 |
| Remaining Funds | \$590.79 | \$390.00 | \$190.00 | \$220.00 | \$300.00 | \$21.20 | \$123.02 | \$1,835.01 |

\$1,835.01

Chapter Reports

| <h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">48th North</h3> <p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Jean Hoffman - Morhoff</p> | | |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| WSGA Past Chapter Events: | WSGA Upcoming Chapter Events: | Other Upcoming/Past Events |
| <p>August 17 - Campbell Lake Paddle Event - 26 logged an Attended, but there are some groups that use one caching name; There were 8 Canadian cachers who came to the event and spent the rest of the day south of the border.</p> <p>August 17 - Double the Geo Paddle Fun (GCAWHFZ) was published during the event; WSGA 48 North is the CO.</p> | <p>September 21 - WSGA 48 North - Let's Go Geo Trashin' - Earthcache event in Bellingham (a post CITO event hosted by Morhoff will follow)</p> <p>October/November - Still in the planning stage</p> | |
| <p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Chapter News:</p> | | |
| | | |

| <h3 style="color: teal; margin: 0;">Cache-cadian</h3> <p style="color: teal; margin: 0;">Eugene Reed - Mr. Gadget2</p> | | |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| WSGA Past Chapter Events: | WSGA Upcoming Chapter Events: | Other Upcoming/Past Events |
| <p>Aug. 10, 2024 GCAVW0N A Tunk Valley meet and greet #2 Good turnout 19 user accounts plus extra people</p> <p>Aug 17, 2024 GCAVVZM Cache-Cadian Meet and Greet Good turnout 13 user accounts plus extra peiole</p> | <p>Sep 28, 2024 GCAWDVQ To Wheat to Eat (17th Anniversary)</p> <p>Oct 5, 2024 TBA CITO Season #2 2024</p> <p>Mid Oct TBA A Puzzle solving event in the Wenatchee area</p> | |
| <p style="color: teal; margin: 0;">Chapter News:</p> | | |
| | | |

Inland Empire Chapter

Elaine Edwards - lucymogus

See Attached

Olympic Peninsula

Lori Cassidy - SeabeckTribe

| WSGA Past Chapter Events: | WSGA Upcoming Chapter Events: | Other Upcoming/Past Events |
|--|--|--|
| <p>WSGA OP Gathering - Elma GCARCVJ 6/15/24 13 Attendees WSGA OP Gathering - Silverdale GCARAJB 6/20/24 6 Attendees WSGA OP Gathering - Ocean Shores GCAT6R6 8/17/24 14 Attendees WSGA OP Gathering - Mt Walker GCAVW0Y 8/25/24 16 Attendees</p> | <p>Abolish Extinguish the Dead Debris - #4 TOTP GCAY2FW 10/19/24 2025 Community Celebration Event GCATMHN Date: TBD Still working out details. Olympic Peninsula Winter Celebration Date: TBD Still working out details.</p> | <p>World Wide Postcard Day: Nano 35 Jeeps GCAXPDC on 9/30/24 World Wide Postcard Day: Thunderbird 35 Nano Jeep GCAXPDJ on 10/1/24 World Wide Postcard Day: Skagit Jeep Thunderbird GCAXPE9 on 10/2/24 World Wide Postcard Day: Jumping Nano 35 Jeeps GCAY2JE on 10/3/24 World Wide Postcard Day: 35 Thunderbird Skagit GCAY2KB on 10/4/24 Waking the Dead with Coffee -#1TOTP GCAWYR9 on 10/18/24 Sinister Supper - #2 TOTP GCAX0TB on 10/18/24 Levitation Gobble Devour #3 TOTP GCAY20Q on 10/19/24 Terror on the Peninsula GCAWD6K on 10/19/24 (This is the main event over the weekend) Campfire Brew - Vampire Blood - #6 TOTP GCAX5NY on 10/20/24 Liberty Bay Mutiny - CITO - #7 TOTP GCAX004 on 10/20/24</p> |

Chapter News:

Puget Sound

Jim Pommert - rocketglider

See Attached

South Central
Benjamin Parruzot - TecsomaneP

See Attached

Southwest Chapter
Rhonda Britten - RMMB1972

WSGA Past Chapter Events:

GCAVX5P – Meet & Greet at Fairgrounds Park More than 20 cachers and family attended

GCAVX4J – International Geocaching Day at the Black Rock Coffee Bar. More than 25 cachers and family attended

GCAWB2G – Cosmic Quest – Fuel the Spaceship at Pacific Community Park Approximately 10 cachers attended.

WSGA Upcoming Chapter Events:

October 1st, 2024:

GCAX84C – WSGA Celebrates World Postcard Day in Castle Rock at the Space Age Fuel Station. (Waiting to be published).

Other Upcoming Events

Chapter News:

WSGA SW – Chapter July/August Report The past couple months were fun for the chapter. In July, there were no events to mention. In August, there were 3 events that the SW – Chapter partook in or hosted. During the events in August, the SW – Chapter gained at least 7 new members. Hoping for a good few months ahead.

Other Committee Reports

*WSGA South Central Chapter Report
Benjamin Parruzot [Tecomane]
September 15, 2024*

Past events:

Chapter sponsored or organized events: ♣

GCAQE7T - Wild Ponies ONLY
May 25, 2024
by quadsinthemudd

GCAQYKJ - WSGA Puget Sound Nearly Summer 2024 Tour
June 07, 2024
by WSGA Puget Sound

GCANK6P - It is not a streak, but I am still happy!
June 18, 2024
by Tecomane

♣ GCAKTDJ - WSGA SC Spring Tour 2024 ● #6 Crystal Mountain
June 20, 2024
by WSGA – South Central | beyond the border in PS Chapter

GCAQYVG - WSGA Puget Sound Summer 2024 Tour
June 20, 2024
by WSGA Puget Sound

GCATEF0 - Geocaching Gathering: Trackables & Tales
July 11, 2024
by Memphis Mafia

♣ GCARJ0M - WSGA Campout 24': Into the Night
July 26, 2024
by WSGA Events Committee & WSGA – South Central

♣ GCAPQB7 - WSGA 2024 Summer Campout @ Horn Rapids Park
July 27, 2024
by WSGA Events Committee & WSGA – South Central

♣ GCARJ12 - WSGA Campout 24': CITOing Horn Rapids Park
July 28, 2024
by WSGA Events Committee & WSGA – South Central

GCAVXXX - vbhunter Celebrates 2 Years and 4,000 Finds!
August 14, 2024
by vbhunter

♣️ GCAQQ4Y - International Geocaching Day D-1
August 16, 2024
by WSGA – South Central

GCAW88P - Discovery of the Planet of the Apes 🐸 🐒 🦍
August 31, 2024
by Fossil Hunters Miami

GCAVVP3 - Celebrate #9000
September 09, 2024
by AndrewsDK

GCAWEHW - Go Take a Hike! Badger Mountain Event
September 14, 2024
by AndrewsDK

♣️ GCAWRMG - WSGA SC 2024 Summer Picnic
September 15, 2024
by WSGA – South Central

Upcoming events:

Chapter sponsored or organized events: ♣️

GCAW2Y3 - 🦶 My first time in Kennewick- Sept 24 🦶
September 24, 2024
by hippykippy

GCAX7HM - Book Club
September 30, 2024
by Korichnovui

Chapter news:

[SEP-15-2024] It is always the busiest time of the year... this report goes all the way back to May as we did not discuss this in details at the annual meeting:

- Spring tour concluded, I had a blast and I think everyone involved enjoyed it too! Last event in Crystal Mountain in late June, just across the border towards the PS chapter.
- July was mostly dedicated to the campout, on the outskirts of the Tri-Cities in late July. Good turnout, lots of luck with the weather (just in between two heat waves). It was a great event, with a huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare it and organize, in particular cacheingcants, vbhunter, and AndrewsDK.
- A quick meetup in August, on the day before International Geocaching Day.
- And finally, our chapter Summer Picnic just happened on September 15. We discussed plans for the fall and into December, including CITO and Holiday Party.
- Quite a few other community events since the last board meeting in May, with a good split: about half in the Tri-Cities, and half outside – some at Hyak (it is the season to go find the Ape Cache!), some across the chapter (both visits by the Puget Sound Chapter, thanks!).

August-September 2024

WSGA PUGET SOUND

Bimonthly Report



Summer Picnic at Saltwater State Park

Geocachers in the Puget Sound Chapter of WSGA have enjoyed a busy summer in various geocaching activities in pursuit of their personnel goals. In August, we held our annual Summer Picnic at Saltwater State Park, with nearly 50 happy cachers braving the unseasonably rainy and chilly conditions to enjoy good food and entertaining discussions.

Continuing our series of traveling summer chapter events, the WSGA PS held events both within our chapter and in our neighboring chapters, including in Cache-Cadian, the Southwest, 48 North, and one to be held this Thursday in the Olympic Peninsula Chapter. Summer is tourist season, with many more events occurring within our chapter, local hosts, and those visiting GCHQ or our old/excellent caches. In addition to more local events, additional

Overview of upcoming chapter events

We have plenty of future plans! Additional CITO events are in the pipeline to support the Puzzle and Night Caching events at the Issaquah Hatchery. This fall, we're embarking on a new series of events in the more remote parts of our chapter, with these expected to continue through next spring.

Summary

Increasing volunteer activity is one of the signs of happy cachers with no lack of support for events, CITO's, or classes. Membership numbers continue to look better, and we have been within budget for our activities

WSGA Inland Empire Chapter Report August-September 2024

8-17-2024 GCAVN9K Int'l Geocaching Day Clarkston Style

Of the 10 cachers who wandered through, there were more out of towners than Clarkston locals attending. We all enjoyed great camaraderie on the deck of a local coffee shop.

8-17-2024 GCAVNFA Int'l Geocaching Day Pullman Style

The fun continued as we moved the celebration north. Several Clarkston attendees showed up as well as some additional local cachers. Twelve of us carried on the lively conversation at a family friendly pub.

8-29-2024 GCAV9KB Wait Until Darkness & Intrigue

Twenty one of us gathered for lots of chatter, watermelon, dessert, and sunset over Palisades Park. As darkness descended, the event ended, and about 15 of us went on to find a fun night cache that took over 90 minutes to accomplish. The remaining watermelon and desserts were quickly devoured after all that effort. Nice to have two cachers from Iowa join in for the whole adventure.

9-1-2024 A Titanic CITO

By start time, the temperature had soared to 100degrees but, nevertheless, 18 hardy cachers showed up to put a major dent in the trash that had accumulated along the road below Palisades Park. The Fall CITO souvenir was well-deserved on this day.

UPCOMING PLANS:

10-13-2024 Int'l Earthcache Day event, possibly involving kayaking.

10-13-2024 CITO

10-27-2024 Halloween Costume Event. Followed by another night cache outing.

11-9-2024 CITO

IE Chapter membership stands at approximately 25 at this time. Several members are late renewing. I am working to contact them with another reminder. I think auto-renewal would be an excellent option on the website.

Elaine Edwards/IE Chapter Rep

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

| Past Events | Upcoming Events |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WSGA 2024 Summer Campout (75-85 people) ● GCAQPWX - 8/10 - "Cache Across the Border (CAB) 2024" (63 Attended Logs) ● GCAQ9E5 - 8/18 - "PSES III Cyphers & Codes" (31 Attended Logs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCAQRX3 - 9/22 - "PSES IV Pt1 Night Caches" ● GCARJ0F - 10/20 - "PSES V How to create your own Puzzle Cache" |

Written Report: The events committee was busy with campout, Cache Across the Border & the Puzzle Solving Events Series (PSES).

Campout was an 8/10 overall. I (Carter) heard directly was positive, although I did hear of a few negative things through people. We'll try to address them for next year. We've collected feedback and will be forwarding it to the Campout Committee.

Cache Across the Border was hosted on August 10th in Point Roberts. Despite a mix up with food, everyone seemed to have a great time and BCGA's side events helped to solidify attendance. BCGA is hosting the main event next year.

PSES II & III were very successful with around 25-30 attendees per event. There was a lot of great feedback and everyone seemed to find it helpful. November & December PSES are tentative at this time. We are waiting to hear back from Avroair.

Future Plans: Carter (cacheingcants) has stepped down from Events Coordinator and transitioned to Campout Manager. We are looking for a new Events Coordinator to help organize the committee and plan future events.