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**RMS Northwest Chapter Officers Meeting / Conference Call**

**March 11, 2020 | 6:00 pm - 7:00pm PST**

In Attendance: Lisa Byers (President), Joe O’Neal (Vice President), Joni Gore (Events Coordinator), Martin Hudson (Secretary)

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted for review March 23, 2020

**1. River Trip updates - Joni**

* Rogue River 9/30/20 - 10/3/20: Joni has secured reservation of Paradise and Black Bar Lodges. RMS/Risa agreed to cover Black Bar security deposit. NW Chap. will reimburse RMS. Paradise Lodge agreed to take deposits as participants register. Kai is prepared to host a day float trip on the Recreation section (Sept. 30) one day prior to launch on Wild section (Oct. 1). Launch at Alameda Bar and take out at Foster Bar. Registration fee does not include shuttle costs (participants to arrange). Joe suggested we post participant names as they register. This could facilitate folks partnering on shuttles to reduce costs. Joni is waiting for Kai to review and approve trip costs.
* Owyhee May 4-7/20: Dan/river manager on board to organize trip, food logistics etc. Lisa suggested an extra $10 fee dedicated to the NW Chap. Dan will schedule river trip regardless of participant turnout since this is a work trip (up to 25 participants).
* River Ranger Rendezvous: Lisa says not much to update but will begin outreach.
* NW river trip registration and info will be emailed at one time (soon).

**2. February 1 is NW Chapter deadline for Journal Articles**

* Lisa - I believe we were successful! - 6 articles plus the RRR announcement
* Thanks to all for getting this done. Quite the accomplishment for the NW Chapter membership and RMS.

**3. NW Chap. River Ranger Award - Joe**

* Officers requested to review the draft proposal and provide our thoughts (open to ideas and edits).
* Chapter officers agreed this should be a on a yearly award. Officers should review the nominee reports and score. Keep the process simple. There is no need to organize an award committee.
* This award may in the future become an RMS national award.
* Should proceed with outreach to award this year. Finalize the nomination criteria and review process this month then out to membership this May. Should award in late summer or early fall.
* It would be good to know how many river rangers are employed seasonally /annually.

**4. Other Topics and Discussion - All**

* Nominations for RMS National awards have been light. Only 5 nominees for 3 awards
* Joni - Advertise Owyhee and RRR very soon. Review write-ups
* Martin requested clarification of 2022 RMS Symposium Co-sponsor proposal process.
* Joe - Ryan asked if RRR could be supported financially by National RMS. This would not likely be an option, but could NW Chap. would support with LNT handouts and books? Very low trip cost since food will be a “backpacker style.” Maybe charge $20 since per diem camp rate would be available.
* Joni suggested sliding scale donations. Lisa will inquire with Evan regarding LNT and fees.
* Due to work conflicts, Lisa sometimes is unable to participate in the RMS National Board conference call. Joe offered to represent the NW Chapter anytime needed.
* The pandemic is with us. We’ll be dealing with affects as needed.

**5. Action Items:**

* Lisa and Joni to finalize the river trip info for membership emails.
* Amend, approve and post minutes on RMS Website.
* Next NW Chap. meeting. Suggested a date for mid-May after the Owyhee river trip. Lisa will get back to officers

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PST**