

SAGA Board Meeting Minutes Jan. 18/16 7 pm

Present: Greg Burroughs, Joanne Cliff, Lorianne Earl, Laura Foley, Dallas Fradette, Ed Lomas, Doris Santha, Dwayne Surdu-Miller

Absent: Cindy Mawson-Eichorn

1. Discussion around current SAGA board of directors positions
 - a. Current board members: Dallas Fradette (Treasurer), Cindy Mawson-Eichorn (Director-at-Large), Doris Santha, (Webmaster), Joanne Cliff (shifts from Director-at-Large to President)
 - b. Incoming board members: Dwayne Surdu-Miller (Director-at-Large), Laura Foley (New Cacher Ambassador), Ed Lomas (Director-at-Large), Greg Burroughs (Vice President), Lorianne Earl (Secretary)
2. Discussion regarding direction the caching community has taken, how to encourage new cachers to participate in SAGA, and to foster community connections to introduce geocaching to non-cachers
 - a. Brainstorming ways to disseminate information about SAGA and upcoming events: Saskatoon Geocachers Facebook Group, posting in Kijiji events section, free newspaper listings, publishing SAGA caches which direct people to the SAGA webpage (<http://saskatoongeocachers.weebly.com/>),
 - b. Possible community connections: trade shows (likely too expensive), Learn to Geocache nights with Saskatoon Public Library or community associations, community events like Cruise Night
 - c. Ideas for creating resources to assist newer cachers: bookmark list of easier caches, host a series of events about different geocaching topics
 - d. Aim to reinstate more regularly-occurring events – monthly?, every 2-4 months?
 - e. Explore ways to create and disseminate a phone-a-friend list that cachers could use to consult other cachers
3. Upcoming Potential Events
 - a. Feb. 29th Leap Year event – souvenir available; possible locations discussed (Joanne to call Jerry's on 8th St to see if available, Ed will create cache listing)
 - b. April CITO – discussed contacting Meewasin re: riverbank clean-up; Will look into this further as time approaches
 - c. SCAR
 - i. Discussion of some logistics regarding barbecue for Saturday evening
 - ii. Potential date: May 27-28 (Dallas to contact Floral community centre re: booking/availability)
 - iii. Other events: Midnight Dine and Dash (agreed this would be good to continue), Pancake breakfast (should seek out Schnorr to get advice and an idea of logistics to determine if this would be feasible to do again; uncertain who would host; also discussed choosing a place like Denny's to meet up)

- iv. Discussed having more for kids to do at wind-up (temporary caches hidden, games, etc.) and have it communicated that it's available for people to arrive before the barbecue
- 4. Current Financial status
 - a. Bank account currently has > \$2000
 - b. SCAR rental typically ~\$175, Christmas rental \$80; other SCAR costs are related to barbecue and are often recovered by donation or 50/50 tickets at events
 - c. Still are numerous geocoins available for sale
 - d. Signing authority will need to be transferred over from previous president to current president
- 5. Next board meeting: Monday Feb 22 7:15 pm, location TBD; Main focus will be on getting SCAR organized and ready to publish. Contact Lorianne with any agenda items.
- 6. Adjourned 9 pm