

5th Annual WAG State Meeting Rawlins, WY June 11, 2011

Call to order: President Matthew Blaylock (Team SCR) called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. on June 11, 2011 at Rawlins, Wyoming at the 5th Annual State Meeting.

Membership: Matt announced to the attendees that to vote at a sanctioned state event such as this, one needed to be a paid in full member, and current on yearly dues. Anybody wishing to become a member who was not already one could pay today and would be allowed to vote.

Minutes: The minutes of last year's meeting were not read.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

General Discussion pertaining to dissolution of WAG: Prior to the vote for dissolution of WAG, a general discussion took place to educate everyone in attendance on the issues WAG has been facing. This discussion was generated for the sole purpose of passing information along to all members present at the meeting. Please refer to Attachment 1 for a list of pros and cons discussed. Lee Bonnett (Rubiconlwb) made a motion to vote on the dissolution of WAG. Rob Knight (2Knightriders) seconded the motion. With a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of members present, it was decided that WAG would remain an organization. Fourteen members voted in favor of keeping WAG; five members voted in favor of dissolving WAG.

By-laws: A discussion was begun about the existing WAG by-laws. Currently, dues in the amount of \$10 per voting member are required to be paid in order to vote at any WAG meeting. There are mixed feelings on this issue as to whether WAG should charge dues or not. It was discussed that the amount of dues could possibly be reduced. It was proposed that you must be a member to vote. Dues would be reduced to \$5 per member with a renewal fee of \$10 per member. It was also proposed that you would have to be a member for a certain amount of time before being able to vote. At this time, no vote took place.

By-laws Committee: Matt Blaylock (Team SCR) made a motion to form a committee to analyze the by-laws, and make suggestions for changes to the existing by-laws. The suggestions would be voted on by the organization as a whole. This motion was seconded by Jeff Glass (High-Plains-Drifter). Motion was carried 15-0. The by-laws committee was created with the Chair being Jeff Glass (High-Plains-Drifter), Matt Blaylock (Team SCR), Kim Helgeson (corkibean), Jenniffer Blaylock (Team SCR), and Lee Bonnett (Rubiconlwb). The suggestions of changes to the existing by-laws at the meeting were as follows:

1. WAG officers must live in Wyoming
2. Officers do not pay dues as compensation for volunteering to be leadership

3. WAG newsletter needs to be created. It should be posted online and sent out through email so that all members can take advantage of the newsletter.
4. The processing fee for applying to be a member of WAG should be eliminated.

None of the suggestions were voted on at this time.

CITO Events: Officers will start holding CITO events as a way to promote WAG. Officers should lead by example. As of yet, the officers have not sponsored any WAG events. This would be a way to get officers and members involved. Orange vests should be purchased by WAG for safety purposes to be used during the CITO events. No vote was taken at this time.

Events Committee: A motion was made by Matt Blaylock (Team SCR) to terminate the Events Committee. This motion was seconded by Kim Helgeson (corkibean). Motion carried unanimously. Officers must now approve WAG sanctioned events.

Election of Officers:

President: Matt Blaylock (Team SCR) was asked to remain President by the members present. No more nominations were made at this time. A vote was taken and Matt was elected by a majority.

Vice-President: Kim Helgeson (corkibean) was asked to remain Vice-President by the members present. No more nominations were made at this time. A vote was taken and Kim was elected by a majority.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jenniffer Blaylock (Team SCR) was nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer by Peggy Bonnett (Rubiconlwb). No more nominations were made at this time. A vote was taken and Jenniffer was elected by a majority vote.

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned by President Blaylock at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Katie Shelton
WAG Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment 1

Pros and cons of keeping WAG

Pros of keeping WAG as an organization

1. WAG dues were used to buy flowers for Gary Rhodd's (team 5150) funeral and hospitalization

Cons of keeping WAG as an organization

1. WAG has been an organization for over four years with no accomplishments
2. The by-laws are restricting, making it harder to be an effective organization
3. The WAG website is not used very often; more members tend to gravitate towards other social networks such as Facebook
4. Website fees total about \$60/year which WAG pays. Again, not a lot of website usage
5. No one is willing to step into an Executive Committee role
6. There are not very many WAG members

Some other general discussion points on how WAG could be improved if kept were:

1. Holding votes on the WAG forum
2. Using dues to help pay for events and promotions
3. Amending by-laws to make them less restrictive
4. Figuring out ways to generate more income as many members are opposed to paying dues
5. Keeping social networking of WAG members going through Facebook
6. Figuring out ways to generate more members
 - a. Business cards that could be passed out and left in caches
 - b. Putting a WAG link on geocaching.com profile pages
 - c. Putting a WAG group link on geocaching.com
 - d. Extra benefits of joining WAG such as:
 - i. Being a member of a group
 - ii. Access to the WAG website
 - iii. Receiving WAG newsletters
 - iv. Incentive item such as a button, lanyard, or badge
 - v. Receiving WAG patches