

# Great Old Broads

## Seattle Chapter

Meeting, January 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Barbara at 7:09

Members present were: Wendy Roedell, Barbara Phalen, Barbara Muirhead, Esther MacIlroy, Janka Hobbs, Genia Moncada, Valerie LaBreche, Sally Richardson, Kate Bradley, M. Taylor Goforth, Penelope Peterson, Kathy Johnson,

## AGENDA

### Review of site for Broadwalk in June – Barbara Muirhead

- Barbara Muirhead has sent in a deposit for a group campsite at Dungeness Spit in case we want to camp. If we don't use it, she may use it herself.
- She has also reserved a spot for us at the Ramblewood Retreat Center a quarter mile from Sequim Bay State Park, 4 miles east of Sequim. It has 3 heated cabins with 3 bunk beds that sleep up to 6 people in each cabin. It also has five "Adirondacks" (three-sided sleeping shelters). Four of these sleep eight guests, one can sleep four. There is also a lodge, with a loft that can sleep seven people. The lodge has a large, well-equipped kitchen. If we stay at the retreat center, we could have indoor activities if the weather was bad. Barbara made reservations for June 27-30. Price is \$13.51 per person per night. She put in for 25 people; there is a maximum of 60 people. Barbara has sent the deposit of \$385. With 25 people, we could have 18 people in the cabins, plus 7 people in the lodge loft.
- If we want to have any alcohol on premises we have to have a permit, even for our own wine. Several folks were interested in obtaining a permit.
- Money that we have for our group is at the national Broads headquarters. Barb will talk to them about using it for this activity to support some of the costs, especially reimbursing Barbara for the deposit.
- We will need to talk about food and how we want to handle food costs.
- People voted and agreed that Ramblewood is the best option.

### Identification and discussion of Committees for the Broadwalk

- Genia, Esther, Shelley and Sally will plan programs. Shelley knows a lot of people and possible activities in this area. The group will make a list of ideas of what we might do, and bring it back to the group at the next meeting. If people have some ideas, we should send them to Genia.
- Penelope volunteered to be in charge of food. She will investigate some caterers. She will also think about having teams of us cook on different nights. Penelope may talk with someone who organized cooking teams for another event, where menus were prepared ahead and everything was well organized. She will keep dietary needs in mind. She will bring possibilities back to the group at the next meeting. Barbara Muirhead will check on what cooking equipment will be

available. Penelope suggested that possibly we would each be responsible for our own breakfasts and lunches, and then have group dinners.

- A possible committee on organizing a postcard writing activity to lobby for various causes was suggested.
- Barbara Muirhead will work on planning hikes in the area.

#### **Report of Snake River Road Show – Genia Moncada**

- *Save Our Wild Salmon* is organizing a “road show” in April to promote information about the need to save our salmon, and raise awareness of the need to take down the Snake River Dams. They will be traveling through Washington, Oregon, and Idaho with banners, signs, handouts, songs, etc. Several groups are partnering with them, and we could partner too.
- Taylor said that the Olympia Broads group has promised Joseph that they will host something in Olympia and we could join with them, taking our banner and providing additional bodies.
- If we can find out whether they will be in the Seattle area, we could participate here as well.
- The group voted to participate in the Snake River Road Show, and look forward to finding out more about dates and locations.

#### **Report on LSRD meeting of January 21 – Barbara Phalen**

- The Lorraine Loomis Act – named after the late chair for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission and Swinomish fisheries manager – calls for mandatory riparian buffers to conserve salmon. It includes incentives for landowners to create and maintain riparian zones, as well as regulatory backstops when compliance isn’t voluntary. The proposed act follows the recommendations of a state-tribal workgroup created after the 2019 Centennial Accord meeting when Inslee directed state agencies to develop a uniform, science-based management approach to make sure salmon have the cool, clean water they need to survive. The Washington State Legislature is considering this act in this session.
- Right now the number of salmon coming back up the Cedar River is increasing.
- Earth Day is Friday, April 22
- Three young women will be bicycling along the Snake River from the beginning of the river to the mouth of the Columbia to raise awareness of the need to breach the 4 lower dams. To support them, people are offering food and lodging. The ride will take place in April, through May 19.

#### **Other Announcements**

- We attempted to set another meeting date. Tentatively we agreed to wait until March. March 1, the first Tuesday, might be the meeting date, but stay tuned!

**Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM**

*Respectfully submitted, Wendy Roedell*