

**OUTDOOR YOUTH PROGRAM  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2007**

**Location:** Oregon Marine Board—Salem, Oregon

**Board Members Present:** Peter F. Green, Rob Cooley, Margaret L. Wolf, Mona J. Treadway, and Gordon Hickey

**DHS Staff Present:** Donna Keddy, Tom van der Veen and Inez Andrus

**Others Present:** Brian Rossiter

**Approval of May Minute's:** Peter Green, Chair, called Meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

- Margaret Wolf moved to approve the minutes from May 12, 2006 as submitted. Rob Cooley seconded the motion. Approved by the board.

**Appointments:**

- Margaret Wolf is recommending Greg Morgan for her replacement, and he will be filling out the paper work.
- Brian Rossiter is filling out the paper work for the next opening of a Board Member; he has had many years of experience.

**Clarifying procedures on Board Requirements:**

- **Frequency of meetings:**
  - The Board meeting should be held quarterly.
- **Attendance requirements for Board Meeting:**
  - Important for Board Members to attend to have a productive meeting.
  - Rob Cooley will call Larry Solie to ask him to resign.
- **Attending in person vs. attending by telephone:**
  - If it is needed for a special circumstance.

### **Organizational Camp Rules:**

- Tom van der Veen discussed Organization Camp Rules regarding the requirements for the construction, operation and use of organizational camps. Various types of activities are found in organizational camps (such as Boy Scouts and church camps) and the rules are designed to assure the protection of individuals consistent with those activities. The rules that apply to these programs are being amended. This license is from the Public Health Division or the local public health authority.
- Outdoor Youth Program means a program that provides in an outdoor living setting, treatment services to youth who are enrolled in the program because they have behavioral problems, mental health problems or problems with abuse of alcohol or drugs. Licensing with the Office of Safety & Permanency for Children is required. If operating an OYP in a fixed or base camp both OYP and Organization Camp licenses are required. Santiam crossing is an example where both licenses apply.

### **Round Table Discussion:**

- Margaret Wolf's term will be ending after this meeting, she will be retiring soon and enjoying her Grandchildren.
- Rob Cooley, (Snow Peak Youth Camp—Santiam Crossing), they must have outdoor experience it is a Therapeutic Treatment. Fifty percent of the kids go home after Wilderness Treatment.
- Mona Treadway's program, (Dragonfly Adventures, Inc.), is focused on Independent Living Skill's for Young Adults 18-24. The Young Adults live in a Therapeutic Boarding House, or they live in their own apartment while receiving services. In the summer Dragonfly Adventures may do an Outdoor Youth Program trip about once a month.
- Brian Rossiter, (Second Nature), there is 3 groups in summer trips near Paisley in the woods, right now they are in the dessert. Ages are 13-17 with a minimum of forty-two days, girls are usually ten to twelve weeks and boys are usually eight to ten weeks. Ten to fifteen percent go home, the others will then go to Therapeutic Boarding School.

- Jim Yahne, (Wilderness Trails—Tree of Life), is licensed as of September 2006; they have private land and have a Christian Philosophy.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Tom van der Veen sent out Bylaws for the Board Members to look over to see if they want to put together some Bylaws. Gordon Hickey recommended that it would be a good idea and helpful. Gordon Hickey will visit Rob Cooley's Outdoor Youth Program, (Snow Peak Youth Camp—Santiam Crossing). Gordon has been a Teacher, Educator, Principal, Vice Principal, and a Scout Leader for 10 years. He has always had an interest in the Outdoors and Youth.

**Action Items:**

- Tom van der Veen will look at the Employment Document by laws and make an electronic copy available to the board; License Unit will put together a packet of information for the Board Members including; OYP history, expectations, a map of the different Districts (which Margaret will provide to Tom).

**Next Meeting:**

- June 6, 2007
- 10:00 am
- Snow Peak Youth Camp—Santiam Crossing

