



Mt. Rainier Cruisers

June 2008
Meeting Minutes

Welcome Welcomed new members. There is a sympathy card going around for Joanne's parents for everyone to sign.

**Treasurers
Report**

Garry Alexander gave the Treasurers report and provided copies of the up to date financial report to the membership.

We are waiting on recognition from the IRS to file our taxes on line, should be able to do so within 5 weeks.

Garry presented a bill of \$120.11 for office supplies. Voted on and approved by the membership for payment.

We are still waiting to hear back from the IRS on Sweet Willy's tax exempt status.

**Old
Business**

Gary M. relayed information from the last Board meeting.

Maxine decided stay on with the Sunshine Committee with Sam helping. Lin Gumm will step down from the Membership Committee due to personal reasons. Maxine will help put together membership packets for now. There is a sample packet made up, hoping everyone has a chance to take a look at it and make suggestions as needed. We will update the website with the new committee information. Gary asked that all Committee Chairs come to the next Board Meeting to give a status report of what is going on with their respective committees.

We have a donation letter updated with Carol's address for UPS or other ground deliveries if anyone needs a copy for the Meet and Greet.

The Club Roster went around, everyone checked it for accuracy. .

Donations still coming in, we have a lot of items already, keep bringing them to the meetings or contact Carol to arrange pick up.

Non Profit status still pending, Carol and Roger still need to meet to hammer out some details, haven't been able to do so due to scheduling conflicts.

Roger gave a report on the Meet-N-Greet; we are well ahead of last year. He met with Ken from Brewer and walked the site to get an idea of this year's layout. One thing for sure, the raffle booth will be away from the band this year to avoid conflicts. Pre-registration forms are on the website, and we have been getting some mailed into the PO Box already. Jan contacted some hotels in the area and gave out details on room prices for the event. She has a reservation number if anyone needs it, we can also post this information on the website. We will also have a map of the Auburn area and a coupon book good for the Supermall available. The next planning committee meeting will be June 19th from 7-8 at the Alpac Library.

The next Lady Cruiser meeting will be at Diana's house on June 23rd at 6:30. She will send out more information later.

The Tech corner still has not taken off, Nancy needs submissions. Please contact her with suggestions or articles.

New Business

Billy McHales agreed to be our first Associate Sponsor. Any club member that comes in and presents their membership card will get a 15% discount on food. This also holds true in the bar, provided you're eating food as well as drinks...15% discount applies according to Jim, the owner. They are also supporting our Show-N-Glow, and will have a \$5 barbecue on Friday August 15th for us, along with some other 'in-house' specials.

Carol has drafted a letter of recognition for the charities we are supporting this year, it will include asking for their tax identification number and offering them space at our Meet-N-Greet free of charge to promote their charity. She is waiting on approval of the draft from the Board.

We will be passing the hat and donating the Club's portion of the 50/50 for July and August to help support the Band at the Meet-N-Greet. Everything is also set for the Outback to cater. They asked that we remember the wait staff since they are donating their time as well. We will set out a tip / donation jar on the serving line, and shoot for at least \$300. If we end up short, we will decide what to do to make up the difference.

Gary is still drafting the Associate Sponsor letter.

Flyers are done for the Meet-N-Greet, we will be sending them out to various clubs and taking some to the XXX Drive-In in Issaquah.

The website was down for a couple of hours. We received a renewal notice that was not correct. Gary contacted them and found they had billing issues between an old and new system. It was resolved quickly and in return we are getting three months of free service. In addition, we will be billed on a calendar year basis from now on.

Gary received an email from Chris Ensor on behalf of the Puget Sound Cruisers, stating that their renewal notice was due for their LeMay Membership, which had increased to \$250 - but you now get only 4 reserved spots, one magazine and four passes, so basically you are paying more for less. There is the possibility that the two clubs could join together for a group sponsorship but that may not be prudent. The Club budgeted \$200 for our LeMay Membership, and that money could go elsewhere for Club events. It was voted on by the membership and approved not to renew the Clubs Membership again this year. The money already budgeted will go back to the Club.

We still have not heard anything back from Sweet Willy's as to their tax identification number. If we hear nothing back from the IRS we will issue them the IRS 1099.

The Bittersweet Restaurant in Kent expressed an interest in opening up to our club. They could either have a buffet or members could eat off the menu. They can seat approx 60+ people. Discussed the possibility of having a meeting there in August. We are continuing to grow and are already out growing the Black Bear. There was a question about location and why it seems we are continuing to move farther north. There are a lot of members who live in the south and would like to see something closer. The membership is open to provide other locations we can try, but so far no one

has come up with another meeting place. It was also suggested not changing the meeting place until after the August Meet-N-Greet Event.

Events

Jan gave a report on the Skagit River event, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. Jeff announced some other upcoming events and a discussion was held on where to meet for some of these. The barbecue on June 28th was announced, a sign up sheet went around to get an idea of what is still needed. The Club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and buns. We will also do an egg toss and cake walk as our two event games. The membership will need to provide salads, chips, drinks etc.

Merch.

No new information. If you have something you would like to see let Roscoe know.

**Hospitality/
Sunshine**

Birthday's and Anniversaries for the month were announced, handed out birthday cake and choice of gifts. Teresa's name was drawn as the new Member of the month for July.

**Open
Forum**

No discussion.

Raffle

The 50/50 raffle was drawn and there was \$48.50 given away, Congratulations to Caren Thibodeau. There were also several nice items donated by members of the club, which were raffled off.

Next Board Meeting will be held at Garry Alexander's house on June 29th at 1:00pm.

Meeting adjourned.