MINUTES for SOUTH SOUND BROADS

JANUARY 24, 2022 4P.M.

Present: Jan Strong, Connie Christy, Suzanne Fell, Susan Bakke, Tami Black and Taylor Goforth

Everyone gave a short introduction regarding the place(s) they call “home.” Many expressed their love of forests, mountains and being outside – with and without some limitations!

We discussed **communication** options including Google Meet, Zoom, and Facebook. No one was interested in Facebook; no one had experience with Google Meet. Zoom subscriptions for meetings longer than 40 minutes cost $149.50 annually.

The South Sound Broadband has $145.00 in their “soft credit” account and could use this to buy a subscription. We discussed waiting to see how often we would need meetings over an hour long and, in the meantime, we could use HQ’s Zoom account. Decision pending on this.

“Soft credit” **money** comes from Broads that join the national organization by paying dues ($35/yr) This money – $5/per member --- becomes available to our local chapter for Broad-related activity. ([Join up](https://www.greatoldbroads.org/give-to-join/)!! 😊)

Given lots of interest in **hiking, snowshoeing and getting out**, Susan Bakke, Connie Christy and Suzanne Fell formed a committee to begin planning hikes for the whole group. They will be emailing all of us with their proposals. Looking forward to that!

On the **Advocacy front**, Mary Taylor Goforth gave updates on Broad activity toward the removal of the lower Snake River dams.

1. We are operating within a **7-month window (now until July 31st**) when Gov. Inslee and Sen. Patty Murray have promised to have a statement/decision on Washington’s stand on Snake River dam removal.
2. **Rallies** will be held either in Olympia and/or Vancouver, WA during the Earth Day weekend (April 22nd/23rd/24th) so MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
3. **Save Our Wild Salmon Road Show** will be coming thru Olympia in April (Date to be announced) and has requested our help.
4. The Broad LSRD committee is working on a **statement of support for** [**Representative Simpson’s Columbia Basin Initiative**](https://simpson.house.gov/salmon/) and will have a draft by next week.
5. **Sign Distribution** – We hope to have a greater response to putting up “No Snake River Dams” signs in the coming months. There are still about 35 signs in Tami’s garage.

Someone asked: Can we put signs in places beyond our yards? The answer is: YES!! **Any public right of way where the sign does not impair visibility** is fair ground!!

**Please contact Tami Black: blacktamara@hotmail.com to pick up your sign(s).**

1. [**Grand Salmon: A Source to Sea Journey**](https://salmonsourcetosea.com/)is being planned for this Spring.

***3 women, 3 rivers, 3 endangered species of salmon, 1000+ river miles, 8 dams, 1 Stibnite mine, 1 film***

*Great Old Broads want to join forces and support these young women adventurists in raising the profile of the lower Snake River dams’ effect on salmon and orcas, our relationships with the Tribes and the future of the Pacific NW. Check out their website above and stay tuned!*

**“Finding the Mother Tree”** is the book of choice for the 1st **book club discussion of 2022. Annie Cubberly** is taking the lead on this and will be polling our members for preferred dates and times. Those at the meeting gave “EVENINGS between 7 and 8p” as their preferred, if not ONLY, time to participate. **Stay tuned for emails** or be in touch with Annie at AnnieCubberly@gmail.com

**Next meeting(s) dates** will depend on need. The Advocacy group, Hiking committee, and Book group will set their own schedules and be in touch.

Submitted Wildly,

Mary Taylor Goforth