

**Mount Rainier High School Class of 1974  
50 Year Reunion Planning Meeting  
Agenda and Meeting Minutes  
Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The agenda and meeting minutes are documented below for the Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**The meeting agenda for the Mt. Rainer 1974 50<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion Planning Meeting Agenda Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was as follows:**

- 1) Next future meeting date: Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM Pacific Daylight Savings time. Note that Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, Mar 10, 2024.
- 2) Acceptance of the Resignation of the 40th Reunion Committee Officers
- 3) Appointment of new Reunion Committee Officers and new bank account signers.
- 4) Taylor Mountain debrief (see updated files of notes and photos):
  - 4a) General assessment of Taylor Mt. facilities - group
  - 4b) Review of items they provide vs. items we need to bring/provide - group
  - 4c) Reunion Time considerations. See attached Timeline notes - Steve Carlson
  - 4d) Important issues not discussed in previous zoom meetings - group
- 5) Website updates:
  - 5a) Activation of on-line credit card payment - movement of funds to correct account
  - 5b) Listing of address to pay by check, who to make check out to for payment
  - 5c) Generating list of reunion attendees
  - 5d) Other website items
- 6) Committees report-out and the need to recruit participants
  - 6a) Class Alumni Search and Invite
  - 6b) Decorations
  - 6c) Activities and Entertainment
  - 6d) Finance
  - 6e) Food and beverage
  - 6f) Golf tournament
  - 6g) 501(c)7 Legal Formation

## **Meeting Minutes:**

### **Mt. Rainier 50 Year Reunion Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 29, 2024

On-Line Zoom Meeting attendees were

- Tom Salzer
- Kerry Brown
- Catherine Brady
- La Jean Rohland
- Paula Rudberg Lowe
- Suzy Van Hout Lindeke
- Steve Carlson
- Rob Fletcher

(Trudy Baever-Briggs, a planning committee participant, was unable to attend this meeting)

The zoom meeting was formally called to order by Rob Fletcher at 7:03 PM Pacific standard time.

The topics of discussion are listed below and correspond to the items listed in the meeting agenda.

1) The next future meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7 PM Pacific daylight savings time. This future meeting time was discussed and found acceptable to committee members.

2) The next order of business was the acceptance of the resignation of the Mount Rainier 1974 40th reunion committee officers. Prior to the meeting Catherine had submitted a PDF document detailing the formal and signed resignations of Doug Vanous as President, Michael Paulson as vice president, Judy Elder as secretary, and Catherine Brady as treasurer. Catherine has the original signed documents of these resignations. A motion was submitted by Rob Fletcher to the committee that the resignations of the previous four reunion officers be accepted. The motion was seconded by Tom Salzer. The present committee members unanimously approved the resignations. A PDF copy of that document is provided with these minutes.

3) The next order of business was the appointment of new formal leadership of the group. There was general discussion about which official positions needed to be defined, and occupied. Catherine stipulated the State of Washington requires three appointments, which are President, Vice-President, Secretary/treasurer.

La Jean Rohland volunteered to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for the 50th reunion activities. She also stipulated that she needed to be approved as a signer for the bank account to authorize any expenditures in reference to the bank. Additional discussion came out of his conversations regarding the official name of the organization. Official name per Catherine was Mount Rainier 1974. Catherine Would also serve as documented backup signer for the bank account.

A motion was submitted, that Judy would be removed as a signer, that La Jean Rohland would be appointed as secretary treasurer, and that she would also be a signer for the bank account, and that Catherine would serve as a backup authorized signer. The motion was seconded. Some general discussion took place regarding this motion, primarily to clarify that the secretary/treasurer position was not necessarily automatically a signer on the bank account. Therefore, it was

important that everyone understands that La Jean Rohland would also serve as a signer, as well as serving in the role of secretary/treasurer. She requested that she not be required to generate meeting minutes, and requested that minutes be generated by some other person within the committee.

Also, for reference, the official name of the bank account is "Mount Rainier 1974", and the account is with Chase Bank.

After discussion, a vote was taken on this proposal and it was unanimously approved.

The filling the president and vice president positions was next discussed. It was suggested that Robert Fletcher hold the position of President, but he declined due to concerns about his time availability, and also being in the State of Michigan, and not in the Puget Sound area. Steve Carlson and Kerry Brown were also suggested as possible candidates for the president position. Kerry was willing to serve as the organization's president.

A motion was presented, was seconded, and unanimously approved to appoint Kerry Brown as the organization's president.

Regarding the vice president position, Steve Carlson was willing to accept appointment as the vice president of the organization. A motion was presented, seconded, and was unanimously approved appointing Steve Carlson as Vice-President of the organization.

Based on the committee vote of February 29, 2024, the new leadership of Mount Rainier 1974 is as follows:

- President: Kerry Brown,
- Vice-President: Steve Carlson
- Secretary/Treasurer: La Jean Rohland

Due to Tom Salzer not feeling well that evening, it was requested that item 5, relating to the website updates, and item 6G, the 501(c) seven legal formation agenda items be moved up for the convenience to Tom Salzer, and granting him the ability to leave the meeting sooner because he wasn't feeling well.

5) Tom had been traveling to San Diego due to work related responsibilities and was not able to address significant activities regarding the website or the 501C7 legal formation therefore he requested additional time to work on these after he was feeling better. The committee uniformly agreed Tom needed time to do this. Therefore, these items were removed from further discussion for the meeting, And will be points of discussion for the future March 14 meeting.

*(Note that agenda item #4 was discussed after item #5 for the reasons discussed above.)*

4) Item for the Taylor Mountain debrief there were several points of discussion for this topic. Kerry drove a van of several people to the Taylor Mountain facilities to see and assess those facilities, and meet with representatives from Taylor Mountain, It was mentioned that we are granted two hours ahead of any start time on a day for set up and preparation for the reunion events. It was proposed at 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM be the official timeline for the event. Steve Carlson presented a

timeline list that included both a first-draft and a revised second-draft timeline for activities for the Taylor Mountain reunion.

There were several discussion points and clarification points regarding that timeline. More discussions revolve around appropriate times that alcohol could be served and to what would be an appropriate cut-off time. General discussion was that perhaps for safety purposes a discontinuation of alcohol being served at 9 PM to assure a half-hour before the event officially ends to assure that no one was drinking right up to the time of ending of the event. Also discussed was that if anyone wanted to have other ongoing events after the formal 9:30 PM end-time that those would be done on an individual basis and would not be part of any formal reunion activities.

Kerry Brown also mentioned that he would be going to Washington state around the Fourth of July, a month before the event to spend time coordinating and organizing for the 50th reunion. Kerry will also be serving as the point person to speak with Taylor Mountain representatives regarding any activities, or issues that might come up.

Also, regarding Taylor Mountain Steve Carlson drew up a general map for the facilities, Steve Carlson and Paula Rudberg Lowe put together a starting list of bullet-point items regarding the Taylor Mountain facilities, what they provided, and what we needed to bring to Taylor Mountain Ranch for a successful 50-year reunion. It was discussed that we would need to make a clear list of what items would be required for us to bring to the facilities, and also who is going to be assigned to bring and assure that those items would be at the Taylor Mountain event. These are points that would be worked out over the next few months, but it was agreed that having a list of what we bring and who is responsible to bring those items would be appropriate.

Some additional questions came up regarding the bartender, who has been hired, would require a five hour stay or a four hours day, as other related discussion. Kerry felt that these details could be worked out in the future with the bartender. Additional discussion was who should be providing alcohol in general and if individuals could bring their own alcohol. Kerry pointed out that attendees of the reunion would get two bar tickets and after that they were on their own. Also, Kerry pointed out that people could bring their own alcohol, but they had to put their name on it and give it to the bartender and the bartender would be required to serve it.

#### 6) Committee report outs.

6a) Class alumni search and invite activities have more-or-less ended. it has been difficult to find, locate and contact the dispersed population of our graduating class. There has not been any recent significant activity by this committee.

6b) Decorations: Suzie assured us that most of the items have been purchased for decorations, however there might be a few odds and ends it will still be required. Trudy and Suzie will need help with people lending a hand for the set-up of decorations at the event, but these details can be addressed as we get closer to the reunion. The only concern was that the decorations committee would have enough people to help.

6c) Activities and entertainment, which is being directed by Steve Carlson. Steve is looking for additional suggestions. It was suggested that Steve's timeline be elaborated on with

more details. Especially important are items relating to things like all-class pictures so that people know exactly when that would take place during the Taylor Mountain event. It was also discussed that some set up would be required for cornhole games. Steve suggested that we have some type of "open mic" that could possibly provide people a chance to talk about what they have done and activities they have participated in over the past 50 years. There were some cautionary comments made about how people could potentially ramble on while doing this. So this activity is still under consideration and may be modified, or may be canceled as an option.

Suzie will be coordinating dancing at the event. Dancing would be held in the same area as the 40th reunion (corner of main dining room by the sound system plugins). She and her husband will be doing some dancing teaching, and organizing dancing activities at the reunion. An exact time for this has yet to be defined.

6d) Finance: It was pointed out that for the budget spreadsheet there were some calculation adjustments required. Once those calculation adjustments were needed it turned out that the possible cost for each person, as budgeted, would be \$105 per person versus the \$95 per person. This could result in a shortfall of well over \$1000. It was proposed by members of the committee that donations be requested. This could be implemented using the online registration website. Rob Fletcher volunteered to strongly encourage people to make donations to the event, but to also fully inform people that donations were not tax deductible. Catherine mentioned that for the 40th reunion there were several thousand dollars that were given as donations, and she felt that it was very likely that this would happen again.

There were still questions about how many people ultimately will come to our 50-year reunion. That attendance could definitely impact the overall costs. It was discussed that we should use as much money as possible that was left over from the 40th reunion to serve as a buffer and a cushion for any additional expenses that might come up.

6e) Food and beverage: Suzie assured us that Trudy had gone over a full menu list with Brad Goodspeed. It was suggested that this be formally documented and submitted to the planning committee for reference purposes. It could also serve as documentation to give to Brad Goodspeed to make sure that there was nothing left out, or to assure that we were not expecting items that would not necessarily be provided.

6f) The golf tournament is taken care of and there were no discussions required regarding that item

7) Other items: Some privacy issues that were discussed. A person in our class wanted to contact Rob Fletcher, and had discussed this with Kerry Brown. Kerry was willing to forward Rob Fletcher's email, but not a phone number. This was appropriate. This led to discussions about sending checks for payment for the reunion attendance, which could impact the La Jean Rohland. She volunteered to provide her mailing address for check submission by mail. Catherine strongly suggested what was done for the 40th reunion. Anyone wanting to pay by check will have to request to do that, and that we would provide those specific individuals with La Jean Rohland's

postal mailing address. La Jean's postal mailing address would not be published on the website. There were a few additional discussion items, but nothing of significance that was directly related to action items for this.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM Pacific standard time.

Meeting minutes documented and respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert W. Fletcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Robert W. Fletcher  
March 3, 2024  
Novi, Michigan