

**CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS FALL MEETING 2016**  
**Mission Statement: To support Camp Knutson through acts of service,**  
**including camp programs, fundraising events, and camp maintenance.**  
**Fall General Meeting**  
**August 22, 2016**

**Welcome and Prayer** – Shari Schumacher - President

**Approval of Minutes Spring Meeting (6/3/2016)** – Bonnie Benson – Secretary

Motion to Approve – Judy Morgan, second- Susan Derus.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mardy Brodil – Treasurer – See attached report

**Night Under the Stars Report** – Shari for Mary Scarborough – The silent auction, live auction, tickets/donations, and live “ask” all made more money in 2016.

See attached report from Mary Scarborough

The main item purchased with money raised was an SUV to replace an old one.

New things were tried this year, and previous ideas were used.

We have chair people returning and they will have mentors for next year; think about volunteering. 2017 NUTS will be FABULOUS!

**Recap of Summer 2016** – Jared Griffin, Kate Williams and Caitlin Malin

**“Volunteers enrich the experience for Camp K campers!”**

Jared thanked the volunteers for their leadership, and work with campers.

He talked about the success of Night Under the Stars, and Quilt Auction.

Camp has served over 1000 campers this summer and this week we have Homeless youth as campers.

Susan Derus asked Jared how do you decide what group comes to camp?

Jared stated: “We look for mission driven groups that match ours. The

Group that has good leadership in place to partner with Camp Knutson leadership.

Judy Morgan asked what else will the \$95,000 from NUTS be used for? Jared

Stated they have developed an extensive wish list including camperships.

Shari Schumacher referred Jared to the “Wish List” in our 2016 Newsletter:

New boat lift – needed

Fencing for path down to the beach – done

Interior and exterior painting projects – done

Horseback riding – always a need for riding and transportation costs

Tree removal and tree planting – now a bigger need than ever

Camperships – always a need

New Swim dock- paid for by the Quilt Auction

Archery equipment – new bows – done

Bedding for camper bunks – (sheets, pillowcases, pillows) some needed

Towable tubes for waterfront – 3 tubes are used/summer & needed next yr

Audio Visual equip. – some done; sound needs updating

Storage garage – needed

Hydro lift for the “mule” 4 wheeler – need

Folding chairs – done

New Camp SUV – done thanks to NUTS

Kate & Caitlin – “We have had a magical staff this year; hopping frogs not toads.

All the staff worked together! We interviewed 36 people for counselors.

Kate – Caitlin is doing a great job and we are so blessed to have her. She is a great leader and organizer. She pays attention to detail.

Caitlin – It has been an honor to work with Kate and be surrounded by the helpful Volunteers and visiting staff. We/ I am very grateful.

Gail Peterson added a quote from our newsletter: “We are unique!”

**Volunteer Memories of Summer 2016** – many people shared their experiences.

### **Areas to Volunteer in summer of 2017**

**Beading program – Kathy Morgan** – need for session leaders for next year

The beading with campers is a great way to work with the campers in teaching them new beading projects and listening to all of their stories.

**Card Program – Linda Andrews** – needs a new coordinator

The card program is easy and fun for volunteers; you have their supplies ready & the campers use their creativity. Very fun to listen to their stories and thoughts.

**Gardening – Sharon Elmquist & Linda Gates** - needs 2 new coordinators

Gardening is a great place to get to know other volunteers. After their gardening, the gardeners have coffee and scones made by the kitchen staff.

**Tailgating, cleaning, bike patrol, etc – Gail Peterson** These are ways to help, and make a difference for the staff and the campers.

**Night Under the Stars – Mardy Brodil & Mary Nielson**

What a spectacular fundraising event for the camp!

Gail Peterson is our volunteer coordinator. Gail talked about how special it is to work with the kids. Thank you to Gail for all she does.

**Election Committee – Linda West** The Nominating Committee has been working very hard to establish a slate of officers for an election today. Members of this committee:

Linda West, Ginger Slind, Carolyn Forney, Ginny Hersey.

The slate of officers as it stands right now:

Bobbie Anderson – Secretary

Mardy Brodil – Treasurer/Membership Chair

Jean Jones – Marketing/Communications

Shari Schumacher talked about leadership needs. Kate Williams asked how much time is involved in President or Vice President.

October – March – just a few minutes

March – Monitoring NUTS invitations, posters, committee chair activities.

April – Newsletter – e-mail people about their articles for the newsletter.

Plan Spring Meeting and some prep for the coming summer.

Jean or the Secretary send out minutes from meetings and post on website.

Mardy Brodil and Bonnie Benson added a few thoughts.

**Ballots were passed out to members and members were asked to do write in votes for President and Vice President. Bobbie Anderson – Secretary, Mardy Brodil – Treasurer/Membership, and Jean Jones – Marketing/Communication.**

Jean Jones talked about other models of leadership. This is the third year of this leadership team. The strength is in the individuals working together.. Camp Knutson is important to all of us!

**Night Under the Stars co-chairs for 2017 were introduced: Mardy Brodil & Mary Nielson.** Mardy and Mary are very excited about 2017 NUTS, and look forward to working with all of the volunteers.

Jared invited all the volunteers to the Camp Knutson Pancake Breakfast on September 3, 2016 in the dining hall.at camp.

Jared invited everyone to Kate Williams' Retirement Celebration on September 11, 2016 at Camp Knutson!

A Thank You gift was presented to Shari Schumacher for being a great CKV President and great leader over the last two years.

**Kate Williams** was THANKED for many outstanding years of service to Camp Knutson as the Assistant Director. What a gift you have been to the campers, the staff, volunteers, and everyone you meet here at camp. Kate was given a certificate:  
**A tree will be planted on the grounds of Camp Knutson as a gift of great appreciation and love from the Camp Knutson Volunteers.**

Bonnie Benson  
Secretary