

NCSC October Meeting Agenda

*Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025*

Meeting Called to Order: 9:00AM

Advisor: Sherri Naumann

Advisor: Jamye Gore

President: Alyssa Faughnan

New Business:

- 1) I have reached out to DAR and Irene Carmen for Gala donations. I also reached out to COL Adler to follow up on ODYD moving to the OTBP space in the USO.

Old Business:

- 1) We will have a vote for the closure of OTBP at the social this month. After which, if the vote is in favor to close the store, we will begin the steps to formally close. We will dissolve the bank account and the money will go directly to scholarships/grants. We will use some remaining inventory for baskets for the Gala. We will have a yard sale for remaining inventory.
- 2) Still no update on the new NCSC building by the NCO Academy.

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 35

Added Notes: Thanks for attending the board party! Reached out to MWR to see if there was movement on getting ODYD moved into the former OTBP space. Printer has been unreliable. Might look into what the issue is and what can change.

1st Vice President: Allie Iacovelli

New Business:

Flock the Yard

- Flock the yard volunteer sign up has been updated for October - please put down your names if you want to help flock! And flock your friends! All of our specialty signage is officially in (and looks great - thanks Cait!!!!) so it's perfect for birthdays and babies and welcome homes!

North Country Gala

- Next fundraising committee meeting is 10/13 at 6:30pm at my house
- Baskets!!!! Bring out ya baskets!
- I will be emailing out the donation tracker and the donation letter to the board so you guys can start thinking about where you want to go to solicit donations
- Spoke with Jenna about doing special ODYD hours for gala dress shopping - I will pick a date and fill out the form for her. I'm thinking of two dates, one daytime and one evening, in the middle and end of October.
- I will need more volunteers for the gala itself. If you are interested in set-up, breakdown, being a runner for the auction items, checking people in or out, please let me know! I could also use another set of hands on decor. Big beefy husband men would also be great to pick things up and put them down.
- Boots will let us keep all the donation items in their basement the night before the event so we only have to worry about getting everything upstairs the day of!
- I will get with MA to get donation letters to sub club leads for the month of October! And November.
- I will get with Mona after the 6th to make sure we have the items we need from the cage reserved so that no one takes them for another event. Going with a volunteer to the cage 10/6 to look through stuff to make a decor plan!
- Spoke with Cait about promo materials!
- When do you want to/think we should start posting about our sponsors and donors?
- Rachel - add section on letter for businesses social media
- Ask big donors: what are your socials

Old Business: Chipotle fundraiser is confirmed for 10/14 from 4-8pm!

Vote Needed: None

Income: \$60 from flock the yard

Expenses: N/A

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 26

Added Notes: Be sure to let Rachel S. know if you go to a business for donations so she can update the tracker. Emailed DAR again and hoping for a response about a donation soon. You may bring extra baskets for donation to Allie's house.

2nd Vice President: Alissa Meshesha

New Business:

October Social!

Theme: Harvest Hunt

Location: Crescent Woods Community Center (on Harvest Blvd)

Time: 5:30PM-8:30 PM

Catering: We will NOT be using 24 Carrots anymore (canceling 10/6). We will be using ourselves as the caterers.

We will be using Walmart's deli to create a really nice spread using things from the cage, as well as stuff that I have to set up and elevate the appearance. We will have sandwiches, meats, cheeses, veggies, and vegetarian options and of course drinks. I am aware not everyone can have

deli meat so there will be other options.

Pricing for the social will be reduced to \$13 (adding to the spooky factor for the harvest hunt). We are hoping this adds to members attending even with the continuation of the government shut down.

MWR form was submitted, however has not been approved. Working on getting all the forms updated and leaving off the community outreach, but at the same time looking for off post venues that could be a good social gathering place! (if anyone has ideas, please shoot them my way).

I need a count of board members that will be at the Harvest Hunt Social to get an idea for teams, also the set up and take down sign up genius will be going out soon.

Right now we only have 11 people signed up for the social, 2 are tentative but have purchased tickets.

CLUB BUSINESS - I will be asking for a list with preferred time allowed for the item you are wanting to discuss.

It was decided last week that we will now be letting the members/attendees choose what teams they would like (if they have a group of friends), if they do not put who they'd like to be teamed up with, Jodi and I will be selecting teams. Teams will be limited to 5 people per team.

There will be 4 stops for the scavenger hunt, and 2 bonus stops. They are planned in a way that is optimal for time. The general spots are:

1. Remington Park, over by Lloyd's Landing but across the wooden bridge.
2. LeRay Mansion (path between the guest quarters and the mansion, following signs for the gravesite)
3. Officers Loop
4. Cooper Cemetery

Bonus Locations are right now the PX and somewhere on Riva Ridge Loop (pending me driving to find the perfect location, probably before this meeting happens).

Each board member/team leader will be given a folder with the following/have the following directions:

The exact location (with a picture of where the trinkets are located)

Average speed limit going to each place

The time it takes to get to each spot

The "Story"/tale for each spot that once you get to the spot, you will read to the team, take your selfie how it's told to at the end of the story/tale.

Each team will report back to myself and Jodi at "Hunt Headquarters". We will be monitoring teams to make sure you get to the locations.

Trinkets will be left at each location EXCEPT FOR LeRay Mansion. Fun fact they have cameras in their woods and I'm not going to leave stuff in the forest. Team leaders will be given a brass bell to give to your team when you reach the old bell/grave site.

Other notes, the room at the community center is not big. It will be a tight fit, however it's not where we will be spending most of our time.

Proposed agenda thus far:

5:30PM-5:40PM - Check-In
5:40PM-5:50PM - Welcome
5:50PM-6:00PM - Community Outreach
6:00PM-6:15PM - Club Business
6:15PM-6:20PM - Teams get ready!
6:20PM-7:45PM - Scavenger Hunt
7:45PM-8:00PM - Return to Harvest Hunt Headquarters
8:00PM-8:05PM - Settle Back in
8:05PM-8:15PM - Harvest Hunt Awards!
8:15PM-8:25PM - Opportunity Prizes
8:25PM-8:30PM - Closing Remarks

Old Business:

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: \$0

Volunteer hours: 52 (for September)

Added Notes: Board members need to let Alissa know if they will be attending the social because they will be a team lead for the scavenger hunt groups. Team leaders should be at the social at least 30 minutes early to help guide their teams to keep the schedule. There will be approximately one board member per group. Went over one of the clues for the social and how the scavenger hunt will be run. There are 1-2 more bonus locations if teams are finished early. There will be about 1 hour 25 minutes to complete the scavenger hunt. We will also be talking about ODYD and voting on OTBP and last social's minutes in the agenda for the October social. As of today we have 22 signed up.

Secretary: Rachel Klahs

New Business: Took minutes at the September social—thank you, Alissa M. for making the Agenda! We will vote on these minutes at the October social.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: Approve last meeting's minutes

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer Hours: 5

Vote: Approve last meeting's minutes

Move: Kayla

Second: Whitney

All in favor: 13

Publicity: Caitlin Lesco

New Business:

- *Currently rotating social posts for:* Social, Community Outreach, Members Night Out,

Chipotle Fundraiser, Flocking, Gala, sub-club events, ODYD, property rental and general Join the Club – *if there is anything that I am missing that you want added to the mix please let me know.*

- **I need all submissions for the November Newsletter no later than Oct. 19th** ○
 - **Alyssa** - President's Note
 - **Allie/Rachel S.** - Please start sending me sponsors as they come in so I can give them shout outs on our socials
 - **Sarah** - VOM write up for October
- Patti sent me the list of vendors from the OTBP shop. I will be reaching out to them to see if we can get affiliate links for our website to be able to direct people to our site but order straight through them. Best case scenario we get a little kick back for the orders through our affiliate link. If that is not available I can still put those links on our site to be able to direct people where to shop.

Old Business:

- **NCSC Merch Store is closed** – Orders placed will be ready to pick up at the October Social.

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: \$116.06

Parliamentarian: Stafanie Brady

New Business:

- Votes to be held at socials on last month's social meeting minutes via write your name tally.

Old Business:

- none

Vote Needed: none

Income: N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 7

Added Notes: Discussed a mock up of the tally sheet and if anything needed to be changed on it prior to the votes at the social.

Treasurer: Patti Aguard

New Business:

- [September NCSC Finance Statement](#), [September OTBP Finance Statement](#)
- I have items that need signatures from Jodi, Alissa, Alyssa and Allie
- [There is a LINK](#) to our Cheddar Up Group Page - one stop shop for all NCSC events we take payment
- Taxes: 2022-2023
 - We still owe \$128.79 in back taxes from the 2022-2023 year, we were made aware of this via mail from the IRS, I followed up with our tax rep and she believes we should pay this to avoid accruing any additional interest or fees

- We now have an online donation option for property, ([Click here!](#)) and will make a cash box for the cage to take checks or cash, and include a QR code to this link.
- Cancelled Traxia for OTBP on 9/30 to stop paying the \$30/month charge.

Old Business:

- 2025-2026 Budget
 - Approved by membership vote at the social
 - Please deposit any outstanding checks!
 - If you need a reimbursement or funding, I will be at the meeting in person

Vote Needed: Pay the remaining balance of taxes due to the IRS.

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: September: 38 hours

Vote: Pay the remaining balance of taxes due to the IRS.

Move: Kayla

Second: Whitney

All in favor: 13

Blue Star Family Liaisons: Rachel McBride and Kayla Geblein

New Business:

The new “Dandelion Ball Committee” met and drafted the proposal. We sent it up on 9/17, and anticipate a response from BSF this week. If no response is received by Thanksgiving, we plan to move forward with the event as a ticketed NCSC community event.

Who: Military Families of the North Country

What: Dandelion Ball to celebrate the month of the military child. *“Groove where you are planted.”*

Where: Venue will depend on funding/budget but we discussed Sally Port View, Sacket’s Ballroom, Fort Drum USO, and local VFW’s.

When: On or around April 18th

Old Business:

The Blue Star Families Welcome Week Coffee Connect was held 10/3 at the PX. We had 10 people register for the event. We highlighted the club, as well as the local FD Girl Scout/Cub Scout packs as community partners.

Vote Needed:

Income: 0

Expenses: 0

Volunteer hours: Rachel: 6 / Kayla: 6

Added Notes: Tickets would be roughly \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids.

Community Outreach: Whitney McClure

New Business: Caring4Cats Rescue is who we are supporting this month. They are in need of -

- Baking Soda
- Paper towels
- Wet or Dry Cat food
- Cat treats (brands like 9Lives, Purina & Friskies)

Jan Kelley will be representing the non profit and speaking at our social as well as collecting the donations. With Winter upon us, they are stocking up on items because there will be a lot of cats left in the cold unfortunately.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 14 Hours

Donations Coordinator: Rachel Sipperly

No Report Received

Added Notes: As of this morning we have 116 businesses with members assigned to contact them. Please look at the list of other businesses that do not have a member assigned and consider adding your name. We currently have only 7 businesses with donations.

Historian: Allie Skeens

New Business: Unsure of how things have been completed in the past, but this year I would like to use an app called “PhotoCircle” where anyone who has the link will be able to upload photos into the album. Rather than being blown up with 15 messages of pictures, I can pull from the circle to separate and add them into the Google Drive for Cait’s easy access.

Photo circle is a free app, you will create your own account and join the circle via this link: <https://join.photocircleapp.com/GD61090BMG> - if you have questions about how to use the link, please let me know.

Old Business: None

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself):

Hospitality: Brittany Young

New Business:

- Successful first month of opportunity prize ticket sales!
- Looking for any small business on post or local community that would like to be highlighted at our socials in exchange for a donated opportunity prize. Send them my way, we have a google doc for them to fill out.
- Is there a way to mention to members opportunity tickets can be purchased at the social?
- Any ideas for prizes? Any feedback?

Old Business:

- Total ticket sales for September social \$227.53

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: \$92.82

Expenses: \$134.71

Volunteer hours: 6

Added Notes: Will just do three opportunity prizes for the October social that are purchased. Five prizes all together with two donated. Question about if Gala tickets could be an opportunity prize if they're bought and donated by somebody and the logistics of how to ensure that the winner of these would attend.

Membership: Morgan Sims

New Business:

- We have 163 members! That is 17 new members since our last meeting! 🎉
- Members Night Out will be October 18th! We changed everything from the last meeting. We are going to North Country Nightmares in Watertown. They are giving us a discounted rate! Tickets will include a haunted hayride, blackout maze and entrance to the haunted house. I know we talked about possibly cancelling it due to limited people that have bought tickets and the government shutdown. What do we think about that?

Old Business:

- I still have a couple tshirts from the open house.

Income: None

Expenses:

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 25

Added Notes: Discussed canceling the MNO. We decided to cancel the event.

ODYD: Jenna Ladouceur

New Business: Could we make a flyer about ODYD dress shopping for the Gala?- **Cait/Allie?**
- Also add me to talk about ODYD at socials **Ali?**
- Is it possible to get another set of keys for ODYD for anyone that can be a backup person for me-**Alyssa?**

Old Business: ODYD Deployed 75 dresses this month!! 31 Donations!!

-Thank you to Whitney and Morgan for helping out with events! Appreciate you guys!

- We are getting low on size 0 dress and have limited sizes of 16+ so if you or anyone you know has those encourage them to donate! Still will happy accept all sizes of course.
- Always open to volunteers and help.
- Keep promoting ODYD shop and feel free to reach out to me or give anyone my contact info if they have questions/concerns,etc about all things ODYD, happy to help as much as I can!

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: Garment Bags \$60.56

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself) : 30

Added Notes: Please reach out to volunteer if you have time! Shoes and jewelry donations are also welcome in addition to dresses.

Off The Beatin' Path Representative: (Board position open)

Added Notes: Vote will be to close the store. We have gone through the cage to see what leftover inventory we have. We are putting together baskets for the Gala as well as thinking of ways to utilize these items. We are considering hosting a yard sale of all the leftover inventory where profits will go to scholarships and grants. Money leftover in the OTBP account, as well as money made from the yard sale will directly go to the scholarships and grants account. Discussed how to distribute some of these items as opportunity prizes.

Property Manager: Mona Alfaro

New Business: I have had a couple units borrow stuff for their balls. The 1st one gave us some donations but no \$\$\$\$. I still need to catalog the stuff they donated and the stuff Alyssa brought but I want to wait and do it all after Patti and Alyssa go through everything.

Old Business:

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 3 hours

Added Notes: \$60 income this month from donations through rentals. We received rentals back as well as additional rentals. We will go through items when we move and decide what to keep and how we can streamline.

Reservations: Jodi Loblack

New Business: October cheddar up made, with all changes made as of 10/06. Waiting on opportunity prize info. I wanted to share my thoughts regarding how we assign groups. I believe allowing people to choose who they want in their group can unintentionally lead to cliques and may not be the best approach for maintaining a positive and inclusive culture. For those who are new and may not know anyone yet, this could make them feel left out or discouraged from participating. By assigning groups ourselves, we create opportunities for everyone to connect, build new friendships, and feel truly welcomed as part of the community.

Old Business: Closed out September's cheddar up and also transferred money made (\$1,543) to the bank account.

Vote Needed: None

Income: None

Expenses: \$12 on new opportunity tickets

Volunteer hours (only if you did not enter them into Vmis yourself): 15hrs

Added Notes: season pass holders will receive \$12 in opportunity prize tickets since the ticket price for the social is lowered.

Retiree Representative: Shelly Matthews

New Business:

Gathering donations for the upcoming gala

Old Business:

Received check from our win at the Sackets Marathon and turned in to Patti.

Income: \$500.00

Expenses:

Volunteer hours : 15 hours

Scholarships: Lindsey Wencil

New Business:

- I met with Lauren Kearney from the Thrift Store board regarding merging our applications.
 - At a minimum, we agree that the application should ideally be merged which would increase ease of completion for applicants and could even bring more awareness to either us or the Thrift Store if the applicant was initially only looking for one of them.
 - Biggest barrier would be needing to determine to what extent any legalities would prevent us from combining the applications or if we wanted to take it a step further and combine money as well.
 - **Patti** – Can someone speak with our CPA regarding if there is anything preventing us from moving forward in this direction at all? This is where the Thrift Store is at in their process as well.

Old Business:

Vote Needed: N/A

Income: N/A

Expenses: None

Volunteer hours: 2.5

Added Notes: Will have a conversation with Patti about financials and what it would be like to combine money.

Social: Margaret Ann Scott

New Business:

- Oct 8- Toddler
 - Oct 10 - Cooking
 - Oct 12- Outdoor pursuits
 - Oct 15- Game
 - Oct 17- Book club
 - Oct 21- Craft
 - Oct 24-Munch Bunch
 - Oct 25 - Toddler
 - Oct 26th-Music
 - Oct 30-Fit and fab
 - *Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30
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- Nov 1- collab BWS & craft
 - Nov 7-Book club
 - Nov 8-Toddler
 - Nov 12-Game
 - Nov 14-collab cooking and Munch bunch
 - Nov 20-Fit and Fab
 - Nov 21-Music
 - *Every Friday outdoor pursuits walk @9:30
 - No big event this month

Old Business:

- I will continue to approve new members.

Vote Needed:

Income:N/A

Expenses: none

Volunteer hours: 9 hours

Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Vanderleest

New Business: Regarding hours in VMIS, I have 3 updates:

1. Please don't forget to include your hours volunteered in your board report. I will manually put them into VMIS for you! As a user, VMIS is difficult to use and navigate, so I'm happy to log all of your NCSC hours for you. **The important thing is that they are logged.** *Logged hours help big Army determine funding for programs and volunteer hours in VMIS are a small part of that determination.*
2. I'll be sending out an email with everyone's VMIS status so you know if you have an account (I created accounts for some people) and how many hours you have YTD.
3. Some of you may have received an email from VMIS prompting you to set up an account. If you did, please set your account up so you can log hours if you choose. If you didn't receive an email but know you aren't in VMIS, check your spam in case it landed there! If none of these apply to you, that's ok—I've got you covered on hours based on the board reports.

Old Business: N/A

Vote Needed: N/A
Income: None
Expenses: N/A
Volunteer hours: N/A

Added Notes: Catching up on logging hours and then having everything caught up by January. Could create some general volunteer positions in VMIS for members who come early to set up and volunteer time.

Meeting End Time: 10:27AM

Asking sub clubs to ask their members to bring what they can for donations at their events for the Thrift Store blessing box. Most needed items are proteins, like canned chicken, tuna, Chef Boyardee, etc. Emphasis on this message will be to get the information about the blessing box to members if they need to use it themselves as well as asking if anyone has extra to donate. A flyer will be made to pass out to sub club leaders to send to their members. The Thrift Shop will take volunteers anytime that they're open, even if you can just stop in for an hour or two. Discussed coordinating an effort between NCSC and the Thrift Shop for volunteers during a specific day.