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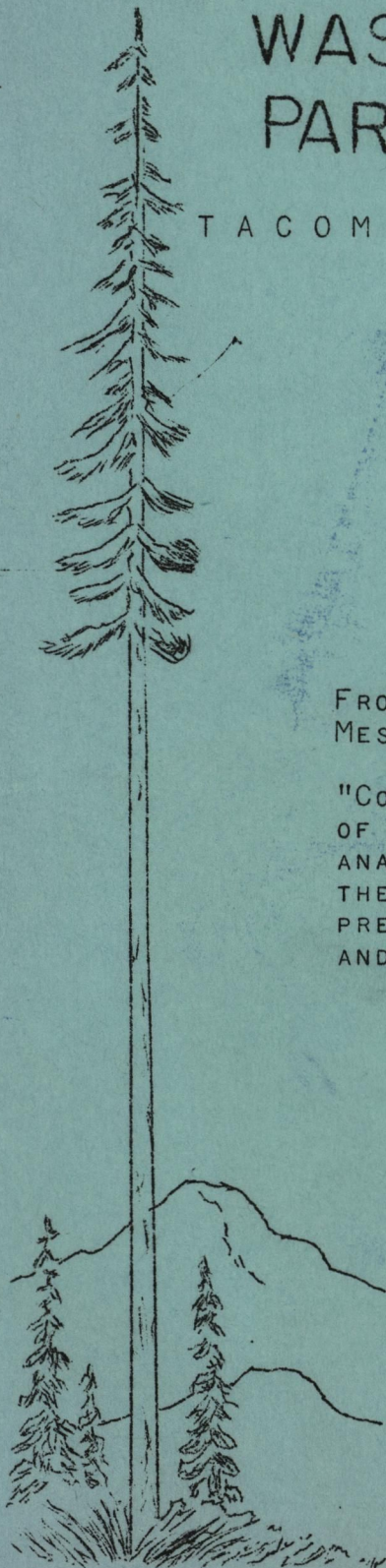
WASHINGTON STATE
PARKS ASSOCIATION

TACOMA - OCTOBER 3, 1964

FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S CONSERVATION
MESSAGE TO CONGRESS IN 1962:

"CONSERVATION CAN BE DEFINED AS THE WISE USE
OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: IT IS, IN THE FINAL
ANALYSIS, THE HIGHEST FORM OF NATIONAL THRIFT -
THE PREVENTION OF WASTE AND DESPOILMENT WHILE
PRESERVING, IMPROVING AND RENEWING THE QUALITY
AND USEFULNESS OF ALL OUR RESOURCES."

PRESIDENT - S. P. "PAT" CAREY
VICE PRES. - J. R. VIBBER
SEC-TREAS. - MRS. S. P. CAREY



MINUTES OF 17TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
HELD IN TACOMA, OCTOBER 3, 1964.

The 17th annual convention of the Washington State Parks Association was called to order in the Mayfair Room of the Winthrop Hotel, in Tacoma, October 3, 1964 at 9:30 A.M. by president S.P. "Pat" Carey. He called on Mr. John R. Vanderzicht of Oak Harbor (former Director of Washington State Parks) who made a few appropriate remarks. Each delegate then introduced himself and told which group he represented.

The President gave a resume of the aims of the Association which are:

1. To assist the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. It is a grass-roots organization which serves as a liason between its member organizations and the Parks Commission.
3. It aims to promote a sound policy for development of the state parks system.
4. To initiate enactment of legislation beneficial to parks and recreation, and to oppose legislation harmful to best parks interests.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating: Harry Cotton, Phil Chadbourne, Marion Vanderpool, Gerald Staley, Ralph Johansen, Gerald Currier.

Auditing: T. F. Drake, Leonard Costello, Robert D. Kennedy.

Resolutions: Joel Gould, E. A. Sipe, Norma Mitchell, T. F. Drake.

(fifteen resolutions were passed by the convention - see later pages for texts of resolutions)

Mr. E. A. Sipe spoke about trailer sewage disposal stations and that the Forest Service had been asked to put them in. Mr. George Knudson said we should also include oil companies.

Mr. Harry Cotton, President, Auto Club of Washington who has for years attended our conventions spoke about Fort Worden, near Port Townsend, being valuable for a park. Also the lighthouse at Point Wilson. He thought we should do all possible to get it for parks purposes. Mrs. Mitchell said she would draw up a resolution to present after lunch.

E. A. Sipe moved we go on record supporting Referendum Bill 11, the Outdoor Recreation Bond Issue. Passed.

Mrs. George Knudson spoke about the League of Women Voters Initiative 215 sticker sale. These stickers sell for fifty cents apiece and the proceeds go to help finance the Initiative 215 campaign. (Note: she sold a number to the delegates at noon.)

Discussion of Initiative 215, the Marine Recreation Land Act followed. Mr. J. E. Adams, delegate from the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, suggested that a new thought we might use in promoting Initiative 215 is that it will give the boater a choice of how he wants to spend his money. Under Initiative 215 he could collect it himself or let it go into a fund for marine recreation land.

Last year's Rhododendron Preserve resolution was discussed. Mr. Adams suggested it not be allowed to die on the vine and that it should also be more than one preserve. Mrs. Leigh Hume, Director of Cross-Sound District, Federation of Garden Clubs, and Mrs. Charles Simpers, Parks Association director of Region 2 reported that they have been working

on this in the past year and there has been a lot of activity on it. Mrs. Mitchell moved we appoint Mrs. Hume to put it before the State Federation of Garden Clubs to see if they would get behind it. Carried.

The President brought up the proposed Pig War National Monument on San Juan Island and asked Mrs. Mitchell to prepare a resolution on this during the noon recess.

At 11:30 the meeting was recessed until 1:00 P.M.

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The afternoon session opened at 1 P.M. and action was taken on the remaining Resolutions.

Mrs. John Berger, from Tacoma, Commissioner on the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission spoke about the make-up of the Commission (they are all lay people) and the value of different points of view among the people on the Commission. She also spoke about Washington's Youth Development and Conservation Corps program and then answered questions. She mentioned that a 16mm color-film about the Youth Corps is available for showing to groups and may be obtained by writing to the Wash. State Parks and Recreation Commission, 522 S. Franklin, Olympia.

Mr. Charles H. Odegaard, Director of Washington State Parks spoke at 1:30 about the structure of the Parks Commission. It is made up of 7 Commissioners from different parts of the State. The Commissioners hire the Director and the Director hires the staff. He said it is the best set-up system in the U. S. He listed the 5 divisions of the Parks system:

1. Youth Development and Conservation Corps - the 1st in the U. S. This summer 300 youths participated.
2. Recreation Division - Consultation Division serves counties, and cities, helps them with planning and budget, also group camp programs.
3. Planning and Development - site planning, engineering plus construction.
4. Operations - rangers over 100 parks plus some islands. This division operates the parks.
5. Agency Management - runs all the rest. Personnel, public information, real property.

Mr. Odegaard also spoke about Initiative 215, the Marine Recreation Land Act, and referendum Bill 11, the \$10 million bond issue and what they would mean if passed. He said if these don't pass there will be almost a complete stoppage of acquisition of park land. He also spoke about the Land and Water Conservation bill, then answered questions.

Phil Chadbourne asked that the Parks Association be notified if at all possible during the coming Legislative session when there are committee hearings that affect parks.

Phil Chadbourne, Past President of the Parks Association, mentioned to Mr. Odegaard that the majority of Manchester Fuel Depot Annex (152 acres of surplus Federal property on Rich Passage in Puget Sound) was

public domain, except for a small portion of Middle Point which lies in Sections 8 and 15. According to law, public domain lands can be acquired for public recreation use from the Department of Interior for the small fee of two dollars and fifty cents per acre. For the past several years the Association has carried on extensive correspondence with Senator Henry M. Jackson on this matter and copies of this correspondence should be found in the files of the Parks Department in Olympia. It is hoped it will be possible to acquire this surplus property in this manner, thus saving the State Parks thousands of dollars.

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The Secretary-treasurer reported a balance in the bank of \$69.09. The Auditing committee reported that the books were in order. P. R. Chadbourne moved we accept the report of the Auditing committee. Motion carried.

Mrs. P. R. Chadbourne, Registration Chairman reported 40 registrations paid (\$20.00). Also seven paid dues.

The Nominating Committee brought forth a slate of officers as follows:

President	S. P. "Pat" Carey, Bremerton
Vice-President	J. R. Vibber, Kennewick
Secretary-treasurer	Mrs. S. P. Carey

Regional Directors:

Reg. 1 - Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Director; Mrs. Helen Jasmin, Assoc. Dir.
 Reg. 2 - J. L. Allerdice, Director; Mrs. Charles Simpers, Assoc. Dir.
 Reg. 3 - Joel Gould, Director; E. A. Sipe, Assoc. Dir.
 Reg. 4 - Marion Vanderpool, Dir.; Dr. Orin G. Swanson, Assoc. Dir.
 Reg. 5 - Milt Martin, Director; Gerald Currier, Assoc. Dir.
 Reg. 6 - Mrs. Fred Larsen, Director; Assoc Dir. to be named by Pres.
 Reg. 7 - Both positions to be filled by Pres.
 Reg. 8 - Mrs. J. W. Brines, Director; Assoc. Dir. to be named by Pres.

T. F. Drake moved the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominating committee slate. Carried.

The nominating committee reported that they discussed amending by-laws to have one director from each of the State's 39 counties. Mr. Cotton moved a study be made of such an amendment for action at next year's convention. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mitchell had to leave early and left a note asking if we would consider an amendment to the by-laws so officers would serve two years instead of one. Mr. Drake so moved. Discussion followed. Motion did not carry.

President appointed a Legislative Committee to work this coming year as the Legislature will meet in 1965; Chairman Joel Gould, Phil Chadbourne, T. F. Drake, Earl O. Johnson, Gerald Staley, John R. Vanderzicht (advisory). Regional directors and Associate directors are automatically on the Legislative Committee.

Membership Committee for the coming year: Everybody is on it.

Director's Reports

Mrs. Mitchell didn't leave a report from Region 1.

Mrs. Charles Simpers of Region 2 said, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink...in other words not much in the way of membership." She was in favor of a director from each county.

Joel Gould of Region 3 had already left at this time.

Marion Vanderpool of Region 4 reported on how Initiative 215 went in his region. He said he is in favor of a director from each county.

Gerald Currier, Region 5 Director gave a written report. His region has been quite active in the past year in parks and recreation. The Kittitas County Commissioners have provided launching and parking facilities at Vantage; the Game Department has installed a new boat launching ramp and parking area on the Grant County side of Wanarum Pool 2 miles above Vantage. The P. U. D. has provided an access road, launching ramp and parking on the Priest Rapids Pool about 6 miles above Priest Rapids Dam. The Quincy Port District is completing recreational facilities and camping area in the Crescent Bar vicinity which will exceed a million dollars. Overnite camping use of parks in this area has exceeded previous years by a large percentage, daily use about the same as last year.

Also, from Region 5, Milt Martin, of Benton County Park and Recreation Department presented a beautifully detailed map and brochures of Columbia Park (a county park). This appears to be a fabulous recreational area. See Resolution #5.

Mrs. Velma Cabe of Puget Sound Tote Ems Trailer Club was appointed to make a report to the Mobile Home News, Long Beach, Calif.

President asked what the group thought of the idea of an outdoor museum reconstructed on an early-day Eastern Washington grain farm as suggested by Mr. J. S. Whiting, former Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Leonard Costello moved the Parks Association go on record as being in favor of such a farm. Motion carried.

President brought to the attention of the group the need to acquire a small cove which lies adjacent to Kitsap Memorial Park (Kitsap County). This area is ~~not~~ a very attractive spot for boat moorage. Thought the matter should be referred to the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

There was a discussion where and when the Parks Association should have its next year's convention. Late September was suggested. T. F. Drake moved we meet next year in Yakima in the latter part of September. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned about 4:30 P.M.

Resolutions passed by the convention are on following pages.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED BY THE 17TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN TACOMA, OCTOBER 3, 1964

#1.- WASHINGTON STATE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Many attempts have been made, and as other attempts may be made, to change or dissolve the present State Parks and Recreation Commission and place the state parks under the jurisdiction of another department in the state, and, WHEREAS, the present commission, made up of public spirited lay people, have heretofore, and are at present performing an exceptional and creditable public service, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Washington State Parks Association again reiterates its stand that the present form of State Parks and Recreation Commission remain in status quo. COPIES TO: Governor Albert D. Rosellini, James Hovis, Chairman, Wash. State Parks & Recreation Commission, John Cherberg, Pres. of the Senate, W. S. Day, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Victor S. De Garmo, Chairman of Senate Committee on Parks, Harry B. Lewis, Chairman of the House Committee on Parks.

#2 - FORT EBEEY STATE PARK

WHEREAS - 208 acres of Fort Ebey on the West side of Whidbey Island has been declared surplus by the General Services Administration, and, WHEREAS, - this beautiful wooded area with several hundred feet of waterfront and fine view of Puget Sound is an ideal State Park site in a fast growing area of our State, and WHEREAS, - there is a great need for more Park sites, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, - that the Washington State Parks Association urge the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to make every effort to acquire said Fort Ebey property for State Park purposes.

#3 - A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO A BOAT HAVEN IN THE SEABECK AREA, ON HOOD CANAL IN KITSAP COUNTY.

WHEREAS - According to a congressional publication (Public Law 516 - 81st Congress) Chapter 188 - 20 session (HR 5472) an act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation, flood control, and other purposes, and, WHEREAS - under Title I, Rivers and Harbors, page 8 of above-mentioned congressional publication, Seabeck Harbor, Hood Canal is mentioned, and, WHEREAS - pleasure boating is increasing as a phenomenal rate and it is estimated that there are about 250,000 boats in Washington State, 75,000 of which are over 16 feet, and 75% of which are estimated to be outboards, and in this State one person in 13 owns a boat, and, WHEREAS - a sheltered boat haven is needed in this area, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Parks Association try to obtain support from local boating organizations for the above mentioned boat haven. FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be sent to the District Corps of Army Engineers, U. S. Senators, Representatives and State Legislators, boating organizations and others concerned.

#4 - A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO NEW ROADSIDE REST AREAS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

WHEREAS - the State Highway Department is planning to construct over 30 new roadside rest areas on the two major north-south (Vancouver-Blaine) and east-west (Seattle-Spokane) interstate highways, and, WHEREAS, - these areas will include some picnic tables, parking, litter containers, rest-rooms and telephone, and, WHEREAS - travel trailers are on a rapid increase and thousands of these trailers are using the State Highways, the majority of them being self-contained with toilet and holding tank, and WHEREAS, - there is a great need for travel

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trailer sewage disposal stations to be placed along our highways, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, - that the Washington State Parks Association encourage the Washington State Highways Department to include trailer sewage disposal stations at some of these roadside rest areas at well spaced intervals. FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Washington State Highway Department, Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission and trailer clubs of the State.

#5 - IDENTIFICATION OF COLUMBIA PARK ON WASHINGTON STATE HIGHWAY MAPS
WHEREAS - County park and recreation areas and facilities are valuable assets to the State of Washington and its citizens as permanent public recreation areas providing public recreation for local residents and tourists, and, WHEREAS - the need for recreation facilities and recreation outlets throughout America will increase approximately 50% in the next twelve years, and, WHEREAS - a cooperative effort is needed for Federal, State, County and municipal government to meet the ever increasing need and demand for public recreation facilities and services, and, WHEREAS, - Benton County, Washington, has within its park system Columbia Park located on U S Highway 410 and Washington State Highway No. 3 and consisting of 605 acres of public recreation areas and facilities, and, WHEREAS - these facilities include overnight camping for trailers and tents, four boat launching areas, six boat docks, two water ski jumps, a field and target archery range, an outdoor amphitheater, a 40 acre youth camp with recreation building, approximately 200 acres of developed picnic area with 369 picnic tables and outdoor cooking facilities, a golf driving range, an 18 hole par golf course, a boat marina, a swimming lagoon, a riding academy, excellent fishing and boating, and, WHEREAS - it is in the best public interest as well as the interest of all governmental agencies providing public parks and recreation to cooperate in making the location of all public recreation areas known to the general public, and, WHEREAS - Columbia Park ranked third in attendance in 1963 in Washington State including all state parks, and, WHEREAS - Columbia Park is the most complete park in southeast Washington and provides more types of facilities than any single Washington State park and, WHEREAS - the State of Washington publishes an official State highway map identifying certain Federal and State recreation areas, and, WHEREAS, - Columbia Park was included on the official 1961 Washington State highway map and has since been removed, and, WHEREAS - the Washington State Parks System has agreed to place Columbia Park on their official State map, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Washington State Parks Association acting in the best public interest does hereby recommend that Columbia Park be identified by name and symbol and reinstated on the 1965 official State Highway map.

#6 - DEPUTIZING SENIOR RANGER IN STATE PARKS

WHEREAS - It is increasingly evident that hoodlumism, drunkenness and malicious destruction is on the increase in our state parks, and, WHEREAS - the state parks rangers are doing exceptionally well in attempting to bring order out of chaos without any constituted authority, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED: - the Washington State Parks Association requests that the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission give serious thought to obtaining a special deputy commission for the senior ranger of each state park, in the county in which the state park is located. This we believe would stop many acts of vandalism before they are committed, where it known the ranger had police authority.

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#7 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM OF INCREASING THE BIRD POPULATION TO ASSIST IN THE CONTROL OF INSECTS WHICH DESTROY OUR FORESTS. WHEREAS - the State Department of Natural Resources on an experimental basis is trying to increase the insect-eating bird population in the State Forests, and, WHEREAS - it may be possible to increase this bird population to an extent large enough to eliminate the use of certain insecticides, and, WHEREAS - in many cases the habitat of insect-eating birds in our forests has been destroyed and so measures must be taken to create a suitable environment to encourage these birds to come there for nesting, and, WHEREAS - the Department of Natural Resources forester is placing suitable inexpensive bird houses in Capital Forest west of Olympia so the occupants will assist in the natural control of insect pests, and, WHEREAS - this program should be encouraged and carried out by organizations throughout the State, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Parks Association strongly support this program and encourage other groups to do the same. FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, the Audubon Society, Granges, and others concerned.

#8 - A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO HIKING, BICYCLING, AND HORSE*BACK RIDING PATHS

WHEREAS - Horseback riding, bicycling, and hiking have become major forms of outdoor recreation throughout the United States, and, WHEREAS - there is a great desire by many people to walk, ride horses, and cycle for pleasure, activities that can be carried on throughout life, from childhood to old age, and, WHEREAS - the horse population in the State is steadily increasing, the 1960 census showing 23,993 horses, and there is a great interest in horseback riding by groups such as 4-H's, Sheriff's Poses, and saddle clubs, and, WHEREAS - in many cases it is hazardous to walk, ride a horse, or bicycle along the roadsides as there are not at present enough safe, suitable trails or paths in the suburban or rural areas for people to carry out these three forms of healthful outdoor recreation, and, WHEREAS - a special effort should be made to create or establish a network of simple, inexpensive paths along rights of way, also within public lands, state and county, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Parks Association work with State and county governmental agencies and other interested organizations to bring forth a state-wide plan whereby walking, non-motorized bicycling, and horseback riding could be enjoyed in safety by many more people. FURTHER - that copies of this resolution be presented to Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall, Governor of the State of Washington, Washington State Highway Department, Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, County Commissioners, Granges, 4-H groups, saddle clubs, and others interested.

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#9 - PERTAINING TO A STATE-WIDE COORDINATING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS - there are many clubs and organizations throughout the State which are many times working to achieve the same goals, and, WHEREAS - these groups working individually do not always obtain the best results for their efforts and one group is often unaware of what another group is doing even though both may be working on the same project, and, WHEREAS - if the efforts of these organizations were all coordinated and focused toward the same point through the efforts of a coordinating organization, and, WHEREAS - Citizens for Outdoor Recreation has performed an outstanding job of coordinating over 40 organizations throughout the State in the successful signature campaign for Initiative 215, the Marine Recreation Land Act, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED - that the Washington State Parks Association propose that Citizens for Outdoor Recreation continue as a coordinating organization. FURTHER - that copies of this resolution be sent to Marvin Durning, Chairman of Citizens for Outdoor Recreation, 1411 4th Ave. Bldg., Seattle; to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and any other organization concerned.

#10 - A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT A
FORMULA PERMITTING THE TRADE OF COUNTY TRUST LANDS FOR OTHER
PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS - the Washington State Parks Association is in session for its annual meeting, being held at Tacoma, Washington, this 3rd day of October, and, WHEREAS - it appears to this Association that in accordance with RCW 76.12.030 the State Forest Board holds in trust for the Counties various lands which trust lands in some instances are not located where they serve the best interests of the counties for public use, and, WHEREAS - other public owned land is located in more suitable locations for public use, and, IT APPEARING, to this Association that it would be for the best interests of the public that the State Legislature adopt a formula that would permit the trade of county trust lands for other public lands, now therefore, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Washington State Parks Association request the State Legislature to adopt a formula at the next session of the Legislature permitting the trade of county trust lands for other public lands which would serve the counties needs to a better advantage.

#11 - CONCERNING THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION CORPS

WHEREAS, - the Youth Development and Conservation Corps has proven to be a successful program providing jobs for the youth of this State giving them an opportunity to help to develop the State and themselves, giving them something to occupy their time and energies thus counter balancing such activities as the Seaside, Oregon riots, and, WHEREAS, there is a tremendous amount of development work to be done, much of which can be done by these youths at great financial savings to the State, as well as developing the youths, therefore - BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Parks Association and the Puget Sound Sea Gull Trailer Club, Inc. and others urge the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to double or triple the number of youths used in this program.

#12 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLIC ROADS OR PROPERTY TOUCHING UPON
SALT WATER, RIVERS OR LAKES

WHEREAS - there are many roads or access roads which border or dead end on bodies of salt water, lakes, creeks or rivers and, WHEREAS - many of these access roads have or are being requested to be vacated for private development thus depriving the general public access to these bodies of water. THEREFORE be it resolved that the Washington State Parks Association, the Puget Sound Sea Gull Trailer Club, Inc. and others request that legislation be passed requiring that the State Parks Commission, the State Game Department, the Forest Service Department and other similar departments or organizations be notified of the intention to vacate such access roads or property and if they deem said property to be valuable for public access areas, then said vacation shall be denied by the County Commissioners. When the property is considered by the above agencies to be not suitable for site development for public access--due to steep banks, etc.--the property shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, and the proceeds deposited in the County Park Fund, or transferred to the cognizant Park District or Park and Recreation District, the sole purpose of the fund for purchase and/or development of park real estate property.

#13 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LIABILITY OF PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY
USED FOR RECREATIONAL AND CAMPING USES

WHEREAS - there are many private companies such as Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. and others, also individuals, who develop or permit the use of private land for outdoor recreational use, some of them being helped by the Housing and Home finance Agency under the provisions of Section 701 of the Housing Act of 1951 to develop the property for camp sites and, WHEREAS - when the public is permitted to use this property for camping or outdoor recreational uses the owners of said property exposes himself to certain liabilities and, WHEREAS - this has a strong tendency to prevent private companies and individuals from permitting such use of their property, THEREFORE be it resolved that the Washington State Parks Association recommend to our Legislatures that legislation be passed to relieve these parties of this liability, this is not to apply to private resorts or other commercialized camps. This would encourage the use of many acres of idle land.

#14 - PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED PIG WAR NATIONAL MONUMENT

WHEREAS - Senator Henry M. Jackson plans to introduce legislation to set aside a national historical park at the site of the 1859 "Pig War" on San Juan Island, and, WHEREAS - this historical site would include over a thousand acres of land and would involve federal funds to restore it, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED - that the Washington State Parks Association fully support Senator Jackson's proposed National Historical Monument at the site of the "Pig War" on San Juan Island. FURTHER - that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Henry M. Jackson, Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and others concerned.

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#15 - A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO FORT WORDEN HILL

WHEREAS - the Federal Government has declared Fort Worden Hill to be surplus property, and, WHEREAS - this property lies on Admiralty Inlet in Jefferson County adjacent to Port Townsend, and, WHEREAS - there is a great need for more outdoor recreational area in this locality because of the increasing number of tourists, now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED - that the Washington State Parks Association recommend to the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission that Fort Worden Hill be purchased or obtained for State Parks purposes.

SECRETARY, Mrs. S. P. Carey

HISTORICAL NOTES FROM OLD FILES OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ASSOC.:

From the minutes of the Seventh Annual Meeting in Wenatchee, 1954:

"Mrs. Ruth Peeler was on the program for a talk on the start and progress of the State Parks Association, but she was unable to attend. A letter from Mrs. Peeler giving details of the Association which was formed in Ellensburg 1947 was read by Mr. Emil Miller, a member of the State Parks Commission. Mr. Miller also gave other details of the Association's history and part it played aiding the program." Neil E. Henly, Sec. (R. E. Hensel, President)

The following is a paragraph from the above-mentioned letter from Mrs. Peeler who was a Washington State Parks & Recreation Commissioner from 1947 to 1953: -- "Early in the year 1947 the late Mr. Douglas Shelor who was not only one of our great enthusiasts on Highway development, but also deeply concerned about the Washington State Parks system. Mr. Shelor and I had many conferences as to how an enthusiastic program could be started, and it was he who suggested that a State Parks Association be organized as a wing of the Good Roads Association. We sent notices throughout the State and invited conservationists who were public spirited people to attend this meeting at the Good Roads Association meeting in Ellensburg and help to organize such a body. There were over one hundred who attended the Park meeting and Mr. Emil Miller who is the oldest member in years of service on the Park Commission was then the President of the Good Roads Association, and he was enthusiastic about the newly organized group. I cannot express fully my appreciation for the help this organization was to me through the next two years when I was seeking ways and means to expand the revenue and increase the driver's license from two to three dollars thus giving the Park and Parkway fund the one dollar increase to be added to their stipulated income of the 1921 law."

From the Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting in Spokane, 1956:

Resolution No. 5 - WHEREAS, the moorage floats, piers, and docks are not adequate, now therefore BE IT RESOLVED: That the Washington State Parks Association favor new legislation in the State of Washington similar to the present Alaska law; whereby fuel tax refunds to boat owners shall be limited to one-half of the present refund and the other half go to either the State Highway Department

(Historical notes - continued)

or State Parks Commission to be used exclusively for the construction, Maintenance and repair of moorage floats, piers, docks and facilities for the assistance of water borne craft. Passed

President's Report 1963-64

I found that this year passed very rapidly as there were many things of interest which took place in connection with parks and recreation. The one big project which took all the time was the all-out push to obtain enough signatures to put Initiative 215 on the November general election ballot. The signature campaign was over a period of five hard sweated-out months, February to the end of June. Like many other outdoor Recreation minded people in Washington, your Parks Association President and Secretary gave their utmost, devoting 4 to 6 hours per week-day and giving up all week-ends to this cause during the 5 months signature campaign. To acquire these signatures, the Association put out 1482 petitions through regional directors, member clubs, and others. We personally made about 1325 contacts through visits, speaking, letters and phone calls to organizations, businesses and recreation minded people. We wrote at least 210 personal letters (less than ten of these were copies) and sent out four newsletters (750 copies altogether). One of us or the other attended ten campaign meetings in Seattle for Initiative 215 (Citizens for Outdoor Recreation), the U. of W. Seminar on Outdoor Recreation, and the Governor's conference on Outdoor Recreation in Olympia.

The State-wide Initiative 215 campaign ended up with 170,099 signatures. It was most gratifying to know that the Washington State Parks Association accounted for over 8,000 of these signatures - the second highest number turned in from the over 40 supporting organizations. I wish to give my deepest thanks to the Association directors, organizations and all the individuals who worked to make the Initiative 215 signature campaign a success.

The President and Secretary-treasurer did not take any expense allowance from the Association treasury this year as the Initiative 215 campaign was a drain on the Association's finances.

WHAT IS TO HAPPEN TO THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE ASSOCIATION?

Passing these resolutions is fruitless if there is no follow-up support by the Association directors and member organizations. After a resolution receives the approval of the Association at the annual convention it is ready to be carried further. The sponsors of the resolution, and the Association President should work jointly on these along with any organizations who wish to support them (PTA's, Granges, Trailer Clubs, Improvement Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, etc.) These resolutions can be adopted by any organization to support the issue, whether or not they are members of the Association. But please don't stop there ..get the news of it to newspapers, and, if legislative action is needed, seek support from your local Legislators.

The support of all the Association directors throughout the State is most important in carrying out the job set before us. An active director should not only be concerned with his own region but with what is happening in other regions throughout the State. Directors, I am depending on you to get member-clubs in your regions. Try to be thinking of some of the leaders of these organizations as County directors in case the by-laws are changed to this kind of set-up next year.

I was very pleased with the fine group attending the 17th annual convention in Tacoma. It was a most pleasing and successful gathering and much was accomplished in the one-day session. Again, I wish to thank our guest speakers, Mr. Charles H. Odegaard, Director of Washington State Parks, and Mrs. John Berger, Commissioner of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for their contribution to the success of our meeting. The delegates were very appreciative and many questions were asked and answered.

I regret that time did not permit us to have a general discussion period in which to hear from all the delegates, some of whom came from some distance to be with us.

My thanks to the out-going directors of the Association. I hope they will continue their interest in parks and outdoor recreation and also that they will keep in touch with me.

I am looking forward to working with the newly-elected directors as we have lots of work cut out for us. To have an effective Association its directors must be active and willing to devote time to the cause. Your President is 100 per cent with you....I need your support....so LET'S GO!

Save these 1964 Parks Association Minutes...you or your organization may wish to bring them with you to our 1965 convention in Yakima. If you are no longer an officer of your organization I would appreciate your seeing that your group gets these Minutes. If you have the desire to throw them in the waste-basket, please give them to some organization or a recreation minded friend.

Don't forget to tell your neighbors, friends, and fellow workers why they should vote for Initiative 215 and Referendum Bill 11 on November 3rd. If these measures don't pass we will have lost one of our best opportunities to provide outdoor recreational facilities for our children and generations to come.

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Margaret Learn " Rollin Rebel Trailer Club

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