

Nebraskache Annual Meeting at Ollie and Hobbs in Papillion, NE

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2026

Meeting called to order at 1:19pm

Those in attendance:

RBMan, peteach!, LadyCache, taxi mom, Shelbyyy919, Grumble69, thndrstrck, BBM&J (x2), kc0aoo, kyle1993, UNDERTAKER54ANDWIFE (x2), J&LA (x2), CRKAT (x2), TwoFingersDown, JavaJudt, starsharon + Hubbie (x2)

Announcement of Area Reps:

Area 1: seashell\_dawn

Area 2: UNDERTAKER54

Area 3: kc0aoo

Area 4: LadyCache

Pres Elect: LA

President: JavaJudt

Past Pres 1: CRKAT

Past Pres 2: TwoFingersDown

Sec/Tres: LadyGunslinger

Financial report: We didn't have exact numbers but at last the record was around \$2,500 in June of 2025. The Kearney picnic has been self-sufficient in the last few years where we make enough on sales and raffles to cover costs of food and supplies. This year at the Kearney picnic we sold out of geocoins.

Open Meeting:

The questions were posed to the group, "How do we get people interested in joining Nebraskache and being an active member? As a current member of Nebraskache, what does being part of the group mean to you? How does Nebraskache help you as a geocacher?"

- Jim brought up that the cache odyssey cache in Mahoney State Park, someone made brochure that talked about geocaching and what it was. It also included information on Nebraskache. Maybe having some of those created and placed by or in high profile/favorite cache around the state would let people know about our group.

- Kearney and Norfolk Park's and Rec's have outdoor events where they talk about Geocaching. Those would be good places for Nebraskache members to talk about the group as well for those interested in finding out more about geocaching.
- Would members be willing to discuss with their area park departments to get them information about geocaching? If people have good contact in their local areas, maybe they could use them to help get guidelines set up for the process to get geocaches placed in the local parks. It was also brought up that premium members are free for the parks departments for them to see what geocaches are in their park.
- The committee could use the email groups to help market Nebraskache and what events and activities are going on. The committee will work on a marketing campaign for the new website.
- The committee would like ideas from Nebraskache members on how to best promote the group in their area. Please reach out to your area representative with any ideas you might have.

The new Nebraskache website is up and running. Feedback was good on the site from those in attendance. If there are any ideas or suggestions, please present them to any of the committee members.

The annual picnic will be Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 2026. It will be moving back to the Saturday after Labor Day.

- Coby will check with Janice to see if the shelter has been reserved for that day.
- The location of the breakfast last year won't be an option this year so it was asked if anyone is in Kearney to look for a park with a shelter that has power and restrooms close as that might be an option for the picnic or breakfast.
- Thndrstrck brought up an idea about doing an annual geocaching related challenge. Other groups that have annual events have similar things. He presented a sheet of options to the group. There would be 20-25 challenges for the year. As you complete challenges you will be awarded points. Those points would allow you to get some kind of prize for competing over the year. There was discussion on maybe making the challenges easier or having a shorter period of time. It was also discussed whether Geocache Treasures could be used for keeping track of stats. The committee will discuss if/how we might be able to use this for interest in the group. Jim asked the committee let him know the plan and he offered to help us where needed.

- It was asked how long the committee spends planning the picnic. The committee normally starts planning about 2-3 months out from September. It was asked if the committee could start planning for 6 months out to plan the picnic. Last year the planning started earlier, and each area rep was asked to host events in their areas to promote the picnic. While talking about planning the picnic for 6 months out, it means we would need to start as soon as the new committee join in April. It was discussed if we need to look at when committee changes happen and maybe make it just after the picnic, more on this point later in the meeting.

Fundraising was talked about and what the committee had planned for this year.

- As of right now the committee has not talked about any additional fundraisers this year. The committee has their first meeting with new committee members in April. At that meeting they will start brainstorming ideas for fundraising this year.
- It was asked if Nebraskache could sell picnic pathtags and items on an online store. Previous committee members remember talking about it years back but there were concerns on taxes and not being a non-profit or LLC. The committee is going to look into LLC, non-profit, and taxes if Nebraskache was to sell through the website.
- It was also mentioned to look at a print on demand option for Nebraskache t-shirts, hats, or other printed swag.

The bylaws were last updated in 2015. The committee is going to review the bylaws this year and see if there needs to be updates for things like tele-meeting and area boundaries. With this review, it was also talked about moving committee members to join the group right after the picnic or Oct 1<sup>st</sup> timeframe. This will be looked at and reviewed as well to see if that would help the flow of activities through the year.

Other ideas for more Nebraskache sponsored events like a chili feed or spring picnic were briefly discussed.

LadyCache made a motion to end the meeting

Taxi mom seconded the motion.

Motion carried and meeting ended at 2:46pm