

**MINUTES  
CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

President Jim Nixon called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Nixon, Bill Mayers, Gene Kendrick, Graham Forder, Ann Meneguzzi, Tori Beedle, Stefan Berlinski, Helena Troy, Carlos Miranda.

**Members Present:** Carroll Pearson, Dan Larson, Jay Gustafson

**Call for a Quorum:** The president ascertained a quorum was present.

**Approval and Acceptance of Agenda:** The agenda was accepted.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Board Meeting:** Minutes of July 21, 2013 were accepted and approved with the technical correction changing the word "President" to "Vice President" "ascertained that a quorum was present". Graham will contact Secretary Doug Evans to inquire why the Membership Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2013 have not been received. Stefan Berlinski moved and Gene Kendrick seconded a motion to accept the Board minutes as corrected. **MOTION PASSED.**

**Acceptance of New Members:** Bill Mayers moved and Tori Beedle seconded to accept as new members, Joan Proctor, Garrett Hill, Timothy Warden, Thomas & Rebecca Kidwell, Marco & Amadeus Konig, Carol Banquer, Craig Anderson & Sara Bailey, Renee Hamilton, Bob Thompson & Karlen Harmison & Family, Lutz Heinrich, Brad & Katy Christie **MOTION PASSED.**

**Nominations Committee:** Jim Nixon nominated Cindy Toran to be on the Nominations Committee. Helena Troy moved and Stefan Berlinski seconded that Cindy Toran be accepted as a member of the Nominations Committee. **MOTION PASSED.** The additional members are: Jayma Brown, Bill Mayers, Ruth Tretbar, Carroll Pearson. At Jim's request, Dan Larson will recommend an Alpine Trustee to join the Committee, so by the October meeting we will have someone to nominate.

**Dues Distribution - Resolution 10-A, Dues Distribution Criteria and Timeline Submitted for Board Approval:** Carroll Pearson read the changes: *(1) Criteria Item 1 added word "adult" before "member; (2) collect the number of adult members as of July 15; (3) July BoD meeting CAC Treasurer to provide total amount of dues collected in prior fiscal year.* Stefan suggested that the Registrar's submittal of roster numbers be changed to August 1 from July 15. Jim made the changes on the Resolution and initialed the corrections. Motion to accept Resolution 10-A as modified first by Carroll Pearson and then as corrected at this meeting was made by Graham Forder and seconded by Ann Meneguzzi. **MOTION PASSED.** Bill Mayers distributed his Dues Distribution Analysis based on the Finance Committee recommendations, as

follows: CAC Reserve zero; Alpine Lodge \$17,243; Echo Lodge \$12,933. After discussion, Ann Menguzzi moved and Graham Forder seconded that the dues distribution to the Treasurers of the Lodges and the Club as recommended by the Finance Committee be accepted. **MOTION PASSED.**

**By-Law Changes and Resolution Updates:** Graham Forder distributed a draft of the By-Laws with his proposed changes, which had already been sent to the interested parties. Discussion followed and several suggestions made. Graham will revise his draft, taking into consideration Tori's suggestion on term limits and other items, for discussion at the October meeting.

**Echo Lodge Report:** In Cindy Toran's absence, Jim read her report. Highlights: Permit approval received for ADA bathroom remodel and contract awarded to Affordable Construction. CAC Centennial weekend a great success. Bench made by John Hannum dedicated in memory of Reuven Segev.

**Alpine Report – Don Larson:** Highlights: WI-FI service up and running; no password needed. Plans for rental apartment continuing to develop. ADA handles on front and back doors. Permit received to complete required ADA update for deck. Shelving and other parts of the kitchen painted (thank you Russ). Phone service successfully transferred from AT&T to Comcast for cost savings. Trustees welcomed Michael Vaggione as new Alpine Lodge Treasurer.

**CAC Registrar Report – Stefan Berlinski:** We gained 9% in adult members while losing 4% of memberships. It looks like some Regular members became Joint thus reducing the number of memberships. We gained about as many new members as we lost from non renewal.

**CAC Treasurer – Bill Mayers: Resolution 6-B Use Fee for Alpine Lodge:** Presented for Board approval. Bill explained that the revision simplifies the method by which the Club reimburses Alpine Lodge for its Board Meetings. Jim called for a motion to approve. Gene Kendrick moved and Tori Beedle seconded that we accept Resolution 6-B. **MOTION PASSED.** Then a question arose regarding the hikers being included, and after discussion a clause was inserted into the Resolution, so that it now reads: *Resolved: The annual use fee paid to Alpine Lodge from CAC shall be \$6,000, based on 10 board meetings at \$600 per meeting. This fee shall be paid each year in the first fiscal quarter, for the prior year usage. Any cancellations of Board meetings, or any additional Board meetings greater than 10, will not change the amount of the annual use fee...* The original motion to accept 6-B was unanimously voted down. Stefan then moved and Tori seconded that Resolution 6-B be accepted with the amendment. **MOTION PASSED.**

**Financial Report – Carroll Pearson:** Taxes were filed on time. Consolidated financial report delivered on time. Lodges insurance paid by Treasurers. New Alpine Treasurer, Michael Vaggione, welcomed into Finance Committee. Treasurers are automatically members of the standing Finance Committee. Resolution 6-B and 10-A have already been passed by this Board. Bill Mayers covered the distribution of dues. The Finance Committee recommends no dues increase for the following year. No future action items for the Finance Committee for the remainder of the year.

Jim noted that our insurance agent advised that in addition to our elected officers committee members and trustees are also covered under our officers and directors insurance policy.

**Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs – Ann Meneguzzi:** Ann represented CAC at FWOC's annual meeting in Washington State. Congratulations were received on our Centennial. Proposal put forth that CAC host next year's annual meeting at Echo Lodge. Reciprocity with FWOC and other such clubs was discussed. Ann suggested an article in Trails and a website link to connect with other like organizations. Lengthy discussion on reciprocity followed.

**Centennial Print Donation and CACF – Jim Nixon:** The Board agreed that Club member Nick Zachreson would donate 100 copies of his beautiful Centennial print "Melting into Song" to CACF. The print can then be obtained from CACF for a tax-deductible \$50 donation to the Foundation.

**Strategic Review – Dan Larson:** Dan presented an excellent paper on the future of CAC and what the next 100 years will bring and encouraged us to develop a Strategic Plan to aid in our long range planning.

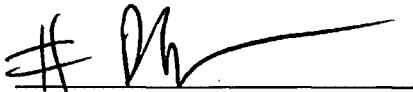
**Centennial Committee:** Jim Nixon: Thanked Jayma Brown and everybody else on the Committee. Gene reviewed events to be held at Centennial dinner tomorrow night.

**A brief announcement from Ann Meneguzzi:** 2014 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> of anniversary of the first California State Park. In 1864 during the Civil War President Abraham Lincoln granted the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove to the State of California. This historic legislation marked the beginning of land preservation designed for public use. Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove became a national park in 1906.

Jim Nixon moved that meeting be adjourned. **MOTION PASSED.**

I certify that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 21, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors of the California alpine Club.

Respectfully submitted:



Helena Troy,  
for Doug Evans, Secretary

California Alpine Club  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Saturday, September 21, 2013, 2:00 pm

Call to Order  
Establish a Quorum  
Recognition of Request to Add Item(s) to Agenda  
Accept Agenda  
Approval of Board Minutes from July 21, 2013

**New Members**

Joan Proctor  
Sponsor: McKown and Barbara Nelson

Garrett Hill  
Sponsors: Tom Coleman and John Hills

Timothy Warden  
Sponsors: Dorsey McTaggart and Jock and Pauline MacDonald

Thomas and Rebecca Kidwell  
Sponsors: John Hills and Tom Coleman

Marco and Amadeus  
Sponsors: Russ Toran and James Ballou

Carol Banquer  
Sponsors: James Ballou and Jay Gustafson

Craig Anderson and Sara Bailey  
Sponsors: Tom Coleman and Jerry Wagner

Renee Hamilton  
Sponsors: Dorsey McTaggart and Jock and Pauline MacDonald

Bob Thompson and Karlen Harmison and family  
Sponsors: John Hills and Tom Coleman

Lutz Heinrich  
Sponsors: Tom Swaine and Bill Mayers

Brad and Katy Christie  
Dorsey McTaggart and Mal Russell

Nominations Committee—Jim  
Vote on Cindy Toran as New Member—

### Reports/Discussion

Dues distribution-vote-Bill Mayers  
By-laws changes and Resolution updates-Graham Forder  
**Echo Lodge—**  
**Alpine Lodge— Dan Larson**  
**CAC Registrar— Stefan Berlinski**  
**CAC Treasurer—Resolution 6B--Bill Mayers**  
**Finance Committee-Resolution 10-A--Carroll Pearson**  
Federation Of Western Outdoor Clubs-Ann Meneguzzi  
Centennial Print Donation and CACF-Jim Nixon  
Performing a Strategic Review or developing a Strategic Plan-  
Dan Larson  
Update on Website  
Thank you Jayma Brown—Jim Nixon  
Thank everyone involved in anything Centennial- Gene  
Kendrick  
Agenda for October Meeting-Jim

Next Meetings Sunday October 23 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm **-No Dinner  
Scheduled**

ALPINE LODGE REPORT  
CAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

- **WI-FI**

The Wi-Fi service at the Lodge is up and running and the password restriction has been removed.

- **RENTAL APARTMENT**

The Trustees have received two member inquiries to rent the apartment vacated by Larry earlier this year however we have decided to continue developing our plans to return the apartment to two separate rooms for member use. We still intend this to be primarily a member volunteer effort with Mal Russell as the Project Lead.

- **DECK PERMIT UPDATE**

Russ Toran has received the permit from the County to complete the required ADA update work to allow us to finalize the Deck Rebuild Permit. Russ is the lead on this project and as of this weekend all contracted work is complete and the permit signoff is expected shortly. Russ will follow up with painting and details as time permits.

- **KITCHEN UPDATE**

While managing the ADA updates with the contractor, Russ intended to paint the exterior of the South Social Hall windows. This project proved too much without scaffolding so Russ shifted projects and painted the shelving and other parts of the kitchen just in time for the big dinner tomorrow. Please feel free to check out his work and if you are coming to the dinner tomorrow, please feel free to compliment Russ, as he will be assisting you park for the big event.

- **PHONE SYSTEM**

We have completed the transition from AT&T to Comcast for our phone service at the Lodge reducing our cost and improving service. Mal Russell has been the lead on this project.

- **LODGE TREASURER**

The Trustees welcome Michael Vaggione as our new Alpine Lodge Treasurer. We are looking forward to Michael working with us and we wish to thank him for stepping forward to help the Lodge with his much needed talent. The Trustees would also like to thank Jayma Brown for her year doing double duty as Trustee and Treasurer and for her patience and support during this long transition period.

## ECHO SUMMIT LODGE REPORT

### CAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

- **ADA Bathroom Remodel:** We have permit approval from El Dorado County and reviewed the 3 bids received to complete the work. Echo trustees awarded the contract to Affordable Construction of South Lake Tahoe. Their bid was \$25,545, well below the \$35K in our most recent project list. Tom & Kurt will meet with Affordable during the Fall Work Party, September 19-22, to go over the project plans and discuss the schedule. The project should be complete by the end of November.
  
- **Other:**
  - We had a few hosts cancel their events due to poor air quality from the Yosemite fire.
  
  - The CAC Centennial weekend event at Echo Lodge organized by Tom was held August 17<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. A bench made by John Hannum was dedicated in remembrance of Reuven Segev at the Centennial Celebration weekend with Yudith, Reuven's widow, and son, Jonathan Segev in attendance.
  
- The next Echo Trustee Meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 5 pm by teleconference.

# **Finance Committee Report BoD Meeting September 21, 2013**

## **Financial Activity**

Taxes were filed by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Consolidated financial report was submitted at the July BoD. The year-end comparison report (FY2011 vs FY 2012) was posted on the web.

Insurance allocation was sent to Lodge treasurers. Alpine: \$7,905; Echo: \$5,226. Payment to CAC has been made by the Lodges.

A new Treasurer for Alpine Lodge, Mike Vaggione, is working with Jayma Brown and the Alpine Trustees to transition the work. The Finance Committee wants to extend our many thanks to Jayma for her excellent contributions.

Resolutions 6-B, Alpine Use Fee and 10-a Dues Distribution Criteria and Timeline will be presented at the September BoD.

## **Dues Distribution**

The Finance Committee recommends the following dues distribution:

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| CAC Reserve  | zero     |
| Alpine Lodge | \$17,243 |
| Echo Lodge   | \$12,933 |

## **Dues Increase**

The Finance Committee recommends no dues increase.

## **Future Actions Items for Finance Committee**

**Submitted by Finance Committee:**

**John Lillich, Carroll Pearson, Cindy Toran, Diane Ryan, Jayma Brown, Mike Vaggione, Bill Mayers, Richard Thornton, and Carl Duisberg**