

**MINUTES  
CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB  
QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2013**

President Jim Nixon called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Nixon, Graham Forder, Ann Meneguzzi, Tori Beedle, Stefan Berlinski, Helena Troy.

**Members Present:** Edie Nelson, Dan Larson, Jay Gustafson, Hardy Dawainis, Joyce Thomson, Nuala Caulfield, Bev Leve, Gordon Berg, Harry Will, Les Will, Ron Leve, Lillie Kocher.

**Call for a Quorum:** The president ascertained a quorum was not present. A vote will not be asked so a quorum is not necessary.

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

**Approval of Minutes of Last Quarterly Membership Meeting, July 21, 2013:** It was pointed out that Secretary Doug Evens did not take minutes of this meeting. Jim will contact Doug on this matter. The Minutes will be approved at the January 2014 Quarterly Meeting.

**Acceptance of New Members:** Jim announced that new members Kay Voyvodich and Paul Masson, Joyce Thompson, Sandra Bird were approved at the Board Meeting just concluded.

**Updating the By-Laws – Graham Forder:** Graham summarized the draft By-Law revisions and Resolution 11 he distributed to Board and various Club Members: Changes to be phased in order to simplify Membership Approval are as follows:

Phase 1: Changes in Membership Classes (Vote to approve at January 2014 meeting)

Phase 2: Remove New Member Application Procedures from By-Laws and cover them in new Resolution 11. (Vote to approve at April Annual Meeting 2014).

Phase 3: Make Board Membership a three-year term. Delete need for two authorized signatures on checks over \$500. Loosen Restrictions on Board and Quarterly Meeting dates. (Vote to approve July or April Meetings).

Graham asked for comments. Edie Nelson had some concern about strangers calling for reservations. Lengthy discussion ensued on various subjects including responsibilities of hosts, need for sponsors, process to become club member, activities to become a member, how to treat new members, using web to attract younger members. Jim and Graham will revise wording of Resolution 11 to reflect these concerns and suggestions to be further discussed at the November meeting. Jim suggested lodge issues be tabled to another meeting. Family membership and other membership issues were brought up a decision made to table to another meeting.

**Web Redesign Update – Tori Beedle:** Tori advised project going well. Final Template will be ready by next quarterly meeting. Looking for people to join website committee. We will be putting out a Call for Images. Tori will be the contact point for this project. We plan to put a call out for website volunteers. Sefan provided Vicki with a list of members' skills. Vicki highlighted the names of people that might be helpful. Jim volunteered to call these people. He will send Vicki a note.

**California Alpine Club Foundation Report – Jim Nixon for Arlin Weinberger:**

- Fundraiser on October 6 made \$1,510 which included \$325 from donations for the commemorative print.
- CACF gave Mt. Tam State Park a grant of up to \$10,000 to fund installing a campground host site at Pantoll. Work completed and a host is now there in his RV with water, electricity and sewage connections. Project came in under budget at \$9,548.
- Conservation Weekend at Echo. Birding event brought CACF \$1,015
- This year 101 members donated \$3,755 with their dues.

**Echo Summit Lodge Report – Edie Nelson:**

- ADA Bathroom Remodel will start October 24, completed by December. Affordable Construction's bid was \$25,545. Lodge will not be closed during construction.
- Fall Work Party, September 19-22. In addition to filling the basement with wood and the usual fall cleaning several special projects were completed.
- Income for first half is 12% lower than last year. Cancellations were due to Yosemite fire. Operating income was down \$3.3K from last year. Cash as of September 30 was \$92.9K.
- Next Echo Trustee Meeting November 6

**Alpine Lodge Report – Dan Larson:**

- Rental Apartment: Work will begin January 11 to return the former apartment in Tam Building to two private member use rooms with shared bath.
- Deck Permit Update: Russ Toran awaiting permit signoff for the ADA and Deck work. Trustees emphasized how happy the County is with Alpine Lodge for having the CASp survey completed. Trustees thanked Hardy for commissioning report. Jim noted that the \$3000 cost for the Report was money well spent.
- Work Party Attendance: Past three months have yielded low turnout with high quality volunteers. Jay Gustafson will host November 2 work party.
- Trustee Meeting: Next Meeting will be at the Lodge November 2 following weekend work party.

**CAC Registrar Report – Stefan Berlinski:**

- Only report was three new members who were just approved by the Board.

**Treasurers' Report: Jim Nixon for Bill Mayer:**

- **Financial Activity:** The first half of FY 2013 shows lower revenue compared to FY 2012, primarily due to a shift in dues payment from Q1 2013, into Q4 2012. Alpine revenues are up slightly, and Echo Summit is lower.
- **Expenses:** Up \$12.5 K (22%) for the six months primarily due to Centennial expenses (\$5K), the web site project (\$4K) and income taxes (2K).
- **Budgets:** The operational financial results are behind budget and prior year. Comparing half year numbers to the full year budget, income is at 55% of budget, and expenses are 62% of budget. Improvements are at 22% of budget. The bottom line is a loss of \$23K for the first half of FY 2013 versus budgeted loss of \$12K for full year 2013.
- **Income Taxes:** The tax returns for FY2012 lead to income tax payments of \$1,864 between the IRS (\$1,227) and California (\$637). We are now making estimated tax payments assuming 2013 taxes will be similar to 2012. The ratio of UBI (Unrelated Business Income) to the clubs non-taxable revenues has been re-assessed at mid year and determined that we are inside the 15% and 35% safe harbor percentages which are recommended by the IRS. For the 15% rule we are at 9.8% versus 8.2% in FY 2012. For the 35% rule we are at 12.1% versus 13.3% in FY 2012. As a supplement to this report there is a summarized Income Statement comparing the first half results for FY 2013 with FY 2012 and the FY 2013 budget.

**Finance Committee Report – Jim Nixon for Carroll Pearson**


- Bill Mayer, CAC Treasurer, prepared the UBI summary. No problems with the 15% and 35% rule.
- Bill prepared a comprehensive Treasurer's report in addition to the Consolidated Financial report for the second quarter.

Jim mentioned that Selma Bomfim will be resigning as Sunday Innkeeper.

We all congratulated Stefan Berlinski on his wedding to his fiancée, Mary Larkin, On September 9 at Green Lake officiated by Edie Nelson.

Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

I certify that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the October 20, 2013 Quarterly Membership Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California alpine Club.

  
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Helena Troy  
For Douglas B. Evans, Secretary

California Alpine Club  
Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Sunday, October 20, 2013, 3:00 pm

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

- New Members:

***Kay Voyvodich and Paul Masson***

Sponsors: Mal Russell and Dr. Patrick Lee

***Joyce Thompson***

Sponsors: Ricia Wise and Dorsey McTaggart

***Sandra Bird***

Sponsors: Sarah Davis and Tom Bradner

- Updating of By-Laws (Graham Forder)
  - Discussion of Implementation Plan and Resolution 11
  
- Update on Web Project (Torie Beedle)
  
- CAC Foundation (Jim Nixon)
  
- Reports:
  - Echo Lodge - Edie Nelson
  - Alpine Lodge - Dan Larson
  - CAC Registrar - Stefan Berlinski
  - CAC Treasurer - Jim Nixon
  - Finance Committee - Jim Nixon
  
- (Confirm) Next Meeting Sunday, January 16, 2:00 pm

**ALPINE LODGE REPORT  
CAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2013**

- **RENTAL APARTMENT**

The project plans to return the former apartment in the Tam Building to two private member use rooms with a shared bath are being finalized and we expect work to begin January 11. We still intend this to be primarily a member volunteer effort with Mal Russell as the Project Lead.

- **DECK PERMIT UPDATE**

Russ Toran is awaiting permit signoff for the ADA work and Deck work and expects this to be completed shortly. The Trustees wish to emphasize how happy the County is with the Alpine Lodge for having the CASp survey completed. The Trustees wish to thank Hardy and the other previous Trustees that commissioned the report.

- **WORK PARTY ATTENDANCE**

The past three months have yielded low turnout with high quality volunteers at our Work Parties. We are hoping we get a greater member turnout at our weekend Work Party on Saturday – November 2, so we can return our Lodge to a higher standard after the summer fun and prepare it for the Holiday Season. Jay Gustafson is the host for this Work Party.

- **TRUSTEE MEETING**

The next Alpine Lodge Trustee Meeting will be at the Lodge following the Week-End Work Party.