

California Alpine Club Board Meeting

Alpine Lodge Saturday, February 18, 2017

Board President Jay Gustafson called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM

Board Members attending:

Jay Gustafson, Bill Mayer, Margy Eller, Tim Warden, Mark Sapiro, Ann Meneguzzi, Jim Nixon, Candy Barnhill (by phone), Dan Larson

Members Attending: Cindi Whitehead, Carroll Pearson (by phone), Amy Pertschuk, Jeff Grimsaw, Steve Quarles, Nancy Emerson

Call to establish a quorum: The president ascertained a quorum was present.

Recognition of Request to Add Item(s) to Agenda: One item were added. Changed order. Agenda accepted

Approval of Board Minutes from January 21, 2017. Minutes were moved/approved: Mark/Jim

New Members for Board Approval: Bill/Jim

Reinstatement:

Amy Pertschuk and Chris Kreuger
Sponsors: Jim Nixon and Margy Eller

Judy West
Sponsors: Harry and Verna West

New Members:

Craig Dahl
Sponsors: Mary Cosgrove and Wendi Olmstead

Tawny and Stephen High
Sponsors: Mary Ann Bernard and Wendi Olmstead

Current Business

- 1.) Nominating Committee Slate – presented, will be approved by the board March 18th – At that time we could take nominations from the floor which would go to the member meeting in April. Recommended: Choose next nominating committee in May 2018, don't wait til the end of 2018 for 2019 positions.
- 2.) Yoga on the Mountain – Alpine Lodge. The following issues were discussed:

- a. Is it a Lodge or Club event? There is an overlap in definitions. Generally agreed that if a trained host schedules an activity of interest to members and the public at one of the lodges it "becomes" a Club event. Discussion of fee charges, collection, club liability, getting approval from Lodge Trustees and Board. Upon approvals, use of the Club logo would be allowed.
 - b. Yoga program is an 8-week pilot. It is being sponsored by two host trained members who are teaching yoga for free. Program is open to Club members and the public. Participants are charged \$10 each. Hosts should complete Day Use form for each yoga class and send check for funds collected to the Lodge Treasurer.
 - c. If a substitute instructor is asked to lead they must be licensed and have liability insurance as would any contract worker. Instructor would be paid \$60 from the funds paid by participants.
 - d. New Liability form should be signed by the participants
 - e. Calendaring conflict on March 26th. State Park Rangers Association has previously scheduled event. Yoga needs to be cancelled for that day and must avoid overlapping previously scheduled events in the future unless getting ok from the other event host
 - f. Advertising cards distributed around town need to note March 26th class is cancelled
 - g. Motion: Board will review pilot program at March 18th meeting. Request that host sponsors provide report of attendance and funds collected to date. Board will determine if pilot program is a benefit to the Club and members and whether it will continue. Moved/Approved: Mark/Tim
- 3.) CAC liability waiver for members/guests – hikes & outings - Bill M. – Forms have been circulated to the appropriate coordinators for use with hikes, outings, work parties. Could be used for international outings. Participants need to sign the form each time they participate. Motion to approve and implement immediately; Moved/Approved: Bill/ Jim Margy will post latest version on website
 - 4.) One Tam and Tamalpais Land Conservancy Program Feb 10 – follow-up report – Jay G. – 78 people attended including a number of guests. Very successful event with viewing of portions of Gary Yost documentaries, music and presentation by (Miwok descendant?) Sky Road Webb.
 - 5.) Outings : Jay – Program is expanding, active and building more enthusiasm from participants. Renee H. has submitted another articles for the next Trails.
 - 6.) Language of Dues Renewal Letter – Jay/Mark. Discussed issues of ease of donating to CACF and assessing members willingness to volunteer. Mark is taking over renewal process from Torie starting with 2017. Changing address for renewal checks to Club PO Box in Mill Valley. Process will start with email to all

members with email address requesting payment. People who don't pay will get a mailed renewal form 4-6 weeks after email blast. A separate check is needed for tax deductible contribution to the foundation. Life membership doesn't pay but should get request for donation to Foundation. Mark will decide how much to survey members regarding volunteerism and skills. Liability waiver language will not be included in renewal form

Treasurer's Report : Bill Mayers

Property, accident and umbrella Liability insurance – Bill – working on new carrier to replace past insurer. Cost \$17k per year may go down with new carrier

Lodge Reports

Echo Lodge – Lodge Trustee Chair - Cindy Toran (attached)

Alpine Lodge – Lodge Trustee Chair - Tom Coleman – not received

New Business

1. *CACForward* program outline – serving youth to experience the great California outdoors – Jay. Arnold Champagne has donated \$10,000 for a potentially multi-year program to engage low income youth in outdoor experiences. He was not specific in how it should be used, however we may recognize him in its use, ie the Arnold Champagne Scholarship Fund to create a legacy of his long membership and fondness for the Club. Discussion of what might be done: Sunday hikes, trips to Echo, potentially more formal "training" programs. Potentially partner with College of Marin, REI, YMCA, One Tam organization, our own Foundation. Committee set up to pursue ideas: Nancy Emerson, Amy Pertschuk, Bill Mayers
2. Mark – Announced email received on planned development on west side of Panoramic Drive – Weissman Dipsea Ranch at 357 and 455 Panoramic Drive near the intersection of the Dipsea and Sun trails. No action taken as project is under review at the county and may involve a long approval process. Info at: http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/projects/tamalpais-valley/weissman_mp_p1589_mv

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Next Meeting March 18th, 2017 at Alpine Lodge, 2:00 pm

I confirm that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 18, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Alpine Club

Respectfully submitted,

Margy Eller

Margy Eller, Board Secretary