

California Alpine Club Board Meeting

Alpine Lodge Saturday, June 17, 2017

Board President Jay Gustafson called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

Board Member attendance:

President - Jay Gustafson – Present
Vice President – Ann Meneguzzi – Present
Secretary – Dan Larson – Present-By Telephone
Treasurer – Jeff Grimshaw – Present
Registrar – Mark Sapiro – Present
Past President - Jim Nixon - Present-By Telephone
Director – Nancy Emerson - Present
Director – Amy Pertschuk- Present
Director - Candy Barnhill – Present
Director - Pete Castelli- Absent
Director - Tim Warden – Present-By Telephone

Members attending: Carroll Pierce, Richard Thornton, Camille Smith-Ballon, Arlin Weinberger.

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

Recognition of request to add item(s) to Agenda:

Candy requested we consider a change in Resolution 12: CAC Events at Alpine Lodge.

Approval of Board Minutes from May 21 meeting:

Dan requested this subject be tabled.

New Members for Board Approval:

Christman and Patricia Dunhill

Sponsored by Richard Thornton and Shelly Navine

Tracey and John Skupny

Sponsored by Cynthia Pawclyn and Bob Henry

Sandrine and Eric Kuhrman

Sponsored by Amy Pertschuk and Axel Schmitt

Erin and Mike Kleeman and family

Sponsored by Jon Buram and Bob Henry

Mark moved to accept the new members – Approved unanimously.

Communication:

Written:

Oral:

Officers Reports:

Ann M. provided an update of the Bay Nature Advertisement and reported the Insertion Order has been signed and she is working with Ellen Weis to develop the ad. Ann also provided an update of the 2017 FWOC Conference and announced she has committed to being the co-host of the 2018 FWOC Conference.

Jeff G. reported the Club accounts have been converted to QuickBooks and the taxes have been paid with an excess amount to be applied to next year.

Mark S. reported the latest membership numbers.

Total Memberships = 553

Life memberships = 97

Paid 2017-18 = 342

2016-17 members not yet paid = 114

Mark also reported he had issues with the mailing house causing the Annual Dues Campaign schedule to slip and Mark plans to discontinue using them.

Nancy E. reported on her activities with her effort to co-ordinate Volunteer Development. A copy of her report is attached. This led to a discussion about how open and available to the membership should the roster be, what data should be available and should we control this by giving the members an Opt In option. Prior work made it clear during the web-site construction that the members do not want their e-mail information on the web-site. No action was taken.

Amy P. reported on her work to develop/find a program for the best use of the Arnold Champaign Fund, Youth focused "give back" Program. Amy said she has met with Sue Gardner and Matt Lafert of One Tam and has identified the Youth Leadership Summer Internship Program Scholarship will meet the requirements of the ACF. Funds would be allocated over the course of two years at \$5000 a year to support interns in the Youth Leadership summer internship program. These CAC's scholarships would underwrite the education awards provided to participants after completion. Specifically, CAC's awards would be allocated to low-income participants who represent underserved and at risk communities and ideally those who are placed in Marin County internship positions and those on or around Mt Tam. In addition, CAC would provide support for participants in the LINC and YELP summer programs for high school students. This additional support would come in the form of providing the Alpine Lodge as a location for their end of summer celebration for staff, participants and families.

Discussion that followed revealed there is no fee to be an intern and the scholarship award is paid at the end of the summer. Each award is \$1300 - \$1500. ONE TAM will do the programming/planning for the end of summer event.

Ann moved the CAC Board authorize the Treasurer to commit \$5000 of the Arnold Champaign Fund to the ONE TAM initiative earmarked for the Youth Leadership Summer Internship Scholarship for each of the next two (2) years. – Approved Unanimously.

Candy moved the CAC Board authorize the Treasurer to commit \$300 of club funds for accommodation of the Alpine Lodge for the End of Summer Celebration for staff, participants and families of the ONE TAM initiative Youth Leadership Summer Internship, LINC and YELP programs for 2017. – Approved Unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Camille S-B. reported the Youth and Family Event evening meeting worked well and her group is working with Donata to add additional activities to the calendar for families including Astronomy night on July 1 and an additional night in October.

Carroll P. reported the Publications Committee has sufficient editors for this year and all but 2 for 2018. Carroll also reported there are three new editors and the Publications Chair position remains open.

Alpine Lodge Report: Jay read an Alpine Lodge summary as submitted by Tom Coleman. Discussion following included a desire for the Trustees replace the Sanitizer with a dishwasher, and the need for access to the lodge basement to be considered with the key changes. No motion was made. Jay volunteered to communicate with the Alpine Trustees regarding these and other issues.

Echo Lodge Report: Richard T. agreed to let Jay read the report for the Echo Lodge as submitted by Cindy Toran. A copy of the report is attached.

CAC Foundation Report: Arlin W. reported Alan Utterback has resigned from the CAC Foundation, leaving four members, which is acceptable. She also reported the Fundraising mailing (sent June 2) to Lifetime Members has yielded 6 donations from 90 requests so far totaling \$350.00. Arlin also reported the fundraising Birding and Conservation weekend at Echo Lodge had only about half the usual number of attendees due to, among other problems, bad weather and a mudslide on Hwy 50.

Current Business:

1.) BoD Sponsors for CAC Events: Jay announced he has found sponsors for neither the Thanksgiving nor the Holiday party as yet.

New Business:

1.) Resolution 12; CAC Events at Alpine Lodge: Candy brought forth the idea to reduce the number of CAC Board sponsored events from 12 to 8 and include all BoD members (including officers) as sponsors. Candy requested this item be continued to the July meeting.

2.) New Alpine Lodge Policy: Jay summarized what appears to be a new policy printed on page 7 of the June Trails under the Alpine Calendar regarding the private vs. exclusive use of the Alpine Lodge. There was some discussion however no motion was made. It was suggested the Board discuss further at the July meeting.

Jeff moved the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Next Meeting: July 22, 2017 at the Alpine Lodge, 2:00 P.M. with the Membership Meeting preceding it at 1:00 P.M. a New Members Luncheon at 12:00 and a hike with the new members at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Larson
Board Secretary

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE REPORT
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- Water problems: In spite of heroic efforts by CAC members at the lodge with consultation from Trustee Bob Henry, they could not get the water system functioning after it failed in early May. Bob was able to trouble shoot it after a trip to the lodge, implemented a temporary fix. Electricians could not fix the problem but Bob followed with a “permanent” fix at the Spring Work Party. Bob is consulting with John Hannum on some additional concerns, but so far the water system has been working fine again.
- At the Spring Work Party one of the primary tasks is to cut logs into rounds and split wood to dry for the next winter season. However, this task could not be done since the snow was still too deep for access to the wood area behind the shed. We have scheduled a special mini-work party for this purpose August 8-11, and we need about 6-8 volunteers. Contact Bob if you can help: 707-829-3728. The event will be listed in July Trails.
- Spring Host Training was June 2-4 with 15 hosts attending. There is an article in July Trails.
- New Mattresses for second floor: The 19 new mattresses are in Vacaville waiting for a delivery date sometime next week.
- New carpet for the Great Room: This project is scheduled for this summer. A preliminary estimate is about \$6500.
- The next Echo Trustee Meeting will be Wednesday, August 23rd, 5 pm, by teleconference.