

California Alpine Club Board Meeting  
Alpine Lodge Saturday, November 21, 2:00 pm

President Jim Nixon presided and called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

**Board Members Attending:** Jim Nixon, Margy Eller, Ann Meneguzzi, Candy Barnhill, Jay Gustafson, Bill Mayers

Prospective Member: Chris DeGabriele

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

**Approval and Acceptance of Agenda:** The agenda was accepted with the addition of a discussion item on the New Year's Day event

**Approval of Board Minutes from October 17, 2015:** Amended Minutes were moved/approved, Ann/Candy

**Acceptance of New Members:** Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved admission of the following new members and the reinstatement of prior members. Moved/approved: Ann/Bill

*New Members*

**Heidi & Bill Faulkner**-Sponsors Tom Coleman & Bruce Friend

**Reinstatement:**

**Greg Farber**—Sponsors Nuala Caulfield and Tony Smith

**Action Items**

**Retention of Documents** - Bill Mayers, is gathering a “committee” of members of Finance Committee, Greg Scoville, Richard Thornton who are interested in being involved in preserving and archiving historical documents for the club. The club needs to keep certain documents for 5 years. The group will be determining what needs to be done, where documents can be stored, at what cost and setting a timeline. No meetings have been set up yet. Discussion of possible scanning of documents. Mill Valley library may be interested in older Trails to complete the set they have.

**Conference call equipment**-Jay Gustafson – Garrett Hill (Alpine trustee) will be providing some good working equipment to be set up before the January Trustee meeting

## **Reports/Discussion**

**Guns/Weapons at lodges** –All. A discussion ensued about a recent event. Questions were is there a club liability issue? Jay will contact Doug Evans for legal advice and Jim will send it to Nick Gregoratos (Echo trustee). Most board members felt it was one time occurrence and it doesn't need to be a formal policy. Also not clear how policy would be distributed, by resolution or by laws

**CAC Pins** - Ann has pins that will be available at various Club events including the Dec 3 work party & Dec 5 children's party. Jay has 20 to be available at Echo during his upcoming Host time. Bill has 10 available for his January hike leader days. No other BoD member volunteered to be responsible for any donation/pin dispersal at upcoming events. (Subsequent to this meeting, Tom Coleman also took 20 for his Echo hosting days.) The pins will also be available at the Jan. 23, 2016 quarterly meeting. In total there are 200 pins available for donation of \$5 or more. Mailing costs of individual pins are surprisingly high. \$4 additional is needed to receive a pin by mail.

**Calendar Page Effectiveness** – Jim Nixon. There are 2 issues. 1) Social Events Calendar spreadsheet. Should event sponsors be the ones to update it or should volunteers update it with their willingness to help? Use of the form is evolving and it depends on the sponsor. In addition, some people had formatting problems seeing the spreadsheet in Profile rather than Landscape format. Jim will check with spreadsheet author, Jordan Hermann.

2) Potential plan to eliminate the website Alpine Lodge and Echo Lodges calendar(s) and default to only the Club calendar. This would eliminate the accidental double scheduling of different events on the same date at the lodges. Note: MaryJane McKown adds non-member events, Russ Toran handles member events and Cindy Toran sends the Echo schedule to Jan McCulloch to record. Request that Mary Jane check with Russ before scheduling non-member events. Jay will schedule 2017 board meetings.

**Drop in group(s) impact on Innkeeper** – Jim Nixon. Discussion ensued about members and non-members not being courteous to Innkeepers or not cleaning up after themselves. No decision was made on a solution

**Echo Lodge Report** - Jim Nixon. Report attached. Note: Cindy Toran is moving back to the Bay Area.

**Alpine Lodge Report** - Jim Nixon. No report received. Discussion on members paying/not paying day use fee.

**Keys and Lock Boxes at Alpine Lodge** – Candy Barnhill inquired if there were 100+ keys potentially in possession of current and/or past members. The Board affirmed that was possible. Discussion ensued regarding that the Trustees are currently considering action in the areas of stresses surrounding security at the lodges and limitation to member access of the Alpine Club. Action item: Margy will draft language to send to the Board to approve asking the lodge trustees to change the locks and codes to the lockboxes at Alpine and establish a new control tracking system for any keys distributed and a timely changing of lockbox codes. Article in Trails would notify members of the locks being changed and the new policy about obtaining keys with the plan to keep the number available low which works successfully at Echo.

Amendment: *The following motion was circulated and approved by the board by email:*

*In a discussion concerning certain stresses surrounding security at the lodges, the "limitation to member access" was discussed. It was mentioned that Alpine Trustees are considering action in this area, and the Board wishes to support the Alpine Lodge Trustees in deciding to change the locks and lockbox codes at the Lodge as soon as possible. With an estimated 100 keys+ outstanding, it is good management to reign in access to the Lodge. The board also suggests that the trustees establish a new control tracking system for any keys distributed and a systematic manner of changing the lockbox codes. An article in Trails should notify members of the locks being changed and the new policy about obtaining keys with the plan to keep the number available low. The system of only using a lockbox at Echo works successfully (except during freezing conditions wherein keys are mailed to preparing hosts) and might be a policy which could work well at Alpine.*

**CAC Foundation Board member resignation**--Jim Nixon. There is a vacancy due to Bill Menaguzzi stepping down.

**Nominating Committee** -Jim Nixon. Tim Seeley volunteering from Echo. Discussion ensued about getting more people to volunteer. Note: National Volunteer week – April 12-18. Perhaps a President's message (once again) in Trails. Highlight a volunteer of the month or comment from member in Trails

*Amendment: After the board meeting, Jim circulated the list of members to serve on the Nominating Committee which was approved by the board. They are: Jay Gustafson, Cindy Toran, Barbara Hills, Tim Seeley and Tony Smith.*

**Partner Relations** - Jay Gustafson. Potential partner events or reciprocity exchange benefits like Mountain Hardware employee store access will be evaluated on a case by case basis

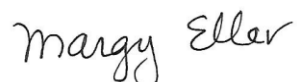
**New Years Day events** - Jay Gustafson. Free soup and salad to members this year as goodwill measure. A basket will be available for contributions. Response will be evaluated for future use. Moved/approved: Ann/Jay

The board meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm

The next meeting is January 23, at 2:00 pm

I certify that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the November 21, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Alpine Club

Respectfully submitted,



Margy Eller, Board Secretary

**CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

QUARTERLY MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: NOV. 21, 2015

**LIST OF ATTENDEES**

*Please Print!*

NAME: BOARD MEMBERS

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1	Jim NIXON	1	
2	JAY GUSTAFSON	2	Chris DeGabriels - prospective member
3	BILL MAYERS	3	
4	Candy Barnhill	4	
5	Ann Menesuzzi	5	
6	Margy Eller	6	
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ECHO SUMMIT LODGE REPORT  
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- The new Southbend commercial stove is much easier to use and heats more evenly than the old Wolf. However, we are having difficulty with the oven temperatures being too low. Bob Henry and Rick Jacobson are trouble shooting and working with the supplier. Winter hosts have been alerted so they can adjust as required in the meantime. Cleaning and operation instructions were also sent to them.
- Host Training, Nov 6-8. We had 30 people attending, including Trustees. There was snow on the ground but fortunately no new storm during the training. An article will be in Dec/Jan Trails. We had hoped to fill 2 winter weekend vacancies on the Echo calendar. While there were newly trained hosts signing up for Spring/Summer 2016, the winter weekends remain open.
- All mattress pads on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor have been replaced as all were very worn out.
- The next Echo Trustee Meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd, 2015, 5:30 pm, by teleconference.