

MINUTES
CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 28, 2012

President Jim Nixon called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

Board of Directors Officers and Directors present: Jim Nixon, Bill Mayers, Anne Good, Graham Forder, Art Ewart, Bob Piper, Ruth Tretbar, Ann Meneguzzi, and John Hannum

Members present: Bonnie Herzog, Bill Meneguzzi, David Solbach, Renee Powers, Edie Nelson, Marilyn Hannum, Allen Utterback, Bob Hanson, Lyda Dicus, Valerie Nelson, Mayme Harris, Hardy Dawainis, Russ Toran, Gene Kendrick, Jim Ballou, Dan Larson, Arlin Weinberger, Mae Harms, Mary Jane McKown, Eva Libien, Ros Carol, Onnie Taylor, Charles Wirth, Tom Coleman, Melanie Facen, and Karl Baeck

Call for Quorum: There being at least thirty members present, Jim Nixon ascertained a quorum was present.

Approval of agenda: The agenda was approved with the addition of the names of Board members and Trustees currently serving *pro-tem* to the list of new officers and trustees.

Announcement of Board actions:

- The BoD approved the *pro tem* appointment of Graham Forder as Vice President for the 2012-2013 term.
- CAC has purchased two automated external defibrillators (AED), one for each Lodge. They are intended for use by laypersons and provide complete oral instructions. AED orientation will be included in host training in the future.
- The October 21, 2012 Board and Membership meetings will be held at the Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse since Alpine Lodge has been booked by the Sierra Club for that date.
- The BoD has welcomed the following new CAC members: Melinda Harris, Margy and John Eller, Heidi and Stephen Branz, Betty Stanfield, and Jennifer and Darren McDonald.

Election of Officers, Trustees, Foundation Members, and New Board: Jim Nixon announced the names of the following new officers, board members, trustees, and committee chairs who will assume office at the end of this meeting:

Officers and Board members: Douglas Evans, Secretary; Bill Mayers, Treasurer (formerly *pro-tem*); Karen Ebadi, Bob Freinkel, Gene Kendrick, and Ruth Tretbar (formerly *pro-tem*).

Alpine Lodge Trustees: Jayma Brown, Dan Larson, Russ Toran, Ricia Wise, and Jim Ballou (formerly *pro-tem*).

Larson, Russ Toran, and Ricia Wise.

Although there have been unusual expenses in the past year (\$60,000 for deck repair and \$4000 for tree removal), lodges now must pay for their property insurance, and the use fee for Alpine Lodge this year was \$2800 instead of the \$12,000 received last year, Alpine Lodge's bank balance at the end of the fiscal year 3/31/12 was \$90,000.

The greatest problem for Alpine Lodge has been too few volunteers at the work parties. A member present at the meeting suggested that there should be more weekend work parties since members who are still working cannot come on Thursdays.

The decision of how best to spend the \$6000 required to meet the ADA requirement will be left to the new Trustees.

Ann Meneguzzi commended the Alpine Lodge Trustees for their work in dealing with the stressful problems with the deck slippage. Applause followed.

Attachment: Alpine Lodge Report

Echo Summit Lodge report: Tom Coleman delivered the Echo Summit Lodge report.

- The USFS has renewed Special Use Permit for 10 years through 12/31/2021. It is stored in the safe in the Tam Bldg. Many thanks are due to Jim Nixon for his hard work on this project.
- Snow has interfered with completion of work at the spring work parties for the last 3 years, but the fall work party completed painting the roof on the large shed with USFS-approved Echo Lodge green thanks to Bob Henry.
- A Chef's Weekend fundraiser Nov. 4-6 organized by Richard Thornton netted about \$5000. Many thanks are due to the primary instructors Cindy Pawlcyn and Darren McDonald and their assistants John Watanabe, Jen McDonald, and Lynn Zachreson.
- The next significant projects are rebuilding the retaining wall in front of the parking lot and the ADA bathroom/dorm remodel. Jerry Wagner has taken the lead on the design. A soils engineer will determine what is needed and Jerry will provide the architectural design. Completion of the retaining wall is planned for 2012, and the ADA remodel is planned for 2013. Volunteer help is needed: if volunteers build the retaining wall, Echo Lodge can save \$10K.
- The lack of snow at Echo has decreased usage by 22% from last year. With the proceeds from the fundraiser, revenues were only 14% below budget and prior year. Income from operations was still \$21.3 K, only 6% (\$1.3 K) below budget.
- Cash balance increased \$19.7K to \$59.5K. The goal is to carry \$50K in reserves. Non-operating spending was minimal at \$4K (including \$3K for a new kitchen refrigerator installed at Spring Work Party).
- Capital expenditure for fiscal year 2012-2013 is projected at \$15K for the retaining wall. A better estimate will be possible once the design and plans are finalized.

Attachment: Finance Committee Report

Green sheets: Publications chair Mae Harms noted that about 10 years ago the yearly booklets listing officers were changed to the 4-page green sheets mailed with the June issue of Trails. She suggested that now the green sheets should be put on the website instead of being mailed with Trails because of the mailing cost and the fact that some of the information becomes outdated during the year. The online version of Trails goes to about 100 memberships, whereas 340 copies are mailed; some memberships include several family members. One drawback of an online-only version is that some of the members who want hard copy of Trails mailed do not have computers with web access, although new members are likely to use computers and want the online version since it can be kept up to date.

The Publications Committee will estimate the feasibility of sending an online green sheet to everyone with an email address by publishing an announcement in Trails that an email trial will be made the following month, and assessing the response.

Presentation of Past President's pin. Jim Nixon presented the past president's pin to Mae Harms.

Recognition of CAC member concerns: Gene Kendrick requested reports on the annual outing and conservation.

Annual outings: There were 2 annual outings due to high demand. Bob Hanson said that his went well, though there were many mosquitoes. Carlos Miranda led the second outing. Mosquitoes were less of a problem on it since Edie Nelson scavenged an abandoned net tent at a campground.

Conservation: The new website will have a page for CACF. Arlin Weinberger, CACF President, reported that this year CACF will give up to \$10,000 to Mt. Tamalpais State Park to cover the cost of providing a hookup for a campground host in the lower Pantoll parking lot. They will need a septic hookup, water, and an electrical upgrade. There is also hope of activating campsites at Bootjack. Directing funds to a specific project by working through the California State Park Foundation gets complicated; instead CACF will pay submitted bills for the construction directly.

There is a need to emphasize donations to conservation. CACF money comes from members who write a separate check to CACF when they pay their dues, as well as from special events such as the Conservation Benefit & Birding at Echo Lodge in June.

CALENDAR:

Next Board meeting will be held Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2 P.M.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

I certify that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the April 28, 2012 annual membership meeting of the California Alpine Club.

Anne Good, Secretary

California Alpine Club Annual Membership Meeting
April 28, 2012 3:00 P.M.
Alpine Lodge

Call to Order
Establish Quorum

Recognition of CAC Members (opportunity for members to add item(s) to the agenda)

Accept Agenda:

Update of past actions--Jim

Action Items from March Board Meeting:

- Location of October Board/Membership meetings
- Approval of minutes from January Membership and March 2012 Board Meetings
- Distribution of letters of authorization for new lodge trustees
- Planning for 100-year celebration
- Signing of Conflict of Interest forms by B of D members and lodge trustees
- Long-range plan for improvement plan for Alpine Lodge with financial estimates and timeline

Election of Officers, Trustees and Foundation Members New Board:

Officers: **Karen Ebadi, Douglas Evans, Bob Freinkel and Gene Kendrick**, *Bill Meyers, Ruth Trethbar*

Alpine Trustees: **Jayma Brown, Dan Larson, Russ Toran and Ricla Wise**, *Jim Ballou*

CAC Foundation: **Allen Utterback**

Youth Activities Chair: **Renee Lee**

New Members

Melinda Harris - regular member

Sponsors: Yveline Pelletier and Beverly Leve

Margy & John Eller - family members
Sponsors: Carol Bodtker and Ruth Tretbar

Heidi & Stephen Branz - joint members
Sponsors: Marilyn Hunt and Jean-Marie Campbell

Betty Stanfield - regular member
Sponsors: Cindy Toran and Kate Twain

Jennifer & Darren McDonald
Sponsors: James Nixon and Cynthia Pawlcyn

Past President's Pin for Mae Harms: Jim Nixon

Reports:

Alpine Lodge --Hardy Dawainis
Echo Lodge--Tom Coleman
Web Update--Art Ewart
CAC Treasurer --William Mayers
CAC Registrar --Stefan Berlinski

Committee Chairs:

Finance-----Bill Mayers for *Carroll Pearson*

Thank you to Board, Trustees and Chairs--Jim

Future meeting—***Sunday***, May 20, 2012 2:00 P.M.

Adjournment: 5:00 to allow hall to be set up for dinner

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CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB

Date of Meeting.....4/28/12..... Board /_/_/ Membership /X/

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1	Bonnie Herzog
2	Bill Menegazzi
3	David S. Bach
4	Renee Powers
5	Edna Nelson
6	Marilyn Hannum
7	Allen Zitterback
8	Bob HANSON
9	Lydia DICUS
10	Valerie Nelson
11	Magma Harris
12	HAROLD DAWAIN'S
13	RUSS TORAN
14	GENE KENDRICK
15	Jim BAILLO
16	Dan Larson
17	Art Wemberger
18	Mae Harman
19	Mary Jane McKown
20	Carl L. L. L.
21	Ros Carol
22	Gemma Taylor
23	Charles Wirth
24	Tom Coleman
25	Melanie Facen
26	Karl Baack
27	Graham Forder
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