

CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting Quarterly Meeting Annual Meeting

Alpine Lodge, Saturday,

1/26/19

Attendees: Board Members (please print)

Club Members (please print)

1	Marilyn Straka	1	M Straka
2		2	JOHANN SISTEK (N)
3		3	Eva Eugster
4		4	AUDREY O'CONNOR
5		5	JOAN WALKER (N)
6		6	CLARE WEAVER
7		7	Patricia Ernshberger
8		8	Heide Coleman
9		9	
10		10	Dianna Finigan
11		11	Kileen Downey
12		12	Jon Betthausen
13		13	Antonin Guttman
14		14	Ann Meneguzzi
15		15	TERESA Terry Lytle guest
16		16	Kara O'Malley
17		17	BOB HEWY
18		18	Julie Kelp

1	Jim Nixon	1	Faith Mooney
2	Dan Larson	2	FRED KLAMMT
3	MARK SAPIRO	3	Cindy Toran
4	JEFF GRIMSHAW	4	Bev DeVe
5	Amy P	5	RUSS MABARDY
6	Nancy Larson	6	Kathleen Schlier (N)
7	Candy Barnhill	7	FRANK CASTRO
8		8	Renee Hamilton
9		9	GARY MONTMORENCY
10		10	LYNN WHITE
11		11	Arlin Weinberger
12		12	JAN GUSTAFSON
13		13	CARROLL PEARSON
14		14	KEN JUDY
15		15	Stere Quorles
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California Alpine Club Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes

Alpine Lodge Saturday, January 26, 2019

Board President Jay Gustafson called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

President - Jay Gustafson – Present	Director – Nancy Emerson – Present
Vice President – Ann Meneguzzi – Present	Director – Amy Pertschuk - Present
Secretary – Candy Barnhill – Present	Director – Dan Larsen – Absent
Treasurer – Jeff Grimshaw – Present	Director – Tim Warden - Absent
Registrar – Mark Sapiro – Present	
Past President - Jim Nixon – Present	Members attending per attached sign in sheets

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

Recognition of request(s) to add item(s) to agenda: None.

Approval July 21 & Oct. 20, 2018 members' mtg minutes: Mark moved, Candy seconded. Approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATION:

Written: None

Oral: None

OFFICER REPORTS:

Jay G. President's report attached.

Ann M. Defer Jeff G. Defer

Mark S. 575 current total memberships; 760 members. 106 Life members.

Candy B. Defer Jim N. Defer

Amy P. Defer Dan L. Defer

Nancy E. Nancy reported that there are a variety of ways for members to contribute to Club operations at least once a year to meet their annual volunteer activity. In 2018 changes were made to the CAC.org website to improve communication(s) with members; revisions to the Volunteer page included adding a listing of upcoming volunteer opportunities and contact information for activity host; and more user-friendly ease of locating information on the website. Members are encouraged to contact Nancy, any Board member or lodge Trustee to find out about volunteer opportunities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Carroll P. [full report at end of minutes] Finances continue to be stable. CAC financial reports have been placed on the website. No increase in membership dues recommended for 2019 year

Historian – Steve Q. Has spoken with the Mill Valley Library historical librarian. Recommendations were: 1) obtain an inventory of historical items stored at lodge(s), 2) document what lodges do systematically. If members have an interest in history and/or helping with inventorying of items, contact Steve.

Outings – Renee H and Ernie C. *Have fun in the outdoors* is the goal of the Outings Committee and trip leaders. Outings are member driven, always looking for new ideas from members for where/destinations members want to go and incorporating CAC history – where outings used to go. Communications with members include monthly Into the Great Outdoors e-bulletin, updates and post trip articles/photos in TRAILS, use of Meet-Up site. Saturday Sorties occur twice monthly. Hikes and outings are currently predominantly led by three CAC members.

Sunshine – Mary C. Tasked with giving cheer and sunshine to CAC members who may need it. During past month reached out to two to three members. Let Mary know if a CAC member may need a bit of cheer.

Publications – Lenora Y. [Full report at end of minutes; abbreviated report by Carroll at Members meeting] New monthly editors are always needed, is an easy way to meet encouraged club volunteer commitment. During 2019 attempt to streamline editorial process including focus on eliminating redundancy. Requested information regarding TRAILS printing costs provided to BoD.

CACF – Arlin W. All CACF funding comes from members. Annual dues letter an opportunity to encourage members to donate to CACF. Annual grants of \$1,000-\$2,000 awarded to outdoor oriented NPOs that help protect and restore outdoor spaces and expand the number of children/adults who experience the outdoors. If CAC members like to suggest a recipient NPO, let Arlin know. CACF is charitable 501C-3 organization licensed by the state of California.

Alpine Lodge Trustees – Jon B. [Full report at end minutes]. Appreciation to Dave Pearson for completing internet expansion and faster speed at TAM building. Alpine lodge projects completed or in -process include: bees are gone from TAM building, improved lighting on path to TAM building, bathroom fixtures in TAM, purchase and installation of five new memory foam beds. Intent for 2019 is to have one work party a month. There is much to do at Alpine/TAM lodges, helping hands are needed. Renovation(s) to Alpine lodge kitchen including sinks and new sanitizer is highest priority. Request from BoD member to make replacement of sanitizer a priority. New BBQ with propane, chimney re-tar being considered.

Echo Lodge – Cindy T. [Full report at end minutes] There is lots of snow at Echo Summit Lodge. If members are not a snow person, there is great summer hiking too. Work party in May 2019 is anticipated. Two-year CalTrans project will affect traffic on Johnson Pass road. Cindy and Bob attended meeting with Project Manager and other local Tahoe businesses affected by project which anticipated to last April 2019 – November 2020. CalTrans Project Mgr agreed to discuss our comments/concerns with the Project Development Team. No further information received since 11/16/2019 meeting. No major projects on the horizon.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Discussion: Seven years of Trustee minutes to be stored on CAC website. Postponed to BoD meeting.

FY-19-20 Draft Budget including capital expenditure, projection monthly cash flow, Budget:Revenue
No budget yet, in development. Available for the April Members' quarterly meeting.

Archiving historical materials at Mill Valley Library. Digital side of inventory maintained at CAC, originals to Mill Valley Library.

NEW BUSINESS AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Proposed change in language of CAC by-laws to allow either lodge to have up to seven with minimum of five trustees per lodge. California Alpine Club is registered with the State of California. Proposed change in language of by-laws read to attendees. Motion to approve language change made by Ann, seconded by Dan. Passed by majority vote.

Member's Responsibility – Membership expectation is to volunteer one or more times per year to contribute to Club operations. Jay shared that CAC membership has grown over the years. Resulted in an ongoing increase in the needs and maintenance of each lodge. All members are encouraged to volunteer at least once per year, are many different venues through which to meet annual volunteer commitment.

Help Needed – June 23-30 at Echo Summit Lodge. Sandy Finnegan has transitioned into role of host for Wild Flowers week at Echo Summit Lodge. Assistance needed with dinners, donation of hors d'oeuvres.

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 2:30 pm. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2019 at the Alpine Lodge, 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Candy Barnhill, Board Secretary

Good Afternoon,
The Alpine Trustees met on Tuesday January 22st.

There were many items that we needed to cover. Actually, there so many Alpine related items that we decided to form a subcommittee of Wendi Olmsted, Donata Mikulik and Tom Coleman to meet separately and split all these items into groups to attend to by year. Items 1-15 would be dealt with in 2019, items 16-30 would be handled in 2020, etc. It's the only way we see that we can actually accomplish what we need to do in an orderly manner.

Item 1. Greg Smith is a new member who lives in Mill Valley. Greg came to the work party in January. Greg is a lighting engineer; He was asked to walk around Alpine and give the trustees advice on how to do a better more efficient way to provide lighting, particularly in the kitchen and Hall. Greg came up with a very helpful plan for lighting at about \$900.00 to improve our current situation and bring us into the LEED Age. Look for this to happen soon. And Thank You Greg Smith!

Item 2. We do have plans that were submitted to the Marin County Permit Board about a year ago to remodel the downstairs Tam building bathroom. The plans have shelved at present because the County wanted a topography plan of our CAC property in addition to the remodel plans. Jon Betthausen volunteered to make the time to go to the County with topography plans, and see if that will satisfy the County. If that happens, we might actually be able to get a permit to remodel the Tam lower bath.

The remodel would hire contractors as needed to do this job, and trustees and volunteers would be asked to join in to help as needed in ordered to keep the budget bottom line as friendly as possible. This is envisioned as a group effort using all/most of the trustees and a cadre of talented CAC members who know how to use a hammer and a mud knife. Estimates for the cost of the permits and the materials and contractor labor will follow.

Item 3. The fireplaces. The Living Room fireplace is working fine. The Hall fireplace works fine, but we want it to work even better, and we will change the Hall operational mechanism to one more like the LR fireplace. The beautiful new upper bedroom fireplace is very popular, especially this time of year, especially when it works. Yes, there are glitches, and yes we (Jon Betthausen) is doing his best to repair those glitches. We want to simplify the on/off process adding thermostat. Go upstairs, turn thermostat to 68 degrees, sleep nice and warm, and then turn the thermostat off before you leave for the day. Look forward to this happening as we find the time to make it possible; and remember, the bedrooms had NO heat for many years, and we all survived just fine.

Item 4. Axel Schmitt is working with AYS Engineering, who is monitoring our septic system. Their consulting work is done and we're waiting for a letter telling us (and the County) that all is well which will make us legal again.

Item 5. We had a mishap earlier this month losing Wi-Fi coincidentally the same time we had super strong winds and something fell from the wires which we were told was Comcast equipment. It was in fact AT&T and that why all our calls to Comcast never solved the issue. Alpine lodge now has a business account with Comcast Business which will be much easier to deal with and should our Wi-Fi be down it won't be down for long. The main building is [] with password of []. The Tam building is [] also password []. Thanks to David Paulson for getting the Tam building Wi-Fi working well again. The phone number remains the same.

Item 6. The trustees will be providing our treasurer, Michael Vagionne, a comprehensive budget for the next 1 to 3 years for the work that we hope to accomplish over that time. We are still looking for some assistance.

Item 7. There have been complaints that the Lodge could be kept cleaner. Obviously, this up to everyone who comes to Alpine and participates in our events public and private. Your trustees encourage you to help ensure that Alpine is kept as pristine as possible. The February work party on Saturday, 2/2, will concentrate on starting 2019 off right with a good old fashioned dust-vacuum-scrub fest. Hope to see you there!

The December and January work parties were great successes, with a total of over 55 volunteers joining together to make our Alpine Lodge beautiful and functional! Plans in the works to make next December's event even more celebratory; stayed tuned. And thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who came to the work parties and continue to do so.

Tom Coleman, Trustee

Financial Activity

Financial reports are posted on the website.

No dues increase was recommended for 2019.

Financial Health: Finances are stable.

Actions:

Update the Records Retention list:

1. Mark Sapiro needs to name another person with backup capability for the roster.

Search will be made to find a backup person for Mark.

2. Decision, by the BoD and Trustees, needs to be made as to whether or not the minutes of the lodge trustees need to be stored on the website. Usually minutes of this nature are stored permanently.

Echo is in compliance with storage of their minutes. Records Retention list has been updated. Need to confirm with Alpine.

3. Alpine Trustees need to confirm that 7 years worth of host reports are stored. Michael Vaggioni has the most recent reports. If there are some host reports covering the 7 years at Alpine Lodge, they need to be located. (This data is needed for tax return backup.)

Echo Trustees are in compliance. Records Retention list has been updated.

Records Retention List is on the website.

Submitted by Finance Committee: John Lillich, Carroll Pearson, Cindy Toran, Tom Coleman, Mike Vaggione, Jeff Grimshaw, Richard Thornton, and Carl Duisberg

Email dtd 1/25/2019

To: CAC Board of Directors CC: Publications Chair Emeritus

From: Lenora Young - Publication Chair

Subject: **Publications Report**

Summary:

1. In 2019, an attempt will be made to streamline the editorial process
 - a. This will include a focus on eliminating redundancy
 - b. Proposed changes will be discussed with the Board of Directors and Chairs

Accomplishments:

1. TRAILS Newsletter Cost for 12-14 Pages
 - a. Provided Candy Barnhill, Carroll Pearson, and Jeff Grimshaw with additional costs
 - b. Our current newsletter (8-10 pages) costs approximately \$270 per issue. This includes:
 - i. Design & layout of the newsletter
 - ii. Collating, folding, and "tabbing" (to secure the folded newsletter)
 - iii. Note: Mailing costs in this amount.
 - c. Increases are reflected in the per issue costs listed below:
 - i. \$298 for 12 pages, with an additional \$75 for layout time.
 - ii. \$372 for 14 pages, with an additional \$75 for layout time.
 - iii. Note: According to Windy at The Goode Company, postage will more or less remain the same.
 - iv. Caveat: The additional \$75 per issue may reduce over time, which is why I didn't include it in the total.
2. QRG
 - a. Updated and published – content includes recent changes to Board of Director and Chair membership
3. Monthly *TRAILS* process
 - a. The email distribution list (Call for Articles) has been implemented
 - i. The Publications Chair will send a copy to the monthly editor prior to the commencement of the editing cycle
 - ii. The "Call for Articles" will include all changes to Board of Directors/Chairs
4. Photo library

- a. Continuing to explore establishment of a photo library of regular contributors (e.g., Arlin Weinberger photo, etc.) to:
 - i. Make their content and mission more relevant (being able to assign a name to a face increases reader affinity)
 - ii. Assist new members in identifying key members of the CAC
 - iii. Improve text to image ratio for optimum newsletter layout

Pending:

1. Focus on building an editorial community
 - a. Training opportunities
 - b. Team building
2. Continue to standardize editorial forms & process
3. Issue an updated Publication Guidelines

Email dtd 1-25-2019

**ECHO SUMMIT LODGE REPORT CAC QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING – JANUARY 26, 2019**

- CalTrans Project to Replace Bridge/Viaduct on Hwy 50: A meeting was held November 16th at Echo Lodge. Trustees Cindy & Bob attended along with CAC member Sandy Finegan, 2 owners of Echo chalet and a representative of the Echo Lakes Cabin Association. The Project Manager and Tahoe Basis Outreach Coordinator from CalTrans presented the project plan. The project is expected to start April/May 2019 and finish November 2020. In 2019 there will be one-way traffic control on Hwy 50 with no lane closures on weekends June 15-Labor Day. The CalTrans folks listened to our concerns about the increased use of Johnson Pass Rd during the project. The USFS is responsible for the road below ESL and does not really care about maintaining the road nor the safety of people using it; they would just as soon close the road. Several apps such as Google Maps and Waze would direct users to take JP Rd as a detour due to traffic delays on Hwy 50. CalTrans has no control over these map services. CalTrans had no plans in place for traffic control other than during the 2-week full closure of the section of Hwy 50 scheduled for Spring 2020. They had no idea of the amount of traffic already on JP Rd. Several options were discussed, including one-way traffic and closing the lower part of JP Rd altogether. The Project Manager agreed to discuss our comments/concerns with the Project Development Team. We have not received further information since the meeting.
- There are no major projects on the near horizon, but these were identified: Painting the lodge and work on the siding on the large shed. Bob is working to obtain bids.
- The next Echo Trustee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 30, 5 pm, by teleconference.

Submitted by Cindy Toran