

# CALIFORNIA ALPINE CLUB

Board of Directors Meeting    Quarterly Meeting    Annual Meeting

Alpine Lodge, Saturday, 3-16-19

Attendees: Board Members (please print)

Club Members (please print)

1	Candy Bernhart	1	Susette Stichel-Kufer
2	JAN GUSTAFSON	2	Carol Pearson
3	Dan Larson	3	Ernie Castiaux
4	Jim NIXON	4	Renée Hamilton
5	JEFF GRIMSHAW	5	
6	Amy Pertschuk	6	
7	Ann M	7	
8	MARK SAPIRO	8	
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California Alpine Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Alpine Lodge Saturday, March 16, 2019

President Jay Gustafson called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

President Jay Gustafson – Present	Director Nancy Emerson – Present
V. President Ann Meneguzzi – Present via phone	Director Amy Pertschuk – Present
Treasurer Jeff Grimshaw – Present	Director Dan Larson – Present
Registrar Mark Sapiro – Present	Director Tim Warden – absent
Secretary Candy Barnhill – Present	Past President Jim Nixon – present
Members present: S. Stickel-Rufer, E.Castiaux, R.Hamilton; via telephone C.Pearson.	

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

Recognition of request to add item(s) to agenda: Accept slate of BoD and Trustee candidates – Jim N.  
Awards Dinner, Hike Ldr, social events – Candy B.  
More work party opportunities for new mbrs – Bev L, Jay G.

Motion to accept agenda: Approved unanimously

Approval of updated February 16, 2019 BoD meeting minutes: Approved unanimously

**New Members for Board Approval:**

Charlie Warner	Sausalito	Sponsors: Jay Gustafson and Axel Schmitt
Lisa Ristorucci	Mill Valley	Sponsors: Axel Schmitt and Wendi Olmstead
Linda Conklin	Auburn	Sponsors: Mary Jane McKown and Mary Cahill
Francine Morrisette	Sonoma	Sponsors: Kate Twain and Jessica Kachion
Jean Lamming	San Francisco	Sponsors: Jennie Bruyn and Roger Rose
Anne Kirwan	San Francisco	Sponsors: Jay Gustafson and John Muller
Bobbi Simpson	Fairfax	Sponsors: Sue Gardner and Axel Schmitt
Matt Wuischpard	San Francisco	Sponsors: Nick Gregoratos and Bob Henry

**Reinstatement:**

Janet McKee	Sausalito	Sponsors: Hardy Dwanis and Arlin Weinberger
Joyce Thomson	Mill Valley	Sponsors: Amy Pertschuk and Lillian Kocher

Approval of new members: Approved unanimously

**Communication:**      **Written:** None      **Oral:** None

**OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

President (Jay), Vice President (Ann), Secretary (Candy), Directors (Amy, Dan, Nancy): No updates.

Treasurer (Jeff) – The property insurance carrier declined to renew fire and liability insurance for both lodges due to lodges being excessive fire risks. Jeff/Jay working with current underwriter to find a new carrier for fire and liability insurance. Greg Scoville is helping review proposals. The BoD extends their appreciation to Jeff and Greg for their volunteer time and efforts to resolve this issue. Anticipated cost for property insurance is ~\$24,000. Budget reserves can be used to cover cost first year, subsequent years cost of liability insurance may be a hardship for lodges (not CAC). The Finance Committee performs an annual analysis of each lodge's and CAC finances pre-October and presents their recommendation(s) with options during the October Members meeting. The increase in liability insurance rate and possible options will be part of the 2019 analysis.

Registrar (Mark) – 587 total memberships, 772 individual members. E-report at end of minutes.

Past President (Jim) – Nominating Committee's slate of recommended candidates presented.

Motion made by Mark, seconded by Ann to accept slate of Officers, Directors and Trustees as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Director(s) – Nancy reported there are 73 signed up for the St. Patrick's Day dinner.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Outings – Ernie and Renee presented. They along with Mary L-B are working to create a more formalized *structure* for the Outings Committee; creation and implementation of Outings *forms* including end trip report, liability/waiver form, medical form. Retention / destruction of forms; *policies* including wilderness / overnight trip leaders must be WFA certified; *level of first aid training required*

by various outings activity leaders based on amount of risk involved in activity; \$10 *Associate fee* for non CAC members who participate in Outings events; possible revenue stream(s) so Outings program can become self-funded program. Copies of Outings policies and forms will be available on the CAC website.

**ACTION:** The Outings Committee will continue working on their proposals and submit an initial report and or recommendations via e-mail to BoD members prior to the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Saturday Sorties are scheduled every Saturday through the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Ongoing challenge is to recruit additional outings and Sorties leaders.

Alpine Lodge – E-report at end of minutes.

Echo Summit Lodge – E-report at end of minutes. No addtl updates from CalTrans since Nov2018 mtg.

CAC Foundation – E-report at end of minutes

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Retention/Storage of Trustee Minutes (seven years).** Finance Committee (Carroll) reported that prior years' minutes for Echo Summit Lodge stored at Alpine Lodge, the current year minutes are with the lodge secretary. The available CY19 Alpine Lodge minutes will be forwarded by Wendi to Margy/Mary for placement on CAC website. Location of prior Alpine trustee minutes unknown. Dan has copies of minutes when he and Jay were Alpine trustees.

**Designation of back up for Registrar / maintenance of Membership Roster.** Finance Committee requested Mark to move forward on finding and training a back-up person without further delay.

**Draft Outings Policies.** See Outings Committee report.

**Planned Alpine Lodge major capital expenditures.** - No report. Gerry Montmorency working with Tom and Alpine trustees on Alpine capital planning.

**FY19/20 draft budget.** Item not discussed.

**Reimbursement to Weekly Innkeepers** – Item not discussed. **ACTION:** Jeff to write suggested solution and present at March BoD meeting.

**Membership management platform.** Amy reported the original membership database predated CY2000. She reviewed criteria considered when reviewing plugins for membership management (attached Feb 1, 2019 report). Bev (Membership Chair) and Margy (Website) had been contacted and their feedback incorporated into considerations. The next step is to proceed with a 30-day free trial pilot project with Wild Apricot. (March 13 Pilot Project rpt / Fees comparison sheet attached). Roundtable discussion including concerns / unanswered questions from BoD members was tabled due to need to adjourn meeting. There was not a unanimous agreement to proceed with a 30-day pilot project at this time. The Finance Committee made the recommendation to continue research, address current concerns and schedule a BoD meeting dedicated solely discussing this item.

Carroll, Amy and Angela will collaborate on moving this project forward.

**CACF request for Sustained Financial Support.** – Item not discussed.

**Update on open BoD and trustee positions, Awards Committee** – see above.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**First Aid/WFA training** for Outings, Sorties, Sunday Hike ldrs discussed during Outings Cmtee report.

**Awards Dinner** – BOD sponsor, host/hostess, volunteers needed. No volunteers from BoD officers or directors, Jay volunteered himself and Candy to volunteer for this project.

**Social Events** – Candy asked if there was interest by the BoD for a Fall (tri) club hike that would benefit the CACF. Discussion postponed due to need to vacate great hall.

**Work party opportunities for new members** – Jay reported that Bev Leve had contacted him regarding the need for more work party opportunities for new member candidates to meet their work party requirement. Some individuals are unable to attend current work party dates as scheduled. Discussion postponed due to need to adjourn and vacate great hall for next event.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

**Next BoD Meeting: Saturday April 27, 2019, 2:00 PM**

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Email dtd 3/16/2019 from CAC Registrar:

Here are membership counts as of March 16, 2019

Regular Memberships: 173  
Joint Memberships: 125  
Senior Memberships: 149  
Joint Senior Memberships: 47  
Life Memberships: 80  
Joint Life Memberships: 13  
**Total Memberships: 587**  
**Total Members: 772**

As of March 4, 2019 there were 470 current memberships needing renewal. I sent renewal letters[1] via email for 461 memberships for which I had at least 1 email address. Two of these bounced without a joint recipient that didn't bounce, so I sent 11 renewal letters by postal mail.

To date I have received 127 renewals and 2 resignations (one of which made a general fund donation anyway). Total amounts received are       Dues   \$13,135     Gen Fund   \$375     CACF   \$2,165

Email dtd 3/22/2019 from CAC Registrar:

At last Saturday's board meeting, I reported that to date I had received \$2165 in CACF donations to date in the responses to the renewal letter I had sent. This figure is correct for donations received to that point. I also said that in the same period last year I had received only about half that amount. That was incorrect. I realized that in counting what I had received in that period last year, I did not count donations from people who had already donated this year. The correct figure for donations received in the same period last year is \$1940.  
Thus, the amount this year was up a bit over last year but not significantly.

Email dtd 2/16/19:

Here is the Alpine Trustee report for March:

Jon Betthausen is fine tuning the upstairs fireplace. The problem was the batteries draining rapidly. Jon bought better, long lasting batteries, and we hope that this will do the trick.

Jon has also volunteered to walk the plans for the Tam bathroom through the Marin County permit department. Stay tuned!

Axel Schmitt is still trying to get the septic engineer up to Alpine so he can sign off and give us a 'All's Good' letter. Axel's having trouble getting results so Tom Coleman has asked a septic inspection company he knows of, DBK, if they will come up and inspect so we can get this finished. Axel and a new member, Greg Smith, who is a lighting engineer, are working on upgrading the lighting in both buildings.

Wendi Olmsted is working with a company to remove/replace the kitchen sinks with new sinks, and also replacing the sanitizer with a new one. This is all part of an ongoing plan to rehab the kitchen.

Donata Mikulik and Tom Coleman will be hosting Host Training at Alpine on April 12-13, Friday afternoon/evening until 3pm Saturday. Please e-mail Donata regarding signing up; hopefully there's still room.

The good news is that there are many events reserved at Alpine in the coming months; the club is thriving, and many new members are enjoying the wonders of the California Alpine Club!

.....And Spring's here!!

Happy St. Paddy's Day.

Tom Coleman\_\_\_\_\_

Email dtd 3/14/2019 from C.Toran:

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE REPORT  
CAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MARCH 16, 2019

- SNOW: Several major storms have slammed the Tahoe area. Three hosted events were cancelled due to road conditions. There is only a narrow passage to the front door. Those who can get to the lodge are enjoying glorious conditions! The snow may not melt sufficiently to buck and split wood at the Spring Work Party. If not, we will need a summer "Wood Party".
- CalTrans Project to Replace Bridge/Viaduct on Hwy 50: Still no updates from CalTrans since the Nov 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at the lodge. Jay made contact with Brandon Miller of CA DOT, who seems to know about the project.
- USFS Permit expires 12/31/2021: Bob Henry to initiate contact with USFS to get an early start on requirements. ESL Trustees are very interested in the proposal to offer First Aid/CPR classes since the USFS would like to require training for hosts. We think the Wilderness First Aid class may not be ideal; basic first aid training with CPR would be ideal.
- There are no major projects on the near horizon, but these are on the table: Painting the lodge and work on the siding on the large shed. Bob is working to obtain bids for the painting. Another potential project under discussion is to upgrade the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor showers and add a heater to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor men's bathroom, similar to the women's bath.
- he next Echo Trustee Meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th, 5 pm, by teleconference. I

Email dtd 3/14/2019 from A. Weinberger

### **CAC Foundation Report**

**March 14, 2019**

The Foundation will be sending letters requesting a donation to each of the Club's lifetime members, who obviously do not receive a dues renewal notice. We will work on these letters March 24 and mail them March 25.

We appreciate the board's approval to include a suggested donation of \$25 in the renewal notices and will be monitoring the results.

Our requests for grant applications will go out sometime in May. We will begin evaluating them immediately and hope to have the checks out by the end of June or early July.

Arlin Weinberger, CACF Chair