

California Alpine Club Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:00 PM

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Agenda:

Call to Order: President Jay Guftason called the meeting to order at 12.00pm

Board Members

President Jay Gustafson – Present	Director Nancy Emerson - Present
Vice President Ann Meneguzzi – Present	Director Amy Pertschuk - Present
Treasurer Jeff Grimshaw – Present	Director Dan Larsen - Absent
Registrar Mark Sapiro – Absent	Director Tim Warden – Present (after quorum call)
Secretary Candy Barnhill – Absent	Director Pro Tem Anne Kirwan – Present
Past President Jim Nixon – Present	Director Pro Tem Rani Devadsan – Present

Members Present

Cindy Toran, (Echo Chair) Steve Quarles (CAC Historian), Nancy Carlisle (Publications Committee), Carroll Pearson (Finance Committee)

Call to establish a quorum: The President ascertained that a quorum was present

Candy Barnhill, Board Secretary Resignation

Candy Barnhill, board secretary has resigned for personal reasons. Jay received her resignation in February and has spoken to Candy a couple of times since then. He will write a letter of thanks and gratitude from the club.

Board vote to accept Nomination Committee's recommendations (see attached slate)

Proposer: Ann Meneguzzi. Secunder: Tim Warden. Approved unanimously. A motion was also passed that Pat Ernberger join the board as pro tem secretary to fill the remaining year of the existing term. Anne Kirwan is to do a handoff before the next board meeting. Carroll Pearson may also provide assistance. Rani Devadsan, a new board member will meet with Amy/Nancy to get some help with on-boarding. A question was raised about whether members would vote at the April meeting for the slate of nominees. Carroll P. pointed out that an election by members is only needed if there are contested positions.

Recognition of Request to Add Item(s) to Agenda

- Alpine Lodge property boundaries issue as raised by Ann Adams at a 2019 BoD meeting and referenced in BOD Meeting Minutes, February 2020. Amy Pertschuk had volunteered to work on this. No update on same.
- COVID Statement for Trails (see below)

Accept Agenda Motion to accept Agenda: Amy moved. Jeff seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February, 2020 Amy moved; Jeff seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Members (16) and Reinstatements for Board Approval:

New Members	Sponsors
Julia Connor and James Anderson Sacramento, CA	Rita Simmersbach and Sarah Davis
Lisba Fowler Berkeley, CA	Jennie Bruyn and Lenora Young
Maureen Healy San Anselmo	Fred Beck and Tim Warden
Mary Lou Hicks Santa Rosa, CA 95409	Dave Chalk and Bev Leve
Sandy Larson Sonoma, CA	Dave Chalk and Bill Myers
Monica and Jeffrey Melby Kentfield, CA	Sandra Bud and Kristin Jensen
George Krigas Sacramento, CA	Rita Simmersbach and Joyce Rietz
Maria McLaughlin and Randall Orr, Zella and Addis Orr Berkeley, CA	Sarah Davis and Chih Hui Burns
Wendy Nog Mill Valley, CA	Jennie Bruyn and Rani Devadasan
Andy Proehl and Anne Muldoon San Francisco, CA	Sponsors: Rita Simmersbach and Tom Coleman

Officer and Director Reports:

President – Jay G. Registrar – Mark S. Director – Amy P. Director – Tim W.

Vice President – Ann M. Secretary – Candy B. Director – Dan L. Director Pro Tem – Anne K

Treasurer – Jeff G. Past President – Jim N. Director – Nancy E.

President's report: Jay referenced the COVID-19 Pandemic and the fact that there's a photo on the wall in Alpine Lodge of people wearing masks during the 1918/1919 Flu Epidemic. He said that it's comforting that members have been through that experience in times past - they got through it and we will thrive too!

Vice President report. Ann M. is the club liaison and VP of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. CAC is currently renewing its membership. 2020 FWOC conference scheduled for Boise, Idaho in October. FWOC has asked Mae Harms to be interim secretary.

Jeff Grimshaw Treasurer: CAC has managed to secure insurance. Finances are stable. Cash down a bit. Will have cash flow report for year-end meeting in April.

Mark Sapiro – no report

Amy Pertschuk director report: Working with Mark S. who will have update on membership renewals by mail later this month. This year there is a new option to renew online. Have already received 70 payments representing 160 members. Will continue to report back about online renewals. These will incur some expenses but less than \$1K per year. Not sure what payments by checks to date. Will evaluate the success of online renewals at the end of the cycle - end of May. Huge success would be 50% online renewals. Amy has hear from Bev L. who says it is extremely easy to enter new members.

Nancy Emerson director report: working individually with people to recruit potential

volunteers from the membership roster. Carroll & Nancy E. are co-chairing the annual awards banquet, rescheduled for October.

Committee Reports [Quarterly]:

Finance – Carroll P. Membership – Bev L. Sunshine – Mary C. Youth – Camille S-B.

Outings – Renee / Ernie; Publications – Nancy C. Historian – Steve Q. Website – Margy E.

Finance: no report

Outings: Anne K. said Barbara Contini is working on policies/processes for the outings committee. May need to look at postponement/cancellations of upcoming trips

Historian (no report)

Publications committee: Nancy Carlisle said the committee has a new editor. Joe Blackwell. They are developing a workflow for editors for archives for future volunteers. They are seeking a new mail distributor and will use Susan's company, DPI Productions as the quote is very competitive. She said it was important that the April Trails issue have an overarching message from the board to summarize how we intend to go forward with process/contingencies for managing club activities. Jim N. will need to coordinate Trails and e-blasts.

Lodge and foundation reports:

Alpine Lodge (no report). Donata said the trustees haven't met. She planned to send an email to trustees re their opinions about closing the lodge.

Echo Summit Lodge: Cindy Toran said Echo is not accepting reservations until the end of April. She is looking for guidance around railings. They are in compliance with El Dorado county. Should we hold off if the insurance co. is not concerned? Steve referenced the Marin county code - fire etc. No action due. No concern by insurance.

CAC Foundation – no report

Current Business

Use of lodges during *Shelter in Place*; member communications and enforcement

A variety of points of view about closing/keeping the lodges open were aired. Echo has no bookings for April, Alpine does have potential activity. The question was posed as to whether we want to close the lodges to all use or to consider limited use. Issues regarding sanitation, insurance etc. (don't have coverage for pandemic) were raised as well as the need to honor the Shelter in Place orders and to have consistency in policies about the two lodges.

A motion to close the two lodges to all access until April 30th and re-evaluate via a special board call on April 16th was proposed by Jeff G. and seconded by Ann M. A board vote by individuals was requested.

Jim: Yes

Ann: Yes

Amy: Yes

Nancy: Yes

Tim: Yes

Jeff: Yes

Jay: Yes

The motion was passed and it was agreed that this would be communicated to trustees for immediate effect. Amy P. mentioned that it would be necessary for trustees to have access to the lodges for essential maintenance work.

Alpine Lodge Property Boundary Issues

Table Amy P. update re boundary issue and city/county property records etc. to next board meeting.

Prioritization of club event scheduling over private reservations

Jeff said he is looking for prioritization of club events over private events after the pandemic. Ann M. says there shouldn't be a conflict with private reservations. Donata pointed out that if there is a member event on the calendar, there is a need to honor it, however, during this outbreak and crisis, calendared or rescheduled club activities will take precedence.

Rescheduling club events: St. Patrick's (June 13); AGM & Annual Awards (October TBD); New member event (TBD) – see meetings below

Work Parties to re-launch lodge use after *Shelter in Place* order ends. Agreed that we should host high profile work parties once the lodges re-open.

New Business

Member Volunteer Obligations: Many functional responsibilities remain unfulfilled e.g. the events organizing chairman role and various lodge functions particularly at Alpine. Need to define job descriptions, amount of time needed and then ask members to sign up. This is how Nancy has been having success. Jim says we need Donata and Cindy to define specific lodge needs. Jay said we should have high profile work parties to relaunch the lodges when they open again.

Role for CAC re re-introduction of Californians to state/national parks during *Shelter in Place* (not discussed)

Revolving Fund – Outings Cmtee: ACTION: Anne K. will 1) review the participant cancellation and 2) develop a policy to minimize risk. (See above re outings committee report)

Trails Notice: Nancy Carlisle would like board member to approve final draft of Trails COVID announcement before tomorrow morning. Anne K. to do this.

Next Board Meeting

April 16, 2020 12 noon Board Meeting (Virtual)

Next Meetings:

April 25, 2020: 12 noon Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Virtual). AGM agenda to be posted by e-blast by April 18.

April 25, 2020 Board Meeting (following AGM) (Virtual)

April 25, 2020: Banquet and Awards Presentation POSTPONED with new date TBD. Likely to be October 17.

May 16, 2020 12 Noon Board of Directors meeting (Virtual)

June 13, 5.30pm St Patrick's Day Party. (May need to be reviewed again)

June 20, 2020 12 Noon Board of Directors meeting

July 18, 2020 11:00 am Members Round Table Q&A; 12:00pm New & All Members lunch

July 18, 2020 1:00 pm Quarterly Members' meeting; 2pm'ish Board of Directors mtg