

**California Alpine Club Quarterly Members Meeting Minutes (Virtual)
Saturday, July 18, 2020 - 12:00 PM**

Agenda

Call to Order: President Jay Gustafson called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

Members Present: Members who were present were welcomed and introduced. A new member, Brooke Wagner, was introduced. It was noted that she is a member of the Club's Board of Directors. She said that she is interested in outdoor science exploration with children and eventually hopes to pursue it after Covid goes away. A list of those present is attached.

Call to Establish a Quorum: It was noted that a quorum consists of 30 members. President Jay Gustafson determined that there were 30 members present, thus a quorum was established.

Accept Agenda: The agenda was accepted as circulated. There were no additions.

Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2020 Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Brooke Wagner, seconded by Jim Nixon and they were unanimously approved.

Current Business

Lodge Reports

Echo Lodge: Susette Stickel-Rufer reported that the Lodge will reopen to small private groups. Everything is being thoroughly cleaned. She asked if spontaneous overnights will be allowed and Cindy Toran said they would not. According to Jim, the calendar is full up to September. Steve Branz asked the cost of a private rental and Suzette replied it was \$240.

Alpine Lodge: Amy Pertschuck said that, following Cindy's lead at Echo, everything was being done to assure the Lodge would reopen safely. As to access to the Lodge, any member may park there but no drop-ins to the Lodge are permitted. They are coordinating use between hikers and day users for example, to prevent any unnecessary exposure.

Tim Warden asked about the new locks at Alpine, which require a 4-digit code; and also a temporary code for anyone who signs up for an event. It was noted that you can go through Donata Mikulik, or through Amy, to obtain a code. A weekly code also is a possibility, e.g. for Sunday hike leaders. You can email either Donata or Amy.

It was reported that the Tam Building's septic system is a problem. As a result the building will not be available until the system is fixed and the water has been turned back on.

Sunday Hiking Program: Rani reported that she, Anne Kirwan, Mark Sapiro and Tim Warden are working on it. They will require participants to pre-register rather than just show up, following social distancing and wear a mask in order to join a hike. Hikers will use the south entrance to Alpine, then assemble on the deck and start the hike from there. They will continue to clean up the process, and updates on the program will be available through the Hike Coordinator as well as in Trails.

Sunday hikes are filling up and a “wait list” is kept. You can sign up either by calling or emailing the hike leader.

Saturday Sorties: Anne Kirwan said that Ernie is using the same protocols for the Saturday Sorties, which he is doing every two weeks. She said that at present he is out scouting for a coast camping trip.

Mary Berlinski said that all 2020 weekend trips are canceled; everything is being pushed out to 2021 (Summer and Fall). She noted that you can't social distance when on a mule pack trip; and that at the moment Yosemite is difficult to enter. They are thinking of a Spring 2021 kayak trip, like the one they did at Sunset Beach. It was very successful, so they want to do it again. Jay said he would like Nancy Carlisle to do an article on it for Trails.

Bylaws Change: A previously approved Bylaw change to Section 7.6, Life Membership Fund (Eliminated), was presented to the members. In May 2009 the California Alpine Club (CAC) membership passed a bylaw revision to eliminate the option of Life Membership. In October of 2020, the Life Membership Fund is to be dissolved, and the funds transferred to the CAC reserves. Existing Life Members shall continue to enjoy Life Membership privileges.

Carroll Pearson noted that the Life Membership Fund was a restricted fund; it is earning little if any interest these days, and the Club needs additional funds to support the various Lodge improvement and repair projects.

Mary Berlinski asked if the \$67,000 would be kept separately and Carroll replied that it wouldn't; it goes into the General Fund. Jeff said we will use the fund for work on the Lodges. Mary said she thinks it should be used to increase the reserves and that is her recommendation. Carroll replied that she thinks Resolution 13 covers what Mary is referring to; Resolution 13 was passed at the June 20, 2020 Board Meeting.

Mary said she still thinks we need a reserve in case another pandemic-like event occurs. Jay said the Finance Committee would consider this and report back at the next Board meeting, with a suggestion that considers Mary's comments. We need to look at the reserve, and recommend to the Board whether we need to increase the Club dues.

New Business

There were no New Business items.

Officers and Directors Reports

These reports were postponed until the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Carroll Pearson reported that they had some trouble with the spread sheet, and that Cindy will help Jeff with it. Amy then will be able to prepare the financial graphs. She noted that the finances are stable. Taxes usually are filed in July but all the CPAs have been busy. Ours were filed later with the automatic 6 month extension.

CAC Foundation Report:

None at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 1:00 PM.

Next Board and Members Meetings

September 19, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon (Virtual)

October 17, 2020 Quarterly Members Meeting - 12 Noon (Virtual)

October 17, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM (Virtual)

November 21, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting – 12 Noon (Virtual)