

CALIFORNIA GREAT OUTDOORS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 27, 1992

Present: Dar Bjork, Chair; Barry Kolsoozian, Board Rep Orange County/Long Beach; Ed Gwin, Board Rep San Diego; Alice Myers, Board Rep Los Angeles (and Financial Officer); John Pearson, Archivist, and Chair of Wilderness Education Committee; Andy Aros, Secretary and Board Rep Pomona/San Gabriel Valley; Eric Hvolboll, Board Rep Santa Barbara; Terry Turner, President, Los Angeles Chapter; Rob Anderson, Chair of Chapter Development; Larry Hull, member Los Angeles; Mike Vinson, Chair Conference '92.

The meeting was called to order by Dar Bjork, Chair, California Great Outdoors, Inc.

In the absence of the minutes, it was agreed that both sets would be prepared for the next meeting in September.

Alice Myers reported that Chapter reports are tardy in arriving, with only LA, SD, PSGV up to date. OC/LB is one month late; Inland Empire, 2 mos., and Channel Island is 3 months late. In addition, membership lists have not been regularly received by anyone other than Los Angeles & Pomona/San Gabriel Valley chapters. AM will follow up and call chapters in arrears. Some chapters have not had one outing per month as specified in the By-laws. \$1336.47 has been spent since the last Board meeting. This amount is \$100 less than we've taken in. Please submit your bills for reimbursement in a timely manner. JCP will check on Wilderness Education checks. \$47 received from PSGV for catastrophic illness fund, Dar had an addition \$50 check to add to the fund. \$300 is the anticipated income from the jamboree along with \$1200 in expenses.

Address list is in need of updating. Board reps should see that chapter lists with officials & address/phone numbers are submitted to the secretary.

Wilderness Education had 27 people go through the classes. Phase II at JoshuaTree had problems and advantages as well. Would the Board consider scholarships of 2 per chapter which would entitle those so picked by their chapters to take the Outdoor Experience weekends?

Mack's illness has rendered him incapable of fulfilling his duties as Chair of Outings. As only a few months remain, JCP has agreed to create the final Quarterly for Oct/Nov/Dec 92. JCP said that some people wanted the backpacks restored. MG said that if people are late to class, by several hours, they will not graduate and will need to repeat that segment of the training when it is offered next time. JCP said standards need to be set to gain a certificate, that there are alternatives such as additional reading in the subject missed, or reviewing the outdoors manual. Group lead should be the one to see that 32 hours are spent in pursuit of the certificate. Terry Turner said Phase I was covered well. Phase II not presented in an organized way and that the disaster day hike was rushed.

Fifteen people went through Phase II in Joshua Tree. There is no list of graduates on file, and MG seems unable to supply. AM suggested "refresher" courses to update certificate. MG has given JCP most of the certificates. TT suggested that a detailed outline be created for each phase. Most instructors have turned in theirs. JCP said that the manual would be revised and updated. If there is sufficient interest, a second session of Phase II could be offered by year's end. Board members should canvas their individual chapters to see if there are others willing to take the class. Spring '93 should see a new edition of the manual for Outdoors Experience.

AAA reported that 60 people have signed up for the 4th of July Jamboree--44 members, 16 non-members, \$1840 received in checks, plus 3 outings certificates (which LA will reimburse the Board) sites cost \$335. Dar said we'd have 3 teas. \$300 was allocated for food. Finances will be presented at next meeting. Due to the distance, firewood will be purchased in Mammoth.

AAA moved that we make reservation for next year's jamboree site at Rock Creek, Dorst, Fir Group, or Horseshoe Lake.

BK seconded.

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RA reported on Chapter Development.

1. Palm Springs has interest, but some movers and shakers might be a bit shaky.
2. Kern Co/Bakersfield has strong interest, have 25 who are ready to do what needs to be done to certify them as chapter-designates.

Problems in Santa Barbara have prevented RA from really following through. President of Santa Barbara resigned May 1 and placed the chapter on "hiatus". Santa Barbara has leadership shortage, with few wanting to accept the responsibilities. RA is temporary Chair. Treasurer resigned in December; Outs VP resigned in Nov/Dec. RA is the clearing house.

Chapter communication is important. Board Reps, Chapter Presidents, VP-Outings, and Newsletter editors should all receive a copy of your chapter's newsletter.

AAA moved that if the two new potential chapter Palm Springs and Kern Co/Bakersfield have an organizational meeting planned, then it can be listed in the quarterly.

BK seconded.

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MG will be contacted about this situation for the next quarterly.

AM moved that we accept listings of activities from Palm Springs and Bakersfield in the quarterly if space permits, and the groups are identified as potential new chapters.

BK seconded.

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Group recessed for lunch

Following lunch the Board was joined by Larry Hull of Los Angeles chapter and Mike Vinson of San Diego chapter.

White Water Expeditions wants to use the name America Outdoors and is offering us 12 trips to be used in '92. Dar said it was necessary to raffle off or sell the trips since many rivers according to JCP have a short season, and that once the rivers dry up the trips are worthless. Several pair will be offered at the jamboree and at Christopher Street festival. Money raised will be used for the Catastrophic Illness Fund.

BK spoke about the Catastrophic Illness Committee. Qualifications would be 1. life-threatening disease; 2. Are at point where they can no longer work; 3. Have exhausted other resources; 4. Each case will be judged individually; 5. Anonymity assured; 6. Only for GO members; 7. Documentation must be turned in; 8. Purposes would be for medicine, food, rent (partial), emergency transportation, etc. 9. Funds would be separate from general GO budget; 10. Fund raising can take many forms, and would be participated in by all chapters.

A lengthy discussion ensued, with many positions being taken. Los Angeles Core group was opposed to the committee, while San Diego took a similar stance. An additional meeting of the committee will be called in order to clarify some points, and a report will be made at the next Board meeting. AM concerned by the lateness of the hour asked that further discussion be curtailed.

Christopher Street is coming up this weekend. Orange County and Santa Barbara festivals worked well. Some misunderstanding has led to OC/LB not being allowed to participate in the booth. PSGV has agreed to share their half of the booth with any of the other chapter, should LA disagree. LA admitted that some points were not communicated and there

had been a misunderstanding. Everything turned out all right, and OC/LB did participate in the booth. Sharing costs is a positive thing, since it permits the chapters to also share costs, and serves to bring the chapters closer together.

BK made a motion that the chapters who participate in a particular festival share in the expenses of the booth and staffing.

EG seconded.
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LH introduced a By-laws change that would alter the amount payable from individual memberships due to corporate. At present it is \$5 per member; his amendment would instead change that amount to \$3 per member or \$2 for senior, hardship, and students.

AAA expressed the opinion that the \$5 is necessary if the Board is to have enough money to carry out their duties.

JCP questioned AM as to whether we're in deficit spending.

AM explained that we're about \$3500 spent this year.

AM reiterated that as a financial person she felt the proposed By-law amendment was dangerous, inappropriate, and not a wise procedure to have the delegates set the dues structure at the annual conference. The delegates do not have the concept, the responsibilities, or the whole picture that the Board has for establishing its budget. It would be a very dangerous precedent to set; perhaps it's more democratic, but it's not a good way for an organization to go.

MV agreed that the clubs need more money, now, more than ever.

TT clarified that the Board need not approve the By-law amendment-- it is solely being submitted to us for deliberation by the delegates at the general meeting.

RA didn't feel that the \$1 being collected from seniors, students, etc., was not enough to defray the costs incurred by the Board. LH accepted the change as a friendly amendment.

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AM said because some chapters are hurting, they should not come to the Board to fix the rates,.

The Board may make a recommendation as to how it would prefer the general membership at the annual conference to vote on this and any other amendments.

AM briefly spoke about chapter history. Each President will be expected to deliver a brief oral recap of the chapter's activities for the year, at the annual conference.

AM moved that the Board purchase the seal embosser from MG;

AAA seconded

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It was noted that Inland Empire and Channel Islands chapters have not been represented for the last two meetings. AM agreed to enquire as to why when she calls for financial & membership records.

Distribution of the quarterlies

Santa Barbara 100
 Chapter Development 200
 LA 800
 CI 100
 San Diego 100
 OC/LB 250
 PSGV. 100
 IE 100
 Christopher Street Festival 1000 (500 each for LA & PSGV)
 San Diego festival 500
 Orange County Festival 500

AM felt that Board needs to take a lead due to MG illness and incapacitation as outings Chair. JCP agreed to do the final issue of the quarterly. Also, AM would like a copy of the GO calendar. MV was the only one who had a copy and will send a copy to AM.

It was decided that Rob Friday and Don Smith and John Pearson would split the duties of Outings Chair for the remainder of MG's term.

AM proposed that the annual conference is the duty of the host chapter, as to whether they make money or lose it.

AM moved that \$200 be allocated for the host chapter's rent of the facility for the annual conference.

BK seconded

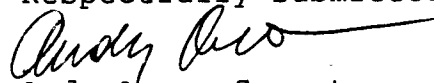
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MV asked that seed money for annual conference be considered at next Board meeting.

A round robin was held, with each Board rep talking about the various things their chapter was involved with.

Meeting adjourned till September 19, 1992, at which time OC/LB will host the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Aros, Secretary,
 California Great Outdoors, Inc.