



Great Outdoors Corporation Meeting Minutes – December 2004

Great Outdoors Corporate Board Meeting
December 6, 2003 held at

Cedar Lodge
2018 Griffith Park Blvd
Silverlake, CA 90039

Attending: Roger Vorst: President; Roger Gray: Financial Officer/Palm Springs Board Rep (acting);
Dan Grutzmacher: Secretary; Marty Bracciotti: L.A. Board Rep; Marco Acosta: San Diego Board Rep;
Jeff Reay: Orange County/Long Beach Board Rep (acting)

Absent:

Santa Barbara Board Rep; Palm Springs Board Rep
Orange County/Long Beach Board Rep; Juan Armendariz: Webmaster
Outings Chair: vacant; Publicity: vacant

* = Action Items

10:24 Call to Order

President Roger welcomes all and everyone introduces himself around the table.

Reading of the Minutes

Minutes from last meeting at conference are missing.

- * Secretary Daniel T. Grutzmacher is to contact Greg Papin for minutes of prior meetings and other board related materials, et al.
Roger V wants to revisit the purpose of the Corp. Board, the reason for meetings (by-laws).
Financial Officer Roger G states that it is for coordinating Outdoor Education (for which there is no Chair), Jamboree, Conference, storage for archiving, tax prep and that conflicts in the past have quieted down.
Roger G proposes that the board email business with December business at conference.
Marty proposes that chapters decrease chapter money to corporate.
Costs that the board incurs include: storage, meetings (gasoline/lunch), tax preparation, awards, and reimbursements to chapters.

10:53

- * Board Reps get chapters to give Roger V (temporarily acting as Outings Chair) day activity info to post on the corporate website calendar.

10:57 Consider eliminating Jamboree in favor of more multi-chapter events

11:06 Roger V: examine Outings Chair purpose/function. Calendar is highest hit part of the Corporate website.



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- * Definition of Chapter's VP of Outings: hunter-gatherer of info from trip leaders and pass on to Roger V (or Outings Chair, if exists), newsletter editors, and webmasters.
Day Activities and Outings to be listed separately.
Outings Chair to collate Outings and Day Activities.
- 11:15 Education Chair:
Need to separate camping training from actual trip leading.
Consider modular approach.
- 11:25 Marty goes to get menus for lunch.
- 11:29 Joe Selph visits the meeting.
Incorporated as a recreation organization, not an educational organization.
- 11:33 Marty: Pizza, Thai, or Chinese?
Consider restructure of Education Program.
- * Roger V to send email out to Education graduates to canvass for possible teachers.
- * Roger G to look into Monrovia Cabin for this years Wilderness Education Phase I and book for March 20-21 or March 27-28.
Roger G: they actually have a file on us.
Consider campout closer to San Diego for Phase II.
- 12:10 Consider criteria for new chapters, to prevent "one-man" shows.
- 12:12 PIZZA HUT ARRIVES – LUNCH BREAK.**
- 12:37 Secretary's Report
 - * Get from Greg Papin old Secretary's material.
 - * Roger V: By-Laws to be posted on Corporate Website.
 - * Board Reps to inform Chapter Core Groups of By-Laws and instruct webmasters to create links to it.
 - * Board Reps to collect Chapter Core Groups contact list and forward to board Secretary.
 - * Newsletter Editors to include info about minutes on Corp website.
- 12:54 Financial Officer Roger Gray
Orange County/Long Beach and San Diego: do not have October's statement.
 - * Roger G to send Steven Snodgrass of San Diego an Excel workbook to generate chapter financial report.
 - * Orange County/Long Beach and San Diego reps need to cattle prod chapter Treasurer to submit report.
Discussion on Bank CD at less than 1 percent.
Financial report submitted by Roger G.:

B of A Checking:	\$3,234.14
CD: \$8,811.90	(.85 %)
Total	\$12,046.04
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- 13:16 Webmaster: absent
- 13:17 Awards:
Plaques at \$40 each.



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Discussion of certificates for President with Plaque stating name once with years of service (e.g., “2001 to 2004”)

- * Secretary to list past winners in minutes, getting names from Roger V.
No board rep was prepared for the award nominations this year except for LA Conference: hotter than H.E. double hockey sticks at Lake Cahuilla
Los Angeles chapter is in charge in 2004.
Outings, Education, and publishing about Jamboree need to be done earlier

13:28 OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

13:30 ROUND ROBIN

Orange County Long Beach – Jeff R:

Strong Core group.

Santa Barbara:

Absent

Los Angeles – Marty B:

All new Core Group; reintroduce.

Like picnic meetings.

No Xmas party.

January meeting: Queer Eye for the Great Outdoors.

Palm Springs – Roger G:

Game nights good good.

Four hikes per month.

Xmas party.

San Diego – Marco:

Saturday night movies.

Full moon hikes

Xmas party tonight at Steven’s

- * San Diego to send newsletters to Roger V for archives.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tentative date for next board meeting, but possibly canceled if not needed:

March 6, 2004 – to be announced four weeks prior.

June 5, 2004 – nominations for awards?

ADJOURNED 13:49