

Minutes of the Great Outdoors Corporate Board

March 27, 2004

Held at: 1811 Griffith Park Blvd., Silverlake CA

Attending:

Roger Vorst, chair

Roger Gray, treasurer

Dan Grützmaker, secretary

Greg Papin, OC/LB rep

Craig Courtright, Palm Springs rep

Marco Acosta, San Diego rep

D.J. Zayha, SB/VC rep

Marty Bracciotti, LA rep

Absent: Juan Armendariz, webmaster

Guests: Brian Miller, Mark Legassie



10:20 **Call to Order** by Roger Vorst

Chairman's Report: the current issues to deal with are

- the Wilderness Education program
- the resignation of the San Diego chapter president Steven Snodgrass
- replacing the chairman of the board, since I no longer wish to serve on it

10:24 Roger Vorst formally resigns as the chairman of the board

10:28 Roll call and self-introductions of all those attending the meeting. All chapters have a representative present.



10:30 Craig Courtright moves that the board votes in an interim chairman. Marty seconds.

Mark Legassie states that he would be willing to serve as the interim chairman.

10:38 The vote is called and Mark is elected by a unanimous vote.

Roger G - the Monrovia cabin reservation has been cancelled and the deposit refunded
OC/LB and San Diego chapters are delinquent in submitting their financial reports

Review of Prior Action Items:

*Greg Papin to send/e-mail Dan Grützmaker the old board records and documents.

Action Item: Mark Legassie to contact Juan Armendariz regarding having the bylaws on the website.
and update the corporate calendar with upcoming chapter events.

*Corporate officer and chapter core group contact list: Corporate board to list officers with a link to chapter contacts.

*Board secretary to generate a master contact list from the chapter input

*Roger Gray to send Excel spread sheet to Steven Snodgrass to submit final financial reports

11:11 San Diego Chapter status

Marco's report on the San Diego Chapter: Steven Snodgrass is resigning as president of the SD chapter due to the recent death of his partner, Lester, and the lack of support from other members in running the SD chapter. Steven himself is not in good health at this time and there are no potential candidates to assume Steven's position. As such, San Diego will no longer be able to continue as a chapter.

Action Item: Craig Courtright will telephone Steven to ascertain the status of the current SD membership to help determine if they wish to cancel their membership or transfer to another chapter. He will also discuss the state of SD chapter finances.



Channeling Madame Clio, Marty spends the next ten minutes serving everyone in the room a steaming hot cup of "I knew this would happen!" with a side order of "I told you so!"



He then advises us that we need to keel haul the San Diego website, draw and quarter it, burn the remains and then stomp on the ashes.



11:30 Wilderness Education

Action item: Mark L. will coordinate the individual chapter leader information and requirements and contact Danny Sternstein for the student handbooks.

A general discussion followed regarding a modular structure for wilderness ed. and other possible approaches to revamping the course.



11:55 :As the board recovers from a space/time anomaly, Craig C. is the first to realize that we have yet to approve the minutes from the last meeting and thus -

Motion: Craig moves that the minutes of the last meeting be approved without further reading. Marco seconds and the motion passes unanimously.



Financial Report from Roger Gray (copy submitted to the secretary)

11:58 There is no report from either San Diego or OC/LB. The bank balance is \$12,283. The Federal tax

forms have been reviewed by a CPA firm and filed for the fiscal year ending September 2003.

Action Item: Greg Papin is to kick the tokhes of the OC/LB treasurer in order to (choose one: entice/persuade/coerce) him to submit the delinquent financial reports to Roger Gray.



Chapter Reports



12:15 SB/VC: (given out of sequence since they have to leave the meeting early today) WE are trying a new marketing strategy to attract new members and promote events which includes a new newsletter format and an online newsletter. We are setting up a recruitment incentive of a free trip for each new member that current members signup. We now have online membership registration as of two months ago.

12:25 Pizza arrives, break for lunch

12:30 Brian Miller and DJ Zayha have to leave early



Committee Reports

12:43 Webmaster: absent, no report.

Awards: (Roger Gray) there will be no activity until later in the year



The outing formerly known as conference.

Conference: (Marty) We are going to promote it as an “all chapter jamboree” instead of the usual “conference” since conference connotes a dull boring event with long, tedious meetings. We feel this will entice more people to attend. It will be at Lake Skinner, near Temecula, on Oct. 8 –10, 2004. We have reserved an entire loop of the campground.

Outings Chairman: currently vacant. Mark Legassie will be interim acting chair.

Publicity: vacant

Jamboree: not held this year

New Business

12:53 The bank signature card needs to be updated to reflect the change of board officers.

As of today, March 27, 2004, the officers of the Corporate Board are as follows:

Mark Legassie – Chairman of the Board
Roger Gray – Treasurer
Daniel T. Grützmacher – Secretary

These names are to be officially authorized to sign on the corporate checking account.

Chapter Reports (cont.)



Palm Springs: (Craig) Tim Carry is the new chapter president and is very active. The Palm Springs CORE group feels that the corporate representatives should visit the different chapters to get acquainted and give a show of support to the chapters.

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is mine again!



OC/LB: (Greg Papin) the chapter president had to have emergency neck surgery and so Greg is the acting president at this time.

LA: (Marty) LA is relaxing CORE group attendance requirements in order to get members to serve on the CORE group.

13:15 A general discussion followed on an inter chapter advertisement for upcoming trips.

Action Items:

1. Roger Vorst will create a corporate level promotional flyer for upcoming chapter events to insert into the chapter newsletters. If he is given the material to work with. If he is not given the event dates and information, he will not go looking for it.
2. Chapters will send their trip info to Mark Legassie, who will then forward it to Roger.
3. Mark Legassie will write a short intro for the newsletter insert



13:58 Meeting adjourned by Mark Legassie.



Submitted May 15, 2004
Daniel T. Grützmacher, secretary