



**CALIFORNIA GREAT OUTDOORS INC.
3rd QUARTER 2005-2006
CORPORATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 3, 2006

Pasadena Library

Attending: Chair, Mark Legassie
Corporate Treasurer, Craig Courtright
Secretary, Brian Miller
Board Rep/LA, Daniel Sternstein
Board Rep/PS, Doug Quigley
Board Rep/OC, Jay Crowley
Board Rep/SB/VC, Tom Ogier
Outings Chair, Corp. web master
& Corp. newsletter editor, Roger Vorst

Call to order: 10:05 AM

Chairman's address: (Mark) passed out to the board the different chapter's newsletters and commented on what a great job they're doing. Passed out the single page hand out of the 4th of July Jamboree event. Mark went to various local gay bars etc. to pass out the literature and recommended we should all do that as a way to get publicity out on our different trips.

Was agreed to continue to reimburse those that attend the Corp. board meeting for their mileage at .30/mile.

Mark let be known he will not run for Corp. Chair next year.

Short discussion on the procedure of electing new board members.

Danny made the motion, 2nd by Mark to approve the previous meetings minutes and was passed unanimously.

Action Items still to be completed:

Standardized education sheet IS complete by Roger,

Needs board review and approval before final printing.

There was a discussion on better web service at a lower price. Tabled for next meeting for any action item.

Brian talked about meeting Debra Williams and her Partner Donna Bishop who work for the Calif. Parks service. Good contact people for our Refugio beach trip reservations. NO action at this time as reservations won't be made until next year.

Doug from PS talked about the fact that their core group really doesn't read the other chapter's newsletters..too much information. It was decided that it was still a good idea to send out the newsletters anyway as they are sent electronically and is not a major cost to do so.

ACTION ITEM:

Doug to give the PS newsletter editor the updated OC/LB e-mails so that they can receive the PS newsletters.

Current Core group rosters were handed out except for SB/VC chapter.

ACTION ITEM:

Brian to sent out current SB/VC rosters to Corp. board members and Board reps.

Craig discussed that he will need all updated financials for the various chapters at the Oct. conference no later than Oct. 9th.

Brian to be given all updated membership rosters of the chapters at conference that include; Name, contact info, membership # and expiration date.

Financial Report: (Craig)

Reviewed financial Budget reports etc. A motion was made by Mark, 2nd by Jay to approve the budget reports with the caveat that OC/LB will send in their reports.

Passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: OC/LB to send to Craig their updated budget reports for the month of April.

Committee report: (Danny)

Outdoor experience; Danny to step down as O.E. chair next year.

Mario Voce and Kendall Rabun to take over his duties.

Very low on manuals! Need new ones to be printed.

ACTION ITEM:

Mario will bring to next board meeting costs estimates to print new manuals so that they can be included in next years budget.

Danny discussed moving O.E. classes from the fall to spring. Better prep time for publicity which would help to get a larger turn out. How vital the O.E. courses are for the future leadership of the Great Outdoors. That many students who signed up were non-members that joined G.O. after completing the course.

Advertising the O.E. in different gay publications is important & should be considered.

Large Events: (Mark) 4th of July Jamboree is going well. Mark to set up 4x4 jamboree in Death Valley

Corp Web Master (Roger)

Roger to complete his position as web master next year. Ritch and Byron to replace him for that duty.

Annual Conference: (Jay)

Trips notes to Oct. conference will be ready by the second week in June. Jay brought pictures of the campsite where the conference will be held.

Action Item;

Roger request that Mike Roth remove the pass word requirement on his trip notes so that Roger can replicate them on the corp. web site.

Publicity/Outreach: Vacant.

Mark has been working on various magazine publications for publicity.

Archives: (Craig)

Roger Vorst created a CD that had pictures of past camping trips that he made copies and handed out to all board reps. Recommended we use the CD's at our potlucks and other gatherings for publicity/outreach.

Roger also passed out a pamphlet sample for the board's review showing different photos, fonts and possible important information.

ACTION ITEM:

- 1. Mark to review with Roger quick version of pamphlet to be available in time for 4th of July jamboree.**
- 2. Danny to take version and present it to the O.E. committee for their comments and ideas for final version.**

Danny suggested that final pamphlet to be sent out to all current members and that in the future one should be sent out to each new member as part of their 'welcome to the Great Outdoors' packet.

Way to go Roger!

By-laws; No change at this time.

Awards (Craig)

ACTION ITEM:

Craig to send out e-mails to find out which Presidents are outgoing for this year, as they will receive a plaque.

Note: Outgoing VP of outings and other outgoing core group members to receive certificates.

Outgoing Corp. board members to receive a plaque for their service.

It was discussed that all core group members of the individual chapters receive some type of recognition for their service. This is a chapter level responsibility.

Danny suggested starting a new award 'Volunteer of the year award'

Danny motioned to create the new award, 2nd by Doug, passed unanimously.

Action Item:

Mark to create form for the criteria for this award.

Award on a one-year trial period to work out the details.

MOTHER OF ALL ACTION ITEMS:

A special, very very special award to be presented to Roger Vorst!

Action Item:

Board reps to bring Matt Gerighty and Life Time achievement award nominations to next board meeting.

Outings: (Roger)

Roger stressed that it is important that he receive any changes as soon as possible so that all info on the web site and newsletter is up to date and accurate!

Mark commented on what a great quarterly newsletter Roger created!

Day Events: (Mark)

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Past actions items discussed and completed as shown.

New Business:

September 9th next corp. board meeting. Location T.B.A.

Again, Craig stressed that he is to have mailed to him all updated financials by Oct 9th so he can be up to date and accurate on the financial status of the chapters for conference.

Round Robin: All chapters doing good (figured the minutes were long enough!)

However, Danny discussed LA chapter's odd way of recruiting members whether they want to or not by tacking on a \$15 charge to all their events thereby automatically becoming members.

Not fair to regular memberships as they pay \$25.

Board expressed their concern for the obvious inequalities this presents between new memberships \$15 and existing ones \$25.

Possible change to the by-laws regarding new membership payments and procedures to be discussed at next corp. meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:05 PM