

Great Outdoors

Corp Meeting – May 3, 2008

10:20 Called to order

PRESIDENT (Brian):

- Joshua Tree trip went well, no “bumps or curves” overall
- Contact list needed from each chapter
- Is it possible to have a central database for all chapters? If so, it should be web-based, secured with filters, having reporting capabilities (local and global), global access should be limited to Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. *Ritch will research.
- Corp will buy AIDS Ride jerseys for riders on our team. Chapters should encourage their members to make donations for riders (and jerseys).

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE (Mario):

- 11 attendees for Phase II. Still working to revise manual. There are problems with software and printing company. *Maria, Mike and David will resolve by December 1, 2008.
- Create a committee to revise/update program to add depth – due Sept 6.
- Schedule for 2009: 4/4 and 4/18 or 4/11 and 4/25
- *Ritch to email leadership password removal from corporate forms and chapter position email list.

SECRETARY (Brian):

- Special awards for Outdoor Experience Committee and AIDS Ride coordinator (David Driscoll)

TREASURER (Byron):

- *Byron will email standard Excel spreadsheet to Chap Treasurers.
- Interest rate on current CD is low. Any ideas on other investments?
- Revise budget as discussed at January meeting.
- Current balance around \$9,000.
- Need to add fundraising activities
- PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT:
 - Change annual fee structure: Single - \$30, Couple - \$50
 - Distribution to corporate: Single – \$7.50, Couple - \$10
 - Eliminate multi-year membership categories. Chapters may establish special categories of membership with different fees, so long as corporate receives its new share amount.

Chapters should vote on the proposed amendment and report results at the corporate meeting in September.

OUTINGS (Mike):

- Upcoming trips:
 - o San Simeon Jamboree – July 17-20
 - o Grand Canyon Jamboree – September 17-21
 - o Big Bear cancelled for June
 - o SD/LB Mt Laguna in August
- Even with rising gas prices, GO trips are a good deal
- *Board Reps should tell trip leaders to research parking fees and warn participants
- *Trip Leaders should contact Mike with plans at mlroth52@verizon.net

WAGON MASTER (Lou):

- Salton Sea trip was well attended
- Free camping at Glass Creek, June 19-24
- Lake Silverwood (other side of Big Bear) for Conference, October 17-19
- Chapter members interested in RV should contact Lou to be added to his email list

PUBLICITY:

Sheldon has resigned. LB/OC is asking for volunteers; other chapters should, too.

WEBSITE (Ritch):

San Simeon to be featured trip, then Grand Canyon.

AWARDS:

- Nominations to be submitted at September meeting.
- *Craig to email Board Reps

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ROUND ROBIN:

SBVC (Tom)

Volunteer position turnover; membership list revised (not 100 members as previously reported); No turnout for Jalama Beach trip; Denison Park trip went well for the most part; leader of Joshua Tree went to hotel; only two registered so far for upcoming trip. Other upcoming trips include river rafting, Santa Cruz Island and Mitchell Canyon.

LA (Lou)

Upcoming trips include Disconsoe Garden Tour (with potluck lunch, May 25), Red Rock Canyon (May 16), Grass Creek (June 19-24), Pt Magu (June 29) and Playa Del Ray Beach Burn (Aug 2). And of course, Conference Oct 17-19.

Palm Springs – not represented

OCLB (Jay)

Hosted kayaking event bank in January, Pt Magu in March, Santa Rosa hike and Hurkey in April. Upcoming events include Huntington Beach Harbor kayaking and museum trip in May and a picnic at Jay's on July 4. A Frisbee golf event in El Dorado Park is in the works.

SD (Bobby)

Daniel has purchased a trailer, which he will use a kitchen to provide breakfast to campers on SD sponsored trips. The trip to Mt Laguna in March had a nice turnout, and the forecasted rain turned to snow! The return trip in August will be open to members of California Mens Gathering (CMG). Our membership has approved a policy to offer discount to those that register early (rather than charging a late fee) to encourage earlier responses.

INLAND EMPIRE and FRESNO

There is talk of starting/restarting chapters in these two areas.

CALENDARING

Next corporate meeting will be at Ritch & Byron's house at 10:00 AM on September 6, 2008.

Adjourned at 1:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bobby Hall, August 2, 2008.