

GREAT OUTDOORS
QUARTERLY CORPORATE BOARD MEETING
January 2010

The Scheduled Quarterly Corporate Board Meeting met January 09, 2010 at the home of Mario Voce in Seal Beach, CA.

- The Meeting began at 11:03 am.
- Attending Corporate Officers: Brian Miller, Richard Rice, Chris Fava, Mario Voce.
- Attending Chapter Representatives: Jay Crowley (OCLB), Chris Fava (SBVC), Richard Rice (LA). PS and SD representatives were not present.

Chairman's Report - Brian Miller

- Brian to ask Klaus Gerhardt of the LA Chapter if he'd like to sit on the Corporate Board as Corporate Outreach Chairman.
- Conference hosted by SBVC went very well.
- Greg Papin expressed interest in being the next Corporate Chairman. The Board should begin canvassing for all interested candidates. There needs to be a smooth transition from Brian to the next Corporate Chair. Whoever it is should be involved at Corporate level in some way before assuming Chairmanship.
- GO needs to actively recruit younger members.
- There is a great calendar of chapter events for 2010.
- All the Chapters seem healthy.
- Four chapters (LA, SD, PS, and OCLB) are not yet using the web hosting service that Corporate provides. Their websites are still hosted by other services. The chapter webmasters should be asked to move host their websites with the Corporate-provided hosting. If they chose not to, Corporate will need the chapter webmasters to share the login access for the website, so Corporate can assume continuity in case of emergency.
- GayOutdoors.com said GO can post some events on their website. This opens up our events to a whole new venue. Thanks offered to Klaus for opening this door.
- There needs to take a serious look at amending the by-laws to clarify/clean up the different GO registration types. Looking to re-define the specifics of the Couples Membership. If there is a by-law amendment, then a proposal needs to go out to each chapter with attention to the correct procedures for making amendments.

- Special membership packages will still be at the discretion of the each chapter.
- Chapter Newsletter Editors need to distribute chapter newsletters to every chapter's Vice President of Outings, by using the generic VPO email address. San Diego chapter does not seem to have a regular newsletter.
- Currently, each chapter annually is allowed \$200 from Corporate funds to spend on their Pride function(s). Chapters will need to submit receipts for reimbursement. Talked about widening the uses of the \$200, to be not only for a Pride booth/parade, but any large gay-related community event or festival (like gay rodeo, Sunset Junction, etc). Depending on the new Corporate Budget, the reimbursable \$200 per chapter may be eliminated from the 2010 budget due to financial constraints, subject to Richard Rice's budgetary report.
- Brian to bring GO storage unit key to Richard Rice.
- Consideration will be given to having the next Corporate meeting nearby to the storage unit, so that after the meeting, whoever wants to can see what's in the storage unit.

Minutes were submitted from the last Corporate Meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes as written was introduced by Jay Crowley and seconded by Chris Fava. The motion was unanimously approved. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Richard Rice

- As of 12/21/09, the Balance of Corporate Checking Account is \$2555.62. The Balance of the CD Account is \$6583.43.
- Corporate tax filing must be done by March 31.
- Richard to include individual chapter balances in his report at the next Quarterly Corporate meeting.

Corporate Outings Chair Report - Chris Fava

- The all-chapter calendar is being maintained by Chris. Chris forwards the revised calendar to the Corporate Webmaster Richard Rice for posting on the web.
- Corporate will get any Corporate camping dates out to each chapter well in advance of their trip planning meetings so that everyone knows when the Corporate events will be. This should eliminate conflicts in planning.

- Each chapter will be asked to submit their individual trip calendars before Conference, to minimize planning conflicts at Conference.
- Brian will write a clarification between chapter co-led trips and simple cross-promoting other chapter's trips.

Webmaster's Report - Richard Rice

- Richard to update the Corporate website to promote upcoming trips, AIDS LifeCycle, and SBVC's Whitewater Rafting trip (early deadline to sign up).
- Richard to look into web hosts that offer online payment functions, similar to RegOnline.

Archives Report – [ad hoc]

- Billing address needs to be changed.
- Ensure the LA Chapter pays its share of the storage unit, because they share the space with Corporate.
- Richard's name needs to get on the checking account.

Outdoors Experience - Mario Voce

- Phase I at Monrovia Canyon Park is reserve. Circle X campground is going to be very difficult to reserve. It's our preferential choice because of location and expensive. Mario is going to find an alternative in case we can't reserve Circle X. Needs to have certain attributes like mountain peaks for compass-education, etc.
- Mario to send out a 1-page ad to Outreach chairs and newsletter editors.
- Hoping for 20 people to sign up for OE 1 & 2.
- Mario is looking for volunteers to help out with OE 1 & 2.

Next Corporate meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 10:00am, location to be determined.

Chapter Round Robin

- SBVC - Chris Fava
Successful Conference. Membership at 75. A number of SBVC members are participating in AIDS LifeCycle June 6-12.
- LA - Richard Rice
The LA chapter will be leading some exciting, out-of-the-ordinary trips.

- OCLB - Jay Crowley
OCLB had a nice Christmas party. There are some upcoming movie nights (invite everyone Alice in Wonderland at the El Capitan Theater in March)
- SD - not present
- PS - not present

The Minutes were recorded by Chris Fava.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Tom Ogier, Corporate Secretary.