



Corporate Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, July 31, 2010

Time: Meeting commenced at 10:39

Place: Home of Mario Voce, 730 Catalina Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740 (562)431-4760

Attendees are:

Brian Miller - Corporate Chairman SB/VC

Richard Rice - Treasurer, Webmaster LA

Chris Fava - Secretary, Board Rep SB/VC

Peter Panec - Board Rep LA

Jay Crowley - Board Rep OCLB

George Lapole - Board Rep SD

Cliff Clue - Board Rep PS

Greg Papin - OCLB

Dennis Banning - SB

Mario Voce - Meeting Host, Outdoors Experience OCLB

Committee Reports

Corporate Chairman, Brian Miller

Brian passed out a sheet with the proposed 2011 Corporate Jamboree, tentatively set for September 1- 5, 2011 at New Brighton State Park near Santa Cruz, CA.

Brian brought up the issue of whether G.O should endorse Prop. 21. It was agreed by the board that G.O. shall not endorse the prop. "GO should not support Prop 21 because we don't want our organization as a whole to be involved in political endorsements" was the agreement by all in attendance.

Brian showed the new manual "What it Means to be a Leader" as a new segment for the Outdoors Experience. It is an addendum to the manual since the 2010 course.

Treasurer, Richard Rice:

Richard went over Corporate Financials. It was not clear if Byron Postma has filed Corporate Taxes for 2009 yet. Richard will verify that an extension was filed so that we are not penalized financially.

Had not received OC/LB Chapter's end of month statements for the last two months yet (Jay to follow up).

Outings Chairman, Christopher Fava:

Jamboree at Upper Oso was a great success. 49 people were in attendance. A lot registered just a few days before the event.

Thanks to Richard for keeping the all-chapter calendar on the web up-to-date.

Outdoors Experience, Mario Voce:

Wilderness Ed was pretty successful. There were 8 graduates from Phase I and 4 graduates from Phase II. Dates for next year will be decided at Conference when Mario can see everyone's camping trip calendar.

Round Robin:

OCLB - Jay Crowley. Rundown of trips. Also presented the trip notes for conference, the theme being 'The Mad Hatter' -where a hat will be required to wear when attending the tea!
PS - Cliff Clue. Rundown of trips.

LA - Peter Panec. Rundown of trips. LA chapter has the right amount of money for this time of year and is looking for good ways to spend it. Introduced LA's "Give-Back" camp which is an annual free camping trip. This year's is Aug 27 at Oso Lobo camp. Brought up the point that Corporate- and Chapter-level board positions are not widely known by members or publicized. LA is making an effort to inform people of positions to get better participation. LA Christmas party will be low-key this year (maybe a potluck instead of dinner at Castaway)

SD - George Lapole. Rundown of trips. SD Chapter is in trouble. President and Treasurer are discouraged, possibly stepping down. Problems within the core group leadership, lack of interest and or involvement. Corporate discussed possibly stepping in to help. Jay Crowley the board rep. from OC/LB, said he is willing to help out as well.

SB/VC - Brian Miller. Rundown of trips. SB/VC won the Gay and Lesbian Business Association's Outstanding Community Leadership Award. Membership has increased.

Old Business

Corporate Board voted on the new Fee Structure.

The new Fee Structure deletes the Couples Membership, all Special Membership Packages, and all Multiple Year Memberships. The Regular Membership of \$25 remains the same. Activity Fees remain the same.

(see addendum)

New Business

Corporate Board voted to enact the following Policy regarding minors attending trips:

"Whether or not minors will be welcome on a Great Outdoors outing is up to the discretion of the trip planning leader and/or group sponsoring the trip.

A discussion took place regarding the role of the trip leader as to what his or hers options are when allowed people on a trip. Brian read from the Outdoors Experience manual: Chapter 3 section 27, "People Problems". In it, it states trip leaders have at their discretion, can dismiss a camper(s) to leave a trip or not allow them to attend at all if they feel they are being unsafe or have a history of bad conduct to themselves to others, acting unruly and/or out of hand i.e. disobeying the code of conduct. It was also discussed by the board that a trip leader can design his or her trip to cater to a certain demographic group, if they so choose. That can include anything from a 'family friendly trip' to an 'all women's' themed trip. Though a camping trip is open to all, it can definitely have a focus group in mind. It was also discussed if minors are allowed to attend a trip, it is the trip leaders responsibility to know and be familiar with the liability issues involved and to design the trip notes clearly stating to those bringing children what those liability issues are and that they agree to them.

Awards - the following were the nominees presented by the chapters

Volunteer of the Year - Sean Dooner (SB/VC), Jeff Rothenback (LA), Daniel Castro (SD), Byron Postma (OCLB)

Mack Gerighty - Kyle Richards (SB/VC), Mike Roth (OCLB), Klaus Gerhart (LA)

Lifetime Achievement - Dixie Paradise (OCLB)

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Next Corporate Meeting will be held at Conference Oct 15-17 at Leo Carillo State Beach, hosted by the OC/LB chapter

Christopher D. Fava
Secretary (standing in for Tom)

Addendum

A Resolution to Amend the by laws of The Great Outdoors of California

Whereas: The present Membership Fees are outdated and in need of restructuring and,

Whereas: The chapter representatives have discussed this issue and have made the following recommendations to the Board of Directors and,

Whereas: The Board of Directors has reviewed the recommendations and agrees to their Substance and form and,

Whereas: All procedural requirement have been met and,

Whereas: In accordance with the by laws of Great Outdoors of California that amendments to the by laws be approved by the appointed chapter representatives at the annual conference.

Therefore: be it resolved by the appointed representatives that the following **Amended Fee Structure** be approved

1. **FEE STRUCTURE**
2. **MEMBERSHIP FEES**
3. Great Outdoors Inc. (corp.) will receive \$5.00 of each annual membership fee.
4. An individual chapter may, at its discretion, offer its members a reduced fee and will retain the balance of the reduced fee,
5. There is no refund of membership fees, (*Revised Convention, October, 2000*)
6. **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** \$25.00/year
7. **ACTIVITY FEES – BASIC OUTING FEES**
8. Outings: up to \$5.00 for members and \$20.00 for non members
9. Special Outings; up to \$10.00 for members (three days or more) and \$25.00 for non members;
10. One day activities: up to \$3.00 for members and non members
11. Non-members shall be charged at least \$5.00 more than members for outings and special outings.

See next page for proposed revision as to be written in the by-laws

Original Fee structure:

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fees. (*Revised: Convention, October 2000*)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP \$25.00 Includes one year of membership.

COUPLES MEMBERSHIP \$45.00 (A fee of twice the amount of the regular membership rate less 10%). This includes one year membership for two people at one address.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES Includes all regular membership benefits plus the following:

Friends of Great Outdoors \$100.00 Includes a GO T-shirt and three free outings (Basic Outing Fee only)

Trailblazers \$75.00 Includes a GO T-shirt and three free outings (Basic Outing Fee only)

Woodsmen/Woodswoman \$50.00 Includes a GO T-shirt and one free outing (Basic Outing Fee only)

MULTIPLE YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

Two years membership \$45.00

Three years membership \$67.50

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Proposed Fee Structure: (as to be written in the by-laws)

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