



**Minutes**  
Great Outdoors, Inc., a California Corporation  
Board Meeting  
April 18, 2015

In Attendance:

Byron Postma: Chair  
Richard Debner: Financial Officer  
Kyle Richards: Wilderness Education  
Brian Miller: Outings Chair

*Board Chapter Representatives*

Wes Steve Sisneros: Board Representative – LA  
Cliff Clue – PS (Acting Secretary for this meeting)  
Thomas Larson: Board Representative – SB/VC  
Mark Chandler: Board Representative – SD  
Larry Purtle – OC/LB

*Other Attendees*

Daryl Arthur, OC/LB President  
Ritch Barron, PS Chapter member, Banner Committee

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 am

**Quorum**

The acting Secretary verified that a quorum of voting Board Members was present.

**Minutes**

In the absence of Gary McGrath, Cliff Clue volunteered to act as Secretary and take the meeting minutes. The Chair distributed copies of the minutes for the previous meeting and requested comments and corrections. There were none. Moved to accept old minutes by Larry Purtle. 2nd by Mark Chandler

**Old Business**

*Committee Reports*

**Treasurer's Report**

Overall membership is up 4%. The Treasurer distributed copies of the all-chapter income and expenditure reports to March 2015, and the Corporate report. All chapters were up to date in reporting except for L.A., which last submitted November 2014. The treasurer expressed his thanks to the chapter treasurers for sending reports in time. Wes had the reports for Jamboree. The Treasurer's report will be available at the next meeting. SB chapter owes \$1080 for money collected for Outdoors Experience. Full report at the next meeting.

Thomas Larson moved to accept the report. Motion was seconded Larry Purtle. Vote was 5-0 to accept.

**Jamboree Report**

Wes reported that 27 out of 47 people attended the Grand Canyon Jamboree, primarily because of the cold weather. He had two no-shows, the rest canceled. He questioned whether refunds should be given. Normally, it is left up to the trip leader, but the two trip leaders disagree, so he requested a decision from the Board. Cliff moved that refunds be made only on request. Motion was seconded by Thomas. Arguments for the motion were that it is a fair way to handle it, since there was no refund policy stated in the trip notes. No arguments against the motion. The motion carried 4 – 1. The group requested the Outings coordinator to send correspondence to the chapter trip leaders encouraging refund policies.

**Archives**

No report.

**Awards**

No Report

**New Business**

Sean Dooner sent an email to the Chair requesting GO Corporate to donate \$500 to support "Paradise Pit" Toppings Tent for AIDS Lifecycle Event. This has been supported by others in the past, but the funding is no longer available from the previous source. Motion by Thomas Larson to donate \$500 to support the donate \$500 to support "Paradise Pit" Toppings Tent for AIDS Lifecycle Event. Motion seconded by Cliff.

The arguments for the motion were the worthiness of the Lifecycle Event, the past participation and support by G.O. members, and that it could be considered as a part of the Corporate outreach budget.

Arguments against the motion were: (1) it did not fit into the Great Outdoors outreach mission, (2) there was no budgetary information supplied by the request to show the need for the money and how it would be spent (3) concern about recent changes to the AIDS Lifecycle Event board (4) a \$500 donation would be between 1/5 to 1/6 (16.6% – 20%) of the Corporate budget.

Larry moved to amend the motion to provisionally approve the request for up to \$250 subject to the review and approval and determination of a final amount by the Treasurer of the SB Chapter proposal. The amendment was withdrawn. The Chair called for a vote on the original motion. Vote: 1 for motion to approve and 4 against. The motion did not carry.

Motion by Wes to authorize the Treasurer to donate up to \$250.00, provided that receipts acceptable to him are submitted. After a brief discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

**Outings Chair Report**

Brian Miller reported that this year we have had the higher number of sold-out trips that he can remember. We have a dynamic team of trip leaders, and the trips are high quality. Last meeting, the idea of including chapter day events on the corporate calendar was brought up. Brian will contact Ed Emond to see if and how this can be done.

### **Annual Conference Committee**

Larry presented the budget and plans for Conference 2015, trip notes, photos, sponsored by the Long Beach Chapter. Some of the founders of G.O. will speak. Larry would like to request each of the chapters to find members from the first years of the club. Larry wanted to know what a reasonable price for the conference is. The consensus of the group was that it would be best to keep the registration fee below \$65.00.

### **Outdoors Experience**

Kyle reported on the 2015 Outdoors Experience 13 participants, 5 instructors. Held at Malibu Creek State Park group campsite. Phase 2 will be at Circle X ranch. Manual not revised just pre-printed. Kyle announced he is considering stepping down at the end of the year. Need I for people members first five years

### **Banner Committee**

Ritch presented three versions of the proposed new banner. Ritch and Brian presented several version of the proposed banner developed by the committee. A version with a central logo, with six great outdoors photos and a green background was selected. Larry Purtle moved to approve the selected layout and to solicit photos from chapters for use in the "postcard" section. Thomas Larson seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Byron and Ritch will work on selecting photos.

### **New Business**

Alternative hike leader certification. There is interest in establishing a day-hike leader training program. This program would not supersede the Outdoors Experience program, but be a one-day program to train specifically day hike leaders and would not apply to backpacking. The consensus of the group was that having untrained hike leaders is a liability issue. Larry moved to authorize the Chair to appoint a committee to develop a proposal for an alternative day hike leader program. Cliff seconded. Discussion: committee should consider:

- Training materials
- What types of activities are certified for one-day training (no backpacking, daylight hikes only).
- How to qualify instructors
- Committee to report by October Conference

Vote: Motion carried, 5-0.

### **Potential New Eastern Washington Chapter**

The Chair has been in contact with Matt Stone, who is organizing the new chapter. They should have 20 members soon and already have their officers. Web site should be up soon

### **Chapter Round-Robin**

All chapters reported activities.  
Moved to adjourn at 1:30 pm