



## MINUTES

April 15, 2017 (Draft)

Great Outdoors, Inc.  
Board Meeting  
Location: 373 San Francisco Ave, Pomona, CA 91767

### **Call to Order – Chair 10:04 am by Byron**

### **Roll Call – By Chair Byron Postma**

Chair - Byron Postma

Secretary – Menard Jaramillo (acting Secretary)

Treasurer – Ed Emond

LA Chapter Rep - Steve Sisneros (not present)

OCLB Chapter Rep - Larry Purtle

PS Chapter Rep - Cliff Clue

SBVC Chapter Rep - Thomas Larson

SD Chapter Rep - Mark Chandler

### **Quorum was established – Chair**

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Archives – Steve Sisneros	Outings – Brian Miller
Awards – Brian Miller	Webmaster – Ed Emond-Worline
Bylaws – Richard Debner (absent)	Wilderness Education – Brian Miller

#### **Guests:**

Wes Stieringer (GOLA)

Paul Ripley (GOLA)

### **Secretary Report – Menard**

1. The minutes (copy attached) from the January 2017 Board Meeting were presented by Byron. The page numbers were incorrect
2. A **motion** by Tom & seconded by Larry was made to amend the Minutes as presented with the page numbers corrected
3. **Motion carried:** Ayes – 4 / Nays – 0 / Abstentions - 0

### Financial Officer Report – Ed

1. Ed passed out (copy attached) a copy of his Treasurer's Report. The layout has been updated. The first page of the spreadsheet are the Income and Expenses for ALL CHAPTERS. The second page is broken down by INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER.
2. Ed reported that the San Diego Chapter is not up to date with their dues. There was a discussion about late dues and reports by the chapters. San Diego is 6 month in arrears for dues and reports. Ed suggested that if not paid to place the SD Chapter in suspension. Bryon will send an email in behalf of the Board to the SD Chapter.
3. Ed stated that he is in the process of changing bank accounts. Ed will also check the Chapter spreadsheets to ensure consistency so he doesn't have to rekey entries.
4. Ed reported the Corporate checking account balance was \$3,3238.70, the Corporate CD account was \$6,650.57 for a total cash balance of \$9,889.27 as of 03/31/2016 (end of our 2nd quarter in FY 2016-2017).
5. Ed reported the Corporation membership total was 568 members as of 03/31/2016
6. A **motion** by Cliff & seconded by Tom was made to accept the Treasurer's Report  
**Motion carried:** Ayes – 4 / Nays – 0 / Abstentions – 0

<b>Committee Reports</b>
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### Webmaster Report – Ed

1. Ed indicated all is good on the Corporate Website, Google and Traditional Calendar & Facebook pages. He mentioned about providing links on Wild Apricot.
2. Brian requested GO email distribution lists. Ed to make available

### Archives – Steve (Absent)

1. A date will be set by Wes to go through the storage locker. If an item belongs to a specific Chapter, they will have the option to retain.
2. Once the inventory is done, a suggested archive policy will be written.
3. A **motion** was made by Mark and seconded by Cliff to close the locker before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term and not renew. Motion carried: **Motion carried:** Ayes – 4 / Nays – 0 / Abstentions – 0

### Outings – Brian (Absent)

1. Tom reported on the status of the Jamboree at Sage Hill. 24 spaces have been filled with 26 spaces left. All RV slots filled. A request was made for a volunteer to help Brian setup on Thursday. Tom and Chris will be leading hikes. Wine tasting in Santa Barbara area is planned as an activity. Discussion about this past years camping trip – record number of trips and attendance as well as the quality of the trips. Mark commented that the trip price for Sage Hill was a little high.
2. Byron has created a budget sheet that will be placed on the Corporate website.

**Awards – Brian (absent)**

1. No changes to Corp. awards program.
2. Discussion about recognizing trip leaders at the conference. Brian will come up with a proposal at the next board meeting. There was also discussion that memorabilia from the Archives such as t-shirts be pulled and made as awards to recognize members at jamborees.
3. A **motion** was made by Larry and seconded by Tom memorabilia such as t-shirts and cups be given out at GO Chapter events by the trip leader. **Motion carried:** Ayes – 4 / Nays – 0 / Abstentions – 0

**Bylaws – Richard (absent)**

1. Byron proposed an amendment to Proposal #1
2. The proposal is attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes
3. Discussions took place for the proposal
  - Proposal #1 – Election of Secretary
    - A **motion** by Mark & seconded by Tom was made to amend Proposal #1 as follows: In case of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall elect from the membership a new Secretary.
    - A **motion** by Larry and seconded by Mark was made to accept Proposal #1 as amended.
    - **Motion carried:** Ayes – 4 / Nays – 0 / Abstentions – 0

**Wilderness Education/OE – Byron**

- Manual is basically complete. Revisions are good. Larry will work on Camping section.
- Training leader to establish schedule and curriculum and look for venues for training. Byron will write up a job description
- Outdoor Experience name to be used. Discussion was held about what our Outdoor Training program should be named
- Richard Debner to change the Bylaw Amendment for the Outdoor Training Program from Wilderness Education to Outdoor Experience
  - A **motion** by Tom and seconded by Larry was made to use the “Outdoor Experience” as the name for our training program
  - **Motion carried:** Ayes – 4 / Nays – 0 / Abstentions – 0

<b>Continuing Business</b>
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**Outdoor Experience (see Wilderness Ed/OE – Committee Report section****Name of Program**

- Progress on W.E. Manual

**Broke for lunch 11:38 AM**

**Back to order: 12:27 PM**

## **New Business**

### **Los Angeles Chapter – Planning for Annual Conference 2017 - Wes**

- Original site was Sycamore Canyon. New site is Table Mountain near Wrightwood.
- 10 sites have been reserved with RV access up to 65 feet. An entire loop has been reserved and is next to the amphitheater.
- Lots of overflow parking

### **Liability Insurance**

- Discussion by Larry about the need for liability insurance, it's cost and liability of Board Members. More research needs to be done.

### **Wild Apricot Website**

- Discussion about including waivers on the Wild Apricot site. Palm Springs requires a waiver for their events. Should waivers be also used on the Great Outdoors' Facebook and Meetup pages? Larry and Bryon will look at options. No motion was made.
- Ed is looking into setting up a Parent Organization with Wild Apricot. Chapters would feed into main website. Possibly migrate from Google Calendar to WA.
- Wes talked about having one site for events and membership.
- Byron will appoint a committee to field questions to chapters about how our websites should function. Ed, Wes and Chris appointed to committee by Byron
- Ed and Wes will have a proposal by next meeting regarding consolidating the chapter websites.

## **Chapter Reports (Round Robin)**

### **GOLA – Wes**

- Ensenada trip sold out. Montano de Oro, 2 Harbors and Kern River almost sold out.
- Green Valley will be a free campout to members – July 14-16, 2017
- Hosting Conference 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October 6-8, 2017. Table Mountain selected
- GOLA cards made up to promote organization at events. 1500 cards ordered
- Good attendance at hikes and Roller Skating. Las Virgenes hike led by Bryan and Alb had a record attendance of 46 people
- Mt. Pinos campout scheduled for August
- Jose is training on the website.
- Two Core Member vacancies coming up: President and VP of Outings
- 108 members as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**OCLB - Larry**

- July and August – 1 week backpacking trips scheduled
- Dogwood Campout scheduled for June
- Meetings held monthly and events are announced to member who attend
- Discussion about member roster frequency and liability insurance
- 54-55 members

**PS – Cliff**

- Meeting held at the Gay & Lesbian Center – good location and only \$40/month
- Social media being used – Twitter and Instagram
- Day trips are doing well
- Saline Valley Campout coming up
- Gay Days and PS Pride, new people are signing up
- 241 members

**SB/VC – Tom**

- Successful trip to Yosemite – sold out
- Various upcoming trips mentioned – Pismo Beach, Las Vegas, Sage Hill Jamboree, Lassen Nat'l Park
- Vacancy for Treasurer – Current Treasurer resigning in September
- Membership - 98

**SD - Mark**

- Upcoming campouts planned: Agua Caliente, Santa Cruz Island, Lake Isabella, June Lake
- Monthly meetings and monthly bonfires (with other groups) continue
- Summer BBQ at Matthew and Brandon's house September 1st

<b>IN CLOSING</b>
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Next meeting scheduled for – July 29, 2017, 10:00 am, hosted by Steve

Motion to adjourn at 1:15 PM (passed)

Attachments: