

VISTOSO HIKING CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 2, 2015
Catalina Vista/Pusch Ridge Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Williams, President, Jim Brandl, Vice President; Zora Saunders, Assistant Treasurer., Clive Probert, Chief Guide; Kathy Anderson, Treasurer; Judith Maisch, Secretary.

FORMER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gaston Meloche, Michael Lubatkin, and Ann Owen

CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Darrel Cornelius, Robb Simms, Assistant Webmaster, Millie Sparling, and Paul Meier, Webmaster.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the March 17th and March 28th were accepted as edited by Gaston Meloche.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Michael Lubatkin moved and Rob Simms seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Williams opened the meeting by thanking the outgoing board members for their dedication and service.

ANNUAL MEETING: No remarks or comments were offered regarding the annual meeting on March 28, 2015.

WINE & CHESSE PARTY: It was reported that 110 members attended. All those who attended seemed to have a good time. Although there was no speaker this year, Michael asked if there will be a speaker next year. Some members at the Party commented that they would prefer not to have one. Michael Lubatkin complimented Pam Brunk and her committee on a great job of organizing and presenting the event. Michael also has the information about the event menu and costs that can be shared with future committees.

HIKING TRIPS: The Ramsey Trip was attended by 12 people and went very well with the exception of some illness problems. It was suggested that a budget should be developed for the trips. However, it was pointed out that no budget is necessary since everyone pay their own expenses. Other hikes: The Chiricahua Geology Hike has 9

participants; the extension has 12 hikers enrolled. Gaston will prepare a budget for the Chiricahua extension and organize a meeting prior to trip. The group is scheduled to meet at the Chiricahua Monument Meeting Center on Wednesday, April 15th, 10:30 am. No money is needed in advance.

AUDIT: A copy of the audit should be added to Secretary's minutes otherwise a copy is difficult to find when needed at a future time. Judy was not given a copy and therefore has not been inserted in the Secretary's book.

GUIDES & HIKING WEBSITE: Darrel Cornelius is setting up the guides website. The report sent via email to the members of the Board describes the basic set up of the website. Robb Simms suggested setting up a committee to review the website for what is needed and to summarize any issues. Paul and Clive volunteered to serve on the committee. Additional technical expertise is needed.

Other suggestions:

- To get input from Club membership to be entered on this website.
- A Club member at large should be on the committee.
- A survey was suggested but dismissed as not a good idea.
- Paul Meier should be contacted for ideas.
- Security should be a major consideration; phone numbers and email addresses should not be shown.

Jim Brandl complemented Darrel on a good job and added that the website is an important educational and recruiting tool. However, some revision is needed. Gaston suggested updating and revising the entire website: the information provided needs to be upgraded and the addition of a Guide's page suggested by Clive is a good idea.

The question remains as to how the website would be maintained and where it would reside. Sun City does not want our site linked to theirs, but wants input on its appearance.

It was agreed the committee should consist of four members.

GUIDES ISSUES:

FIRST AID CLASS: Gaston Meloche will take a first aid class and report back to the Board with a recommendation as to whether it would be beneficial for all guides to take the class. In the past guides received first aid kits and it was recommended that all guides (who do not have one) should be given a kit at the cost of the club. They can be purchased on line for about \$17. Jim Williams will purchase enough kits for all guides. Michael Lubatkin maintained that leaders should not take on nor promote the responsibility of administering aid, but hikers should carry their own supplies. Kathy Anderson added that the Southern Arizona Hiking Club does not do anything of offer assistance. In that club hikers sign a liability waiver form that relieves the leader from any liability and the obligation to carry supplies for accidents.

Gaston believes that guides should have the first aid class so they know what to do and what not to do and be able to follow class basics. It should be offered at free of cost. The main thing is to have availability of a cell phone to call 911. However, that should not be mandatory. Knowledge of first aid does not promote expertise or liability for the Club. Liability is created when aid is administered without knowledge.

The question was asked: When a guide engages a emergency call, who is financially responsible? The response was offered by Gaston: The consent of the patient must be obtained and witnessed by a second party. If a person is unconscious, then the guide makes the decision. If an injured person refuses help then the guide also must make the decision.

Jim Brandl made a motion, seconded by Michael Lubatkin, to give the guides a basic first aid kit at the Club's cost. The motion was unanimously approved.

TRAIL SHEET REVISIONS: With respect to a liability waiver, Clive Probert reported that the previous Board had approved a waiver to be part of the membership renewal form beginning with the 2016 renewals. Trail sheets would only have lines for hikers' signatures.

RECOGNITION OF GUIDES: There is a general consensus that there is a need to recognize guides and other volunteers who work all year around to help the Club operate efficiently. Jim Brandl moved and Clive Probert seconded a motion to have a wine and hors d'ouvers party following a guide's meeting with a budget of about \$200.00. The motion was passed.

MEMBERSHIP PROCESS: It is the responsibility of the orientation hike leader to ask if the applicant is a resident or non-resident.

RESIDENTS must take the orientation hike, receive the application form, and submit the completed form to the Treasurer with a check for \$7.

NON-RESIDENTS must take the orientation hike after which they are given an application form with the understanding that the form may or may not be approved. Their application is then submitted to the Treasurer with \$7 who then brings it to the Board for approval. Once non-residents are approved for membership, they shall remain members as long as they pay their dues.

A number of questions were raised regarding non-resident members still under consideration:

-Who informs the applicant that they have or have not been approved?

-What is the criteria for non acceptance?

-What about residents who leave the community? Should they have special consideration if they want to re-join the Club as a non-resident?

-What if total membership drops and non-residents members become greater than 10%?

HOUSEKEEPING ISSUES:

-Meeting Days: Thursday afternoons were acceptable by all members of the Board.

-Jim Williams will work on a calendar for the President.

-In the event that a decision needs to be made by Board members between meetings, the President will send out a communication for Board response (preferably unanimous).

Jim Brandl moved and Clive seconded a motion to that effect and that the item would be added to the issues of the next meeting. The motion was approved.

-What should be posted on the Club's website: Meeting minutes? Board Agenda?

Following a discussion, Clive moved and Jim Brandl seconded that the agenda would be sent by email to the Board members and the minutes of the last meeting would be posted on the website after circulated to the Board and approved. The motion was approved.

HEARING AT OUTDOOR EVENTS: The Club owns a microphone that is available for such events.

PURGING THE MEMBERSHIP LIST: In 2015 the list was purged on 3/1/, but in 2016 it will be purged on 2/1/. A renewal reminder will be sent out in January to membership.

RESERVATIONS FOR PICNIC FACILITIES: It was noted that it is the responsibility of the event Chairman to arrange for reservations. The dates for the picnics set several years ago will be reinstated; i.e. Fall Picnic is the 1st Tuesday in November and the Spring Picnic is the 1st Tuesday in February. Max Haegele will chair the New Years Even hike usually held on December 31st. The Wine & Cheese will be the 3rd or 4th Saturday in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Judith Maisch, Secretary