Los Alamos Mountaineers Board Meeting – September 12, 2023

Meeting Notes – Fessenden

Attendees:  
President: Toni Taylor  
Vice President: Bill Priedhorsky  
Treasurer: Cecile Hemez  
Programs Coordinator: Julianna Fessenden  
Trip Coordinator: Jeff Click  
Membership: Sylvie Adam

Regrets:

Secretary: Jean Dewart

Webmaster: Zack Baker  
Equipment Manager: Kei Davis (emailed in)  
Past President: Melanee Hand

**Minutes**

* Minutes passed: unanimous

**Trip Participation**

* We discussed some aspects of trip organization. The discussion started with Bill asking what a trip leader should answer to the question “who else is going.” One might be concerned about the club becoming cliquish if trips resolve into closed groups of friends. Others made the practical points that knowing who is going on a trip helps participants organize, and avoids the occasional irreconcilable conflict.
* It was thought to be good practice to share the roster a day or two before a trip to all participants, or when the trip reaches capacity.
* Trips should be first come, first serve in the interest of fairness.
* It is good practice to check gear at a pre-trip meeting, or at least before leaving town, but whatever happens not to let people hit the trail with inadequate gear.
* The technicality level of a trip should be communicated initially in the announcement, but again in further communications regarding the trip.

**Program Chair Information**:

**November 28:** Mike Fugate – 10 Day Grand Canyon Trip (waiting for abstract)

**December Potpourri: December 13, 2023 (6:30-9:30 Fuller Lodge)**

* Jean Dewart – Cross Country Skiing at Crater Lake
* Robin Gurule - Birding in the Bootheel, the Sky Islands of Extreme SW NM.
* Michael Altherr – Two Weeks with Uncle Mike
* Olivia Li – Hiking Valle Caldera’s Mountaintops”
* Luke Washburn – Mt.Rainier/Kautz Icefall climb
* Sylvie Adams – South San Juan (ask if it is okay to wait)
* Tim Rennick – hiking the Skyline Trail

**2024 Program Line Up: As of September 12, 2023**

* Jan 23 (Tanja Pietras): Gates of the Arctic National Park
* Feb 27 (Rob Suminsby): skiing in Antarctica
* Mar 25 (Phil Robinson): Summiting New Mexico’s highest 186 peaks
* April 25 (Rick Rubio) – How to Stay Alive in Avalanche Territory
* May 25 (Dave Coblentz) – Safely running 100 miles

**Nomination Committee (Michael Altherr, Clarissa Yablinsky, Patti Walls, Julianna Fessenden)**

* Clarissa Yablinsky (interested in VP or other position (?))
* Ann Santangi (interested in serving on board, not President)
* Evan Rose (interested in Pres/VP)
* Sylvie (may be willing to be Pres/VP)
* Ellen Mills (may be interested in secretary)
* Zack Baker (could help with gear master and web master)
* Carol Steward (ask Sylvie)?
* Jeff may be willing to do equipment
* Bill is willing to serve in most roles, perhaps publicity
* Ask the nomination committee on how to match
  + Okay to get trip coordinator,
  + Okay to get new membership

**Climbing School** –

Toni willing to lead the climbing school – as past president (her task). Consider someone to do it in Los Alamos (commercial folks more locally). Maybe not Taos (must be permitted). Ask Melanie for more information on who she asked.

Cost was fine, travel was fine to use Taos. May be okay to use the same company.

Need to get permitted – for white rock area (Gallos, Protrillo, Overlook)

**Insurance**

VOTE: To renew but assess if want to renew next year in the next 8 months (5 yes, 1 abstain).

We will have a discussion next meeting about who will lead this effort (October board meeting). Cecile/Toni will talk to Melanie

**Membership**

* The 9/10/23 social event at Bathtub Row Brewing (for all Members) resulted in 3 family renewals and 3 new membership, $40 donation for the event. So have $190.00 for Cecile. So have 249 members in good standing; 38 new members in 2023
* Purge = 676 google drive members – but only 249 in good standing

**Life Members Nominations**

* Currently have 10-12 members.
* Wrote criteria (2 years ago). We should discuss this, as there are several who would qualify.
* We will discuss in October Board Meeting – Bill or Toni will send the criteria
* Good to say something at the Potpourri on who are the new life members
* Should not list spouse as a life member – just part of the family
* Noted in post-meeting correspondence: Dave Dogruel is also a life member, not listed on the web site.

**Trip Leader Gifts**

* Going back to November 2022 – identify trip leaders and number of trips/days led (Jeff)
* Jeff will get Bill’s swag from his porch on Sept 14, 2023. (done)
* Toni will summarize what we have~~.~~
* Send out emails to trip leaders with list of possible awards
* Will ask the awardees to choose their top 3 items
* Trip Leaders will be recognized at the Potpourri

**Treasurer**

* We have a CD for 8K.
* Debit card – we have one
* Ledger is updated

**Cage Key**

Toni has the key to the Cage in Kei’s absence

**Next Board Meeting**

October – 2nd week of October – Tuesday the 10th, Fessenden’s house