

LAM Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2022

Attendees:

President: Melanee Hand
Vice President: Toni Taylor
Treasurer: Cecile Hemez
Secretary: Clarissa Yablinsky
Past President / Webmaster: Zack Baker
Membership: Sylvie Adam
Trip Coordinator: Bill Priedhorsky

Regrets:

Programs: Rod McCrady
Programs: Julianna Fessenden
Equipment Manager: Kei Davis

Meeting called to order over Zoom 7:05 PM.

Meeting minutes of 30 November majority approved, one abstain.

Old Business:

1. Voting Board Members- Bylaws amendment
 1. Comments from the members:
 - i. There should not be more voting appointed members than voting elected members.
 - ii. Good points and Melanee withdrew the motion. We will follow the bylaws until the update.
 - b. Bylaws should be looked at as a whole to update anyway.
 - . Clarissa, Bill, and Toni action item to review bylaws and propose changes.

New Business:

1. Liability Insurance
 1. This issue continues to crop up every couple years. Last time we couldn't find any company to provide what we wanted. Was looking back when we still offered climbing school. This time may be different.
 2. Jean Dewart was going to inquire with NMCCSC about how they handle liability insurance. What about asking Southwest Nordic?
 3. Are there other options for insurance:
 - i. Whole club is covered or at least board covered.
 - ii. Board gets personal insurance to cover with possible reimbursement
 - iii. Give members a coverage option for personal insurance.
 - d. Melanee will take the action to track down some options.
2. Board email distribution list
 - a. Current active board should be on the board distribution list.
 - b. Former board members should be removed and should approach the board as a member.
 - c. Move to "Explicitly include only current board members in the distribution list"
Motion by Cecile, second Clarissa. Vote passed by majority.

Proposals for Equipment Purchases

- a. Melanee submitted a proposal for review for the next board meeting.

- b. Comments from membership for discussion:
 - i. As we have more gear that the club owns, the responsible gear person has a greater role. The person needs enough expertise to make sure gear is in workable condition.
 - 1. If the person doesn't feel completely competent they should ask for other resources within the club to provide the competence for equipment management.
 - ii. Does this increase liability?
 - iii. What is the mechanism for people using their own gear vs the club gear?
 - 1. Only people benefitting from the club have that charge.
 - 2. Wording in waiver to do both.
 - 3. If this is just rental gear then why not personal trips.
 - 4. Possibly more liability if they are renting? What is the legal implication here?
- 4. New Year letter to members:
 - a. Melanee is taking comments on the letter. Targeting next week to send to membership.
- 5. Trip attendance recently:
 - a. How do we prevent people from not showing up at the last minute?
 - b. We most likely have to go with the flow right now in the pandemic.
- 6. Initiate Yearly Financial Review
 - a. Melanee will appoint the audit members (3) per the bylaws.

Round Table Reports:

- 1. Treasurer:
 - 1. Cecile showed Income and Expenses, showing a net revenue of \$3,403.89. Total of \$18,328.41.
 - 2. Is there a reason to keep a balance this large?
 - 3. Should be ok buying equipment 3-5K for now, and re-evaluate in a year or so after we see how much people participate, or if the availability of equipment brings in more members.
 - 4. All items for the audit are in the Google Drive, Treasurer folder.
- 2. Membership:
 - a. 191 members in good standing
 - b. 329 on the spreadsheet total, that haven't paid in a few years
 - c. Waiver - sometimes not done upon renewal. Sylvie will nudge them to fill it out.
- 3. Program:
 - a. Upcoming programs:
 - 1. January 26: Bill Priedhorsky, Canyon Country
 - 2. February 22: Evan Rose, Climbing Volcanic Plugs
 - 3. March 22: Julien Ross, Forecasting Winter Weather in New Mexico

Date for the next board meeting February 1, 7pm, on Zoom.

Appointed members adjourned.

Elected members stayed on to confirm voting appointed members. Voting appointed members will include Equipment Manager, Program Coordinator, Membership, and Trip Coordinator.

Adjourned meeting at 8:30 pm.