

## **LAM Board Meeting Minutes April 4, 2022**

### Attendees:

President: Melanee Hand  
Vice President: Toni Taylor  
Treasurer: Cecile Hemez  
Secretary: Clarissa Yablinsky  
Membership: Sylvie Adam  
Trip Coordinator / Publicity: Bill Priedhorsky  
Programs: Rod McCrady  
Equipment Manager: Kei Davis  
Past President / Webmaster: Zack Baker

### Regrets:

Programs: Julianna Fessenden

### Guests:

Michael Altherr

Meeting called to order over Zoom at 7:05 pm.

March minutes- motioned to accept with corrections. First by Cecile, second by Melanee.  
Unanimous approval.

### **Old Business:**

1. Status of Bylaws (Clarissa).
  - Bylaws were moved forward to a full vote at the April meeting. Bylaws will be posted to website.
2. Status of Liability Insurance (Melanee).
  - Melanee received additional input. She will take another look given the feedback.
  - Will get a price tag before sending back to the board.
3. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary status of planning (Cecile and Sylvie). Cecile reported out,
  - Sylvie, Jean, Melanee, and Cecile had a brainstorming meeting.
  - Camp may pavilion – Sept 17<sup>th</sup> for Anniversary celebration.
  - Rate is \$15/hour, and we probably have a credit (possibly under Bill personally, or LAM).
  - Logo for the event- add 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary somewhere. Possibly with a catch phrase (stick with Outdoor Adventure for Everyone)
    - Do we need a new logo?
    - What are all the current logos?
  - Activities / Swaps set up at pavilion.
    - Topo reading, GPS education, etc.
    - Gear swap, gear donation.
  - Advertise on the website. Possibly with a countdown.
  - Articles throughout summer to lead up to Sept celebration. Start late May?
  - Homecoming parade?

## **New Business:**

1. Send a thank you letter to Triad for the donation. Clarissa's action item, Tony will send the correct destination address to Clarissa.
2. Proposal from Michael Altherr
  - Ideas for fundraising as a result of annual alpine club's fundraiser. Impressed by some of the things they are doing to bring in \$\$\$. Seattle mountaineers had a similar activity.
  - Safe responsible volunteering and education. Teach and promote safe practice of outdoor activities.
  - Insurance not likely to be cheap.
  - Keep tax exempt status
  - Offset cost of liability program so we can get back to teaching.
  - If board thinks this is worth doing, Michael volunteers to affect some of the things.
  - Annual get together in December (hopefully live back at fuller!!)
    - During dining period, hold an auction for local items.
    - Silent auction.
    - Annual awards. Create a committee to make awards.
      - Adventurer 'The Liska/Fukushima'
      - Education 'The Bell'
      - Service / Volunteerism 'The Ewing'
      - Exceptional/honorary membership (for cherished members)
    - Dues are incredibly reasonable. Pledging period to beef up dollars probably needed to fund insurance.
  - Board comments. Generally, awards are good. But we need to see the cost of insurance if we implement any of these other things. We still are not doing climbing school in 2022.
  - Melanee: awards at the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, then further years at the potpourri?
  - Cecile: new member recognition would also be helpful for continued engagement. Have we ever done a scholarship?
3. Has anyone filled out the tax-exempt status form 501C7 paperwork? Federal version may be every year, and state may be once. It took Triad a long time to send the donation due to the status. Looks like Melanee may have been the last person circa 2013 to fill this out. Clarissa will try to look into this more.
4. New Zoom account for LAM Board and member use.
  - Bill has been providing his personal zoom to this point.
  - Zoom for trip planning may be useful for all members, thus the board/LAM should buy its own membership.
  - We should get an account. But we need to discuss boundaries. Bill will look into possibilities. Cecile will look up use info.
    - One meeting at a time? This sound ok.
    - How do we control use?

5. Round table review (all members)

- Cecile: updated expenses. Will move some money to account from pay pal to keep it clean for this year.
- Rod: upcoming programs. April- Sandra Corso, wilderness instructor, climbing to Joshua Tree. Follow that up with leading a trip to Autumn. Feedback that we need more mountaineering focus. May- Gary Johnson. Climbing highest peak on 7 continents. This one live/hybrid- PEEC limit is 60. June- Erik Bjorklin (sp?)- hikes with retirees throughout the state. Selection of recent hikes. July- James Wernicke- Kilimanjaro. Later: Hiking John Muir trail through Sierra Nevada. Jean Dewart exploring Quebradas Backcountry Scenic Byway. Ron Morgan /Gustafson are doing some climbs in red rocks. Rod rail trail bike ride. Suggestions welcome.
  - Rod on chat: Please think about how we would decide who gets to attend the Gary Johnson talk in person. Rod will ask Beth for more info on how hybrid works.
- Kei: No gear currently on loan. Evan has made some canyoneering gear purchases and will put them in the cage (Evan has access).
- Sylvie: Keeping track of new members. Member wanted family not individual, will send Cecile cash/check for difference. Still emailing stragglers. Address is not on the membership page with the PayPal link. Waiver needs to catch peoples eyes better.
- Clarissa: will upload bylaws to website and send reminder about vote at upcoming meeting.
- Bill: trip relatively healthy. Bill may have time now to recruit more. Hut trip is back!
- Toni: No update.
- Zack: Updated the program list on the LAM website to include the PEEC link.

6. Next meeting: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Cecile will create the Zoom link since Bill will miss the next meeting.

Adjourned at 8:53pm.