

**Minutes**  
**Los Alamos Mountaineers board meeting January 5, 2021**

Meeting called to order 7:09 PM Jan. 5 by president Melanee Hand. Board members present also included Toni Taylor, Bill Priedhorsky, Rod McCrady, Rashi Iyer, Cecile Hemez, Zack Baker.

The December's meeting minutes approved unanimously

Old Business:

YAAG (PEEC youth group) action follow up - contact Clay Mosley for Lesson on Ski Waxing sometime around the time of the PEEC Outdoor Film Festival third week of January. Zack will contact Clay and ask if he is interested.

Update on membership status: Julianna not available.

Status of Annual Independent audit: Discussed by Rashi. Candidates for the financial review committee discussed, and the board decided to invite Patti Walls, Jean Dewart, and Michael Altherr.

New Business:

Campaign for membership renewals? Michael Altherr noted that folks are confusedly thinking that they are joining the Mountaineers when they are contributing to PEEC. Cecile will include a membership slide at each meeting presentation. We also need to send an email to the whole membership – action Julianna.

Session Lessons (i.e. alternative learning instead of Traditional Climbing School)? Discussed, first step is the ski waxing demo.

Discussion: what do we want to provide the club as an educational opportunity? For example, Rick Light ultralight backpacking would work well online, as would some fundamentals of canyoneering. Altherr has some content of his own. His first topic was avalanche training. Training on Garmin Inreach device is another possibility; Michael is connected to an Inreach users group. Other ideas: Ross Lemons lecture on orienteering, or a Gwendolyn Gallagher lecture on mountaineering. Michael will share what he has done.

Future Programs? Rod reported that France Cordova is up to talk about Antarctica in January, Dylan Boyle will talk about his 293-mile bikepacking route in Northern NM in February, and Kim Selvege will discuss her 2020 Appalachian Trail trip in March. There are no talks scheduled after March so far.

Upcoming Meeting Logistics and action items. The agenda for the January 26 meeting will include the PEEC welcome, Mountaineers welcome (Melanee), Mountaineers membership pitch (Rod), outings and new trips (Cecile), speaker intro (Bill), speaker. We would prefer that trip leaders speak to past trips and new trips. We will dry run with PEEC a few days before, with final preparations 15 min before the meeting.

Shall we keep the post office box? We just paid. Let's make the change in the summer.

Bill: Mountaineers publicity should tell the Mountaineers story at every opportunity. People who are photographed should give permission.

Jean Gindreau will do interviews at a reasonable price, prefers to do them outdoors. Bill will approach Dave Brown. Norbert a good next choice. Let's ask Kei to approach him. The board would appreciate

Kei requesting this of Norbert. (note: other possibilities include Elizabeth Kelly and Alice Liska).

Trip news? Moab trip filled quickly.

Next board meeting will be February 2, 7 PM, Bill will arrange Zoom. Melanee will send draft agenda about a week out, final agenda by the Sunday before.