

Minutes Los Alamos Mountaineers board meeting 6 April 2021

Participants: Melanee Hand, Bill Priedhorsky, Toni Taylor, Cecile Hemez, Rod McCrady, Julianna Fessenden, Zack Baker

Meeting called to order by president Melanee Hand at 7:03 PM over Zoom.

The March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

It was moved that the minutes should be available to Club members who are logged onto their Mountaineer accounts. We will send one email to members when minutes are live. Minutes will be available somewhere in the Executive Board area of the website. Vote 6-1, Cecile opposed.

Interviews for Mountaineer oral histories: Bill will do David Brown. Melanee will do one.

Old Business follow up:

Raffle winners? Julianna has selected five members to whom we will award Mountaineer materials. We will announce the winning members at the next full meeting.

Financial review: no report yet

Student Input about the virtual avalanche class. Feedback from students = they would appreciate more give and take, e.g. Zoom or discussions. There appears to be no strong interest in doing another class. Zack discussed the possibility of an anchors class (limited scope) after the school semester.

LAM treasure (trash) hunt status: will announce a continuation of the program, same as last year, at the next meeting.

New business:

The LAM Board would like access to membership names and contact info. Cecile collects and posts trip waivers. Julianna gets annual waivers, which don't all have phone numbers. Plan is to keep the membership list on the Google drive. This in turn implies that Drive access should be limited to the current board. Zack accepted this as an action item.

Upcoming Programs and brainstorming for future subjects and speakers. Laeser wants to do 35 mm slides, but Rod thinks he can make it work for this month by arranging the digital conversions. Bill will post announcement of Laeser's talk on the LAM site. The board liked the idea of a fly fishing talk, and was positive about a modest honorarium for external professional speakers, say \$200-250, Toni suggested Bill Middlebrook, 14ers.com, as an external speaker. Melanee is thinking about Michael Kelsey. Evan met Kelsey at one point. Paul Bauer wrote a book about paddling the Rio Grande. Another idea is Hughes Expeditions. Bill will try BJ Orozco, llama packer, for May. Rod will talk to Craig Martin. He has talked e.g. about post-fire recovery. Melanee will check into Michael Kelsey.

Julianna has not been removing people from the membership rolls, with a few exceptions. Since non-members are getting email trip announcements, the board "strongly urges" that trip leaders require Club membership. Zack will change trip announcement form to ask whether trip leader will allow non-members. This is consistent with Bylaws guidance that non-members are allowed at trip leader discretion.

Toni will back up Melanee for April meeting.

Bill will ask Rashi for the report on financial audit (report has subsequently been received from Jean Dewart).

Motion to donate \$100 to the Ouray Ice Park. In the discussion, there was a consensus that Mountaineer donations should support organizations offer a significant benefit for Club members. The motion passed 4-3, with Melanee, Toni, Julianna, and Cecile voting yes, and Bill, Rod, and Zack voting no. We will announce this decision, and why we did it, at the next Club meeting, and urge individual donations also.

We would like trash photos to show at the next meeting.

Adjourn 8:37 PM