

## **Minutes Los Alamos Mountaineers board meeting 1 June 2021**

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

Regrets: Rashi Iyer

Meeting called to order by president Melanee Hand at 7:04 PM over Zoom.

May minutes approved unanimously with Rod's amendment.

Update and discussion about additional ideas to involve community youth with LAM; planned with **Addy Witt**, Youth Activity Group affiliated with PEEC, was postponed because Addy was not there.

### **Old Business:**

We discussed whether to continue offering awards for Trash Pick-up for Earth Day. The board agreed that we are done.

In-person option for LAM meetings at Nature Center hosted by PEEC, OR virtual (**VOTE**). Currently, can't do both due to PEEC Zoom hosting technical difficulties. PEEC seems to be asking for significantly more engagement from the Club if we return to in-person meetings at the Nature Center. There was a diversity of views on the desired end state, with some board members happy to continue virtual meetings, and others feeling strongly that in person meetings were essential to the continuity of the Club. Since the situation continues to evolve (for example, PEEC is not sure of what they can offer in the way of technology to support hybrid meetings), the board unanimously agreed to hold the June and July meetings virtually, then re-assess the situation at that time.

We also discussed the path forward for board meetings. Those are easier to take hybrid, as we can have a group meeting around a table and virtual participants engaging via Zoom on a laptop at the end of the table. Bill will hold the next meeting on July 8 at his house. Most of the board except Cecile and Julianna seem to be available. Melanee can host on August 3. We will arrange dinner contributions for the July meeting when the meeting gets closer.

Status on Treasure interviews – Dave Brown remains Bill P's responsibility, no action yet. We still not volunteers to do more. Melanee suggested experimenting with less formal interviews. The board agreed that we should try several approaches, and that the important thing was to get the ball rolling.

### **New Business:**

President Melanee suggested: "**2022 will be our Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!** Do we want to develop new swag to celebrate at our membership drive in December? (That way, members will

have their new swag at the start of the 70<sup>th</sup> year). This would include a decision for artwork commissioning, type of swag, etc.” The board discussed possibilities . The Jemez Mountain trail runs posters get a lot of play, and are an interesting example for us. We decided that this was a reasonable approach, and we would revisit the issue in a few months when 2022 gets closer.

Someone raised the idea of a “return to the new normal” Potpourri in September. The board had great enthusiasm for the idea. We are targeting the Tuesday Sept 28 meeting. At that time of year, darkness comes early enough that we won’t need curtains, which the ski hill lodge doesn’t have. Someone (sorry, notes are missing here) agreed to check with the ski hill regarding availability and possibilities for catering. We could also engage another catering service. \

President Melanee suggested: “ **Summer Gear Drive?** As done in previous years, now that we are opening up from the pandemic, let’s clean out our closets and offer gear we no longer use at discount prices to others who don’t want to invest in the high priced new stuff before they are sure they like the sport. We might have LAM gear in equipment storage that would go to better use if we don’t hold the climbing school anymore (Especially gear that becomes unusable after time sitting in a closet). For person-to-person sales, do we tack on a fee for LAM expenses? Also, advertising, space, volunteers, pricing of LAM gear, and money management at the event. Also, disclaimers that LAM is not responsible for the quality and safety of the gear (buy at your own risk).” The board thought this was a reasonable idea, but were concerned about their workload. Perhaps such a gear with the ski swap. Bill moved to table the idea for now, reconsider in a few months.

#### **Roundtable reports/status:**

Trips past and upcoming – Cecile will be gone June 18 – July 12 gone. Rod will be gone for the June meeting. Zack will cover in Cecile and Rod’s absence. Toni thinking about leading one of the PEEC peaks. Rod said that he was willing to lead an El Valle trip. Melanee said that she could trips after work, typically on Wednesday evenings. The board thought these were all great ideas.

Programs – 3 month lookahead. Rod reported that the June presentation was not yet lined up, but confirmed the next day that Ben Bergen would speak on Colorado 14ers. He was also talking to Bob Jump about 14ers, but Bob was a bit iffy. We have a July talk – Kristen Honig on Iceland. Toni suggested a guy named Wolf who attempted Lhotse. The board agreed by consensus to pay BJ \$200 as an honorarium for his May talk. We are considering Jake Clemens, fly fishing guide, for an August talk. Bill can do the contact, but we will wait to do so until Rod polls members for any concern on commercialism of BJ’s talk.

We considered posting Tuesday/Thursday climbing with the usual disclaimer that the climbing was not a direct Mountaineers event. This was by consensus.

Membership – Julianna. Two of five raffle winners responded and received their awards. The rest were contacted; we see no need for follow-up.

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no financial report.

**Adjourn 8:28 PM**