

## Minutes

Los Alamos Mountaineers Board Meeting  
August 31, 2021

### Participants

President Melanee Hand  
Vice President Toni Taylor  
Treasurer Rashi Iyer  
Secretary Bill Priedhorsky  
Trip Coordinator Cecile Hemez  
Membership Julianna Fessenden  
Programs Rod McCrady  
Webmaster Zack Baker

### Regrets

Equipment Manager Kei Davis

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

Treasurer's report and role: Rashi proposes to step down due to family commitments, so we need a new treasurer. Started year with accounts totaling \$14,925. Per the financial review committee's recommendation, a ledger has been started as an Excel sheet. Current balance \$13,847. Dues have come in totaling \$3,496 from members. We have not yet made the \$100 that was voted for the ice park in Ouray. We think this is Michael Altherr's action to coordinate. Toni will email Michael. We owe BJ an honorarium for his talk of \$250.

Approval of minutes: August 3 minutes approved as amended by Melanee and Cecile.

PEEC: There has been progress with PEEC in discussing MOU. Zack working on a joint PEEC/Mountaineers trip, and has a meeting with PEEC still pending. Carrying out a trip Spirit Lake got really involved because it is on Forest Service land. The complications derive from PEEC rules that they set on themselves.

There have been no more interviews of senior Mountaineers. Julianna would love to interview Bill. Other priorities include France Cordova, Chris Foster, Eiichi Fukushima, Elizabeth Kelly. Action Bill and Julianna. Bill needs to propose how to cut questions. The value of the interviews is more archival than short term. The target length of the interviews should be 30 minutes.

The board discussed the hoped-for September in-person event. There are concerns about holding the event in the time of COVID, including shared food. It was time to either organize in detail or cancel. We gathered the opinion of the board: Cecile, Bill, Melanee, and Toni wanted to delay, Julianna delay until March, Zack hold off a decision for a few more weeks. Rod wanted to simplify the event but not delay. Consensus to delay, and perhaps hold a Potpourri in December, perhaps hold a March event.

The board discussed holding trips and energizing the club. Cecile committed to leading a trip in the next 4 weeks. Melanee will lead a club trip.

Programs report: Bill has not been able to recruit a fly fishing speaker. Zack could do an expanded pack rafting talk to fill the September 28 slot. The board agreed to do so.

The nominating committee, chaired by Toni, includes Evan Rose and Dan Creveling. We polled the board for their willingness to continue. Cecile was willing to be treasurer, Toni trip coordinator, Bill secretary, Rod programs, Zack webmaster, Julianna as membership. Need a programs person, Rod McCrady willing to continue. Zack willing to webmaster. Julianna can continue as membership. Julianna thought more effort was needed for recruiting membership. Ideas for president/VP included Altherr, Smedley, and Jeff Click. Melanee will stay on the board, and was interested in focusing on special projects such as a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Melanee will come to next board meeting with proposed revision of board roles and responsibilities, Toni willing to help.

The board voted that Cecile Hemez would become treasurer effective immediately, replacing Rashi Iyer.

Cecile will interface with Rashi on treasurer's position. Bill will cancel reservation with county (note: done, leaving us a \$73 credit with the county). Melanee will email club re postponement.

Kei mailed in an equipment report. We now have spare filter cartridges for both of our water filters.

We have 3 months' remaining credit for our Garmin InReach subscription, absent any usage beyond the included allowance, so time to think about topping it up. The base rate is ~\$14 a month. The suggestion was to credit a year's worth into it (~\$168).

We have 180 renewed members, coming in at 5-7 per month. Most renew in January.

The board's next meeting Oct. 5. The default plan will be a virtual meeting, and we will decide on the format a week beforehand.

Adjourn was at 8:45 PM.

Minutes approved by unanimous vote at board meeting October 5, 2021

Respectfully,  
William Priedhorsky, secretary, Los Alamos Mountaineers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. Priedhorsky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.