

Wild Recovery Business Meeting September 25, 2004

This meeting was held on the beach of Wilder Ranch, after our regularly scheduled meeting. It began with a moment of silence followed by the "we version" of the Serenity Prayer. The Chairperson was Victor B.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jennifer gave her report stating that we had a balance of \$1260.21 with a check of \$30.00 that still had not cleared. Our prudent reserve still remains at \$800.00, which is the approximate cost of one run of hike fliers and a deposit to a State Park. Discussion ensued with regards to any surplus money carried over from retreats and how to budget for future activities. One member spoke up and said that just knowing of the available hikes with Wild Recovery gave him and his partner tremendous hope that some day they could join in on the activities.

GSR REPORT: Keith reported on up and coming activities in the San Jose Area and spoke of the new prototype for meeting guides for that area.

WEBSITE: Tom L. reported that the website was coming along successfully and that it was 80% finished for the 2005 calendar year.

MEETING DIRECTORY: Diane T. gave a short report and reminded everyone that the submission deadline for the January to April hikes of 2005 was November 6th. The second deadline for the May thru August hikes is scheduled for March 12th. All hike hosts were asked to preview their up and coming hikes and submit their information in a timely manner.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nomination of Mark as Alternate GSR. He stated his qualifications and commitment to this position and was voted in unanimously.
2. Motions concerning financial policies took place at this time.
 - a. No refunds unless trip is cancelled or in exceptional cases. - approved
 - b. Reservation will not be accepted without payment. - approved
 - c. Treasurer may grant exceptions as necessary and prudent. - approved
 - d. Retreat payments must be made at Wild Recovery meetings or by mail only - approved.
 - e. Cut-off date for registrations will be two weeks prior to event.
3. We all agreed that newcomers shall not be turned away due to lack of funds. We discussed alternative solutions where one may pay a reduced rate and contribute to the treasury in the future. Also, creating a newcomer fund for people with less than 30 days cleantime. A motion was made to address the newcomer fund by Richard - tabled.
4. Next came the discussion concerning insurance for our activities. It was brought to our attention, that area insurance does not cover events only

individual meetings that meet at the same place and time every week. A motion was brought to the floor to purchase insurance at \$15 per event and if this does not work, we can cancel it later.

5. We talked about postponing the Channel Islands Retreat due to it being too expensive and to plan a different winter retreat.
6. We decided that if the Whale Watch is cancelled due to inclement weather, that it would be rescheduled for February 18th.
7. A consensus was established that we have our business meetings after hikes or during retreats rather than at member's homes for purpose of convenience.
8. A motion was made that before anything is posted or changed on the website, that it be approved by the Web Manager, Tom L. or his assistant David R. - passed
9. Keith, our GSR, asked that we look over the meeting schedule for the San Jose area, so that he would know how to vote for us during the next area meeting. We agreed that it should be larger print and in chronological order. He will bring this info back for us.

We closed this business meeting with a prayer of choice and hiked back to our vehicles.

Yours in grateful service,
Diane T.