

Wild Recovery Business Meeting

November 3, 2012

Cafe Stravaganza, Carmel

In attendance: Troy, Amy, John R., Diane, Jeff, Philip, Mary, Kent, Andrea, John M., Steve, Jason, Arthur, Glen, Justin, Cathy, Mark and Denise

Meeting opened with serenity prayer.

Approval of minutes from August 11, 2012 – Motion to approve by Kent, 2nd by Denise, minutes approved.

Reports:

Secretary / Jeff – Everything good

Treasurer / Mary – \$569.88 balance + \$51 7th at Point Lobos Hike.

No monthly service charges for bank account.

With 7th collected at Sunset Beach included, there was still an \$81 deficit from that retreat.

Anna reimbursed for Death Valley Retreat reservation deposit.

John brought up concern over low balance. Suggestion made to announce at meetings to give more in 7th tradition collection.

Mary offered to make a budget available at end of the year. This will give WR members a clearer idea of what it takes to keep WR running. I.e. web site fees.

Some possible ways to generate more revenue were offered. Such as T-shirt sales at a profit or increasing retreat fees to more than cover the costs. Perhaps budgeting our retreat fees based on the state of our prudent reserve.

GSR / Anna – Not in attendance

Business Chair / Martin – Not in attendance. Diane filling in.

Recording Secretary / Troy – Nothing to report.

Web Servant / John R. – Needs hike info and photos from a couple of hike hosts for upcoming hikes.

Training John M on web site.

Flyer / Diane – Last flyer run went good in respect to getting everyone's info on time.

Troy suggested allowing time if possible for proofing by hike hosts prior to printing.

Diane explained that it is usually no problem, there was an accelerated deadline this last time.

Communications Coordinator / Andrea – Contact list is being updated. Needs to do another round of edits and send out the updated list.

Old Business:

T-shirts: Diane showed draft created by Anna.

Preliminary cost estimate of \$10.40 each or \$11.00 for V-neck with a 30 unit minimum order. Using a Green local business. Suggestion made to pre-sell at \$15.00 each. T-shirt committee meeting to finalize details TBA.

2013 Retreats:

Winter / Death Valley Jan 24th to 27th – Anna

It was heard that Anna planned to set camping fee at \$10.

Suggestion made to increase this fee to generate revenue for WR.

Spring / Lava Beds National Monument May 16th to 19th – Kent

Summer / White Mountains date TBA – Jeannie and Andrea – Possibly the weekend of July 26th to 28th

Fall / Mono Lake September 27th to 29th – John and Diane

Open Forum:

Topic: Are our hikes becoming so difficult that we're not fulfilling our primary purpose?
(Recording secretary note: I may not have used the person's exact words. As there was much discussion on this topic it was hard to transcribe word for word. I apologize if my paraphrasing is in any way inaccurate.)

Kent - When planning the CC hiking meeting in the past he tried easier hikes and no one attended. Decided to do hikes that appeal to addicts who like to hike. If the hike is too hard then don't go.

John R. - Has had opposite experience. Thinks more people will come to easier hikes. High attendance at Point Lobos case in point. As a group we have done well gearing hikes to seasons. Usually a good mix on schedule and this last batch of hard hikes was just a coincidence.

Jeff - Thinks it all equals out. He won't go on a level 1 hike and no one has to go on a level 5 hike.

Denise - Not upset about level 5 hikes on the schedule. Use common sense when choosing which hikes to go on. "If it's not broke don't fix it."

John M. - Harder hikes have helped him physically.

Philip - The host plans the hike they want to do. There is no group input. We do make an effort to accommodate less able hikers on retreats by having alternative, easier hikes.

Diane - We are making it too hard. Suggested planning the meeting spot earlier on in hike for hikes 10 miles or greater.

Justin - It was an anomaly to have two level 5 hikes on one flyer.

Cathy - When hikes are planned that are too difficult, she feels excluded.

Mary - Was planning on doing level 5 Henry Coe hike but other plans came up. She aspires to do a level 5 hike.

Denise - Restated her share. Likes the challenge. If the scheduled hike is too hard then she won't go. Her feelings won't be hurt.

John R. - Historically a level 5 hike was 9 miles.

Much more was said on this topic, more than the recording secretary could keep track of. I think the group conscience was not to make any changes to how we are doing things.

New Business:

Deposit for website should be on WR debit card, not on John and Diane's credit card. Currently \$181.92 per year. Mary warns that if deducting automatically from WR account be aware it may conflict with other charges like flyer costs or retreat deposits. Motion made and passed unanimously. We servant and treasurer to make this happen.

Next cycle of hikes for flyer due to ASC 12/19/12.

2/9/13 - Justin @ Stinson Beach / Mt Tamalpais

2/23/13 - Jennifer N @ Fremont Reserve

3/9/13 - Troy & Amy @ Brushy Peak

3/23/13 - Andrea & Denise @ TBA

4/6/12 - Jeff @ Black Mountain

Deadline for hike hosts to have info to Diane for flyer is **December 5th**.

Elections:

Secretary - Kent nominates Mary and Jeff nominates Andrea. Co-secretary proposed to trade off every other hike. Both qualify and both are voted in.

Treasurer - Kent acclimates from Assistant Treasurer position.

Assistant Treasurer - Arthur declines. Mary nominates Jeff. Jeff qualifies and is voted in.

GSR - Glen acclimates from alternate GSR position.

Alternate GSR - Jason and Justin decline. No other nominations. Tabled to future business meeting.

Business Chair - Troy and Justin decline. John R. nominated, qualifies and is voted in.

Recording Secretary - Diane nominates Troy to continue. Troy is voted in.

Web Servant - John M. Acclimates from Assistant Web Servant position.

Assistant Web Servant - Philip and Justin nominated. Justin voted in.

Flyer coordinator - Diane nominated to continue. Diane voted in.

Communication coordinator - Jason declined. Philip nominated and voted in.

Date for next business meeting TBA

Closed with 3rd step prayer