

# Wild Recovery Business Meeting

August 11, 2012

Tony & Albas Restaurant, Scotts Valley

**In attendance:** Troy, Amy, John R., Diane, Jeannie, Jeff, Philip, Martin, Anna, John M., Steve, Jason, Arthur and Glen

Meeting opened with serenity prayer.

Approval of minutes from May 5, 2012 – Motion to approve by Dianne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, minutes approved.

## Reports:

Martin announced that Lynn has stepped down as secretary for personal reasons. Jeff stepped up to complete the term at the Crater Lake retreat. There were no objections to this.

Secretary / Jeff - Will need waiver forms. Troy offered to give him a copy to make new ones.

Treasurer / Mary - Not in attendance. Martin read report. Accounting off by \$6.07, will try to figure out why. Some questions regarding bank service fees. Cathy has been paid back for Sunset Beach retreat. We have not donated to area, region or world. Hopeful we can start to build our prudent reserve and donate in the near future.

\$28 in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collection today at Fall Creek hike.

GSR / Anna - Area budget discussion moved to new business to allow group feed back on proposed ASC guideline change to increase prudent reserve.

Area budget is tightest during first three months of the year. This is due in part to some reliance on revenue from events and not many events are held during this period. Activity Committee asking for groups to organize events to fill gap.

Events and subcommittee announcements made. Area inventory feedback forms passed out.

Announced that the new WR flyers are available and distributed at ASC meeting. Distributed to anyone who wanted them for other areas.

All ASC meeting reports made available for anyone to review.

Business Chair / Martin - Explained why agenda was sent in a format many were not able to open.

Recording Secretary / Troy - Thanks to Kent for filling in as Recording Secretary at previous business meeting.

Web Servant / John R. - Apologized for any offense taken by statement on website. Had received a complaint, and has removed it.

John received a letter from a NA member in the DC area, wanting to set up a similar meeting there.

John replied and has been corresponding back and forth.

Read a letter announcing that they have successfully held their first meeting. (See correspondence at the end of the minutes)

Flyer / Diane – Apologized for dates getting “screwed up” for last flyer deadline.

Discussion to set next flyer deadline tabled to new business.

Anna commented that people love the color flyers.

Communications Coordinator / Andrea – Not in attendance.

## Old Business:

Elections:

Alternate GSR - Arthur, Steve and Jason declined nominations.

Martin explained the responsibilities of the position.

Glen accepts nomination, qualifies and answers questions from the group.

States he is willing to acclimate next year. Glen is voted in as Alt GSR. Anna to mentor.

Assistant Web Servant - Brent has moved out of state. Troy declined nomination.

John M. accepts nomination and qualifies. States he is willing to acclimate next year.

John M. Voted in as Assistant Web Servant. John R. to mentor.

October Retreat at Sunset Beach. Cathy has been fully reimbursed for reservation fees. Unknown status of number of people signed up or paid. Concerns raised regarding no overflow parking available. John and Diane offered their camper as possible car pool option. Cathy may need to coordinate parking and shuttling if necessary.

**New Business:**

Anna – Motion at ASC to raise operating prudent reserve from \$2,000 to \$5,600.  
Much discussion – Some points and opinions raised: Area has not donated to Region or World for a year. The decision whether or not to donate is voted on monthly. Politics involved? Hoarding?  
If prudent reserve is raised there will be fewer funds to consider for donating up.  
Area is using funds wisely to serve primary purpose, however books are “in the red”.  
Vote on motion: Opposed = 11, In favor = 0, Abstaining = 1

T-shirt committee: Anna showed design concept for map & list of 2012 hikes for a concert tour style T-shirt. Feed back from group and much support for this design. Costs and production options not yet discussed. Pre-sale mentioned as means of funding production. John R. to choose date and location of next committee meeting. Possible sweatshirts run also mentioned.

Next cycle of hikes for flyer due to ASC 9/26.

10/20/12 - Justin (not in attendance) @ Henry Coe State Park  
11/3/12 - John and Diane @ Point Lobos State Reserve  
11/17/12 - Anna @ Joseph Grant County Park  
12/1/12 - Troy and Amy @ Mt Diablo State Park  
12/15/12 - John M. @ Butano State Park  
12/29/12 - Steve @ Ohlone Regional Wilderness  
1/12/12 – Dale @ Santa Teresa County Park

Deadline for hike hosts to have info to Diane for flyer is **September 8<sup>th</sup>**.  
Diane requested hike hosts phone #s before leaving.

**Retreats for 2013:**

Winter - Desert discussed. Anna reserved group site in Death Valley National Park for 1/24 to 1/27.  
Spring - Kent @ Lava Beds National Monument  
Summer - Jeannie and Andrea @ White Mountains  
Fall - John and Diane @ Mono Lake State Reserve

**Open Forum:**

Suggestions for WR hosting an event to generate revenue for area.  
Diane suggested a campout or holding our donation until the 1<sup>st</sup> part of next year.

Date for next business meeting is 11/3/12 after the Point Lobos hike. Location TBA

Closed with 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer

**Correspondence From DC Group**

Hi John,

I wanted to say thanks so much for Wild Recovery! I saw it when I was visiting out West earlier this Spring but I wasn't able to attend. I liked the idea so much that we are trying to start something similar here in the DC area, which has a lot of wilderness just outside the Beltway and some inside, too. Today was our first outing and it was filled with awesome. I think I have bragging rights and can now say that I actually saw a deer at a meeting. For real!

My friend Jacob has already contacted someone from your group who gave him some valuable tips--thanks! We're thinking of calling it Wild Recovery East, modeling it, of course, after what you've done.

Anyway, Please send my sincerest gratitude to other members of the group! The message has been carried coast-to-coast and, just for today, a few more people are clean and better off.

Love and respect,  
billy s.

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Billy,

Thanks for the input. I was the one who responded to Jacob and then I never heard from him again. I had no idea if anything came of it. As I told him, Wild Recovery is one of the finest experiences and groups I've ever been involved with. if there is anything we can do to help let us know.

Yours In Grateful Service

John R.

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Thanks again, John! I'm glad we were able to connect and thank you for the offer to be of service -- the same applies here. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to ask.

Jacob relayed your email and it is most valuable. Most people I've spoken with are enthusiastic and I hope we can create an interesting atmosphere for carrying the message.

Love and respect,  
Billy

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Bill,

We've got a business meeting this weekend and I'm sure your letter will warm a few hearts, it did mine. For the record the animals I've seen at Wild Recovery meetings, bear, rattlesnake, elk, deer, condor, birds of prey to numerous to mention, porpoise and whale. It's a great way of life this thing called recovery.

Regards,

John

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Hi John,

Warm hearts are a good thing. Thanks! Funny, but we're talking about names and though I like Wild Recovery East, visually the domain name strongly pops the last 5 characters and reads like Wild Recover Yeast. Ha ha!!

billy