

SCOV Vistoso Hiking Club
Board of Directors Meeting

March 8, 2017

Directors Present: President Jim Brandl, Vice-President John Newton, Treasurer Kathy Anderson, Secretary Mary Rea, Chief Guide Doug Higgins

Members Present: Millie Sparling, Michael Lubatkin, Clive Probert, Darrel Cornelius, Rob Simms

1. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting were approved (Newton/Higgins).
2. **Treasurer's Report:** As of the last report in January, the journal balance was \$7,076.43. Expenses since then totaled \$692.45 and income was \$1189. Leaving a journal balance of \$7572.98. The report was approved (Higgins/Newton).
3. **Approval of 2017 Membership:** The Board must approve new members who are non-residents. Claudia Pittenger and Rosemary St Angelo were approved (Higgins/Newton).
4. **Audit Committee Report:** Clive Probert presented the report. His committee looked at the Treasurer's records from April 8, 2015 - February 27, 2017. He reported the records are in very good order and the amounts were correct. Probert suggested that whomever is selling the Club's panoramic photos keep track of the number sold. The Treasurer's records only indicate total amount collected. Audit approved (Higgins/Newton).
5. **Review of past/upcoming events:**
 - a) **Winter Picnic February 16th:** Newton reported it was a very successful picnic. There were 83 lunches purchased although there were more people in attendance. Three long tables were borrowed from our Loan Barn which were used for sandwich distribution. An extra cooler was borrowed from the Views restaurant. Newton has given a more complete report to Brandl for organizers in the future. Higgins reported there were 67 hikes that day including 6 on a "Level E" hike which was being done on a trial basis.
 - b) **Lubatkin Project:** Michael Lubatkin volunteered to cull through all the available minutes from previous years to compile a list of policies and

- practices the Board has approved. He distributed his summary from meetings from April 2008 to April 2016. Discussion ensued as to definitions of "policy" and of "practice." In the future this report will be used to create a document of club policies and practices.
- c) **Guides Update/Recs:** Doug Higgins reported hike statistics. In December there were 22 hikes, 204 hikers, led by 11 guides. In January there were 40 hikes, 374 hikers, led by 16 guides. In February there were 32 hikes, 316 hikers, led by 13 guides.
 - d) **Club Fair February 3rd:** Darrel Cornelius organized and ran the event. He reported the event was successful in that new members joined the club, panoramic photos were sold, and club information was distributed.
 - e) **Wine & Cheese Name Tags for Members:** The idea of using club funds to purchase nametags to hang from member's hiking packs was discussed at the last meeting with the intention of distributing these at the annual W & C event. Rob Simms sent Higgins purchasing information used by the Saddlebrooke club. A motion to purchase nametags, loops, and for printing was approved (Newton/Rea).
6. **Nomination Committee:** There are still no nominees for the positions of Vice-President or Treasurer. Jack Evert has invited about 14 members to an event on Saturday, March 11, to encourage volunteering for a position.
 7. **Membership Update:** Membership is currently 296.
 8. **Website Update:** D. Cornelius presented proposal to change the club website address. We can have the domain name of **scovhiking.org**. The current cost would be approximately \$112 per year. A motion to approve this new website address was approved (Rea/Higgins).
 9. There was no agenda item listed for #9.
 10. **Suggestions/New Business:**
 - a) **Digital Records Retention Policy:** This item was tabled.
 - b) **Walking Hikes-No Elevation:** Brandl was approached by the Health and Wellness Club requesting our club add easier walking hikes, Level E, to our hike schedule. Higgins and Brandl expressed concerns they have. Discussion ensued. No decision was made and the item was tabled.
 - c) **New Resident Letter/Invitation:** Brandl contacted Carolyn Lerch who maintains the names, addresses, and emails of new residents, regarding the club's ability to have access to new residents for the purpose of

sending them invitations to join the hiking club. No decision was made on how and who would implement this.

- d) Rea, who submits the Tipster articles, was contacted by the Tipster editor who reminded the club we cannot publish the Wine and Cheese Party/*General Meeting* using the word "wine" unless the alcohol is being provided by a caterer licensed to provide alcohol.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Rea/Higgins). Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.