



## Board Meeting Minutes

Great Outdoors, Inc., a California Corporation  
Board of Directors – Quarterly Meeting

Date: April 22, 2023

Location: 7632 Don Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647, and via Zoom

### Board Members Present:

Dennis Curran	Chair
Lance Whitmier	Financial Officer
Michael Keller	Secretary

Michael Milan	OCLB Board Rep*
John Niedzwiedz	PS Board Rep (Fill-in for Cliff Clue)*
Tony Mai	SD Board Rep *
Thomas Larson	SBVC Board Rep*
Steve Sisneros	LA Board Rep*

\* According to our Bylaws: 3 out of the 5 Chapter Reps must be present for a quorum.

### Standing Committee Chairs and Appointments

John Buckley	Outings
Scott Connelly	Outdoor Experience
Dennis Curran	Awards and Archives
Michael Keller	Bylaws
John “J-Mo” Molina	Outreach and Webmaster

### Call to Order - by Dennis Curran (Corporate Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. Welcome.

### Secretary – Michael Keller

Quorum established. 5 out of 5 chapter reps were present. Minutes from January 21, 2023, accepted. Motion made to accept by Steve Sisneros and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thomas Larson. Vote yes 5, 0 No. Motion carried.

### Financial Officer – Lance Whitmier

As a charity, the organization cannot have more than \$50,000 held in cash. Cash balances reported: Corporate: \$13K, Palm Springs: \$10K, OC/LB: \$5K, San Diego: \$5K, and SB/VC: \$4K. Two Chapters are behind in sending in reports. Chapter Reps will remind treasurers to submit timely reports. Motion to accept report made by Thomas Larson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Sisneros. Vote 5 yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

## **Old Business – Banner Reimbursement**

A banner expense of \$200 per Chapter was approved at the last meeting. Dennis Curran to follow up with Chapters. The GO Logo Graphic Design file was located by Chris Fava and sent to Dennis Curran. Palm Springs had their new banner printed and the resolution for the banner was fine. San Diego representative asked if their Chapter could have the money instead of printing a banner. The money approved is to be used for banner printing.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Awards – Dennis Curran**

Several awards to be presented at the Conference in October will include one for the retiring president and a volunteer of the year award for each. Process for naming each Chapter's Volunteer of the Year award to be started shortly after the next meeting.

### **Bylaws – Michael Keller**

Nothing currently to report.

### **Outdoor Experience – Scott Connelly**

The Annual Conference to be hosted by the Palm Springs Chapter will be held October 20-22, 2023, at Lake Perris, the Bobcat area. Budget to be presented at July meeting that will accommodate 40-50 attendees, with expansion if needed. Upcoming leadership training in June at O'Neil Regional Park has no one signed up. OC/LB struggling to find leaders. Suggested that personal follow-up was the best manner to recruit new leaders. Discussion ensued on the possibility of canceling the June training and adding a day to the Conference to conduct the training sessions.

### **Outings – John Buckley**

Notice for activities planned in 2024 by each Chapter to go out in August in time for the annual Conference in October.

### **Outreach and Webmaster – John “J-Mo” Molina**

Not present but the President reiterated that several passwords were recovered for various websites after the passing of Ed Emond-Worline. San Diego Chapter rep requested possible Wild Apricot training. Scott Connelly to conduct the training when a convenient time is established.

### **Archives – Dennis Curran**

Nothing to report.

## **Chapter Reports**

LA holding monthly day hikes. The next hike and picnic planned for April 29 to Hennington Flats. Silverwood Lake campout was canceled. Looking into a free

camping activity for the future. **OCBL** reported 79 members. The goal is to hold two hikes per month. Low on trip leaders presently. Movie nights proving to be extremely successful. Disney will hold its first official gay night in Anaheim and Orlando. Anaheim targets June 15 for this event. **PS** reported 417 members. Hikes occur at least once or twice per week. A recent campout at Blackrock Campground in Joshua Tree included members from all Chapters. Future campouts include Hurkey Creek Campground near Idyllwild in May, William Heise near Julien in June, and Los Osos near Big Bear in August. **SBVC** reports 61 members with several new members. Movie nights have been reinstated and proved to be successful and well-attended. Outings have been in flux due to recent rainfall conditions. The next campout is planned for Mammoth Lakes in August and San Simeon in September. The chapter is struggling to find a core group meeting location but will persevere. **SD** reports 98 members. They are having a T-shirt design contest and are planning for Pride in July 15. Monthly activities include hiking and biking trips, a campout at Mount Laguna on May 27, and a trip to Yosemite with white water rafting on June 1.

### **Scheduled Next Board Meeting**

Date: Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: 7632 Don Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 with a Zoom option for those that cannot meet in person. BBQ and pool party to follow meeting for those interested.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michael Keller  
Secretary