

SanJuanOutdoorClub
PagosaSpgsVisitorCtr
July 27, 2023

Present: Jeb Baxter, Dave Simpson, Diane Gutman, Bill Milner, Rob+Melinda Barlow, Doug Coombs, Addi Greer

Absent: Joe Tedder

The meeting was called to order by Jeb @4:00 with a quorum.

Approval of May meeting's minutes (June meeting was cancelled)

Diane moved to approve minutes; and Dave seconded motion -passed unanimously.

Secretary Report: nothing to report

VicePresident Report:

Action:

>Joe will lead committee to organize for September 20th "GoodbyeSummer" cookout.
(Doug, Bill and Addi will be available to help that month)

Membership Report:

Dave reported memberships are slowly trickling in; total numbers are at 222 members.

Discussion ensued over opening date of membership cycle, with Board noting that an October 1st start meant members essentially get a few months membership free; and it allows time for board evaluation of numbers.

Diane will use discretion for member dues payments which come in close to that date; and will contact members to confirm their desires in these instances.

Action:

>Doug will add this information to website.

>Bill will explain this in the newsletter when the 2024 membership recruitment cycle begins on October 1.

Treasurer Report:

Diane presented financials; balance and all expenses paid. Budget for annual July party and insurance came in lower than anticipated.

Website/Media Report:

Doug displayed current membership page online for board's viewing and some discussion ensued regarding no longer using a hard copy form.

Bill suggested some modifications of verbiage and Diane clarified that email confirmations show how members paid; choices being PayPal, check and also added donations for Diane and Dave to track payments and revenue.

Action: at meeting Dave created a QR code so members can sign up @group meetings(or anywhere) using code on their personal device.

>Bill will print some and have a permanent sign to display at group meeting's entry table.

>Doug will revise membership form page to indicate that dues paid prior to October 1 will be credited to the current (in this case 2023) membership year, while dues paid after October 1 will be credited to the next year (in this case, 2024) (SJOC cannot pro-rate membership)

Doug will put together some offline "sandbox links" to web pages to demonstrate the new completely online membership application and payment process. The Board will review and provide any revision comments via email; so final version will be ready for Board approval at August meeting.

Activities Report:

Bill reported that everything fine; and that Chris has been handling the month.

Bill asked Board's thoughts regarding Steve's concern about Saturday hikes interfering with "TrailAmbassador" Program.

Action:

>The board all agreed that likely there was no negative influence on T.A. numbers because of scheduled Saturday hikes. Regular Saturday hikes are a desired SJOC offering, for members who work weekdays; and will continue as hike leaders are available. Sunday hikes were started per Steve's concern and have proved popular; board thought this could continue if there are hike leaders available; but that Saturday was much more preferred because of logistics of newsletter coming out on Sunday. (The two issues being: need for publishing a week earlier for Sunday sign up; as well as the Sunday hikers being possibly unable then to sign up for next week's hikes—(as they can fill up by Sunday morning.)

Refreshments Report:

Melinda+Rob will not be in town for September cookout; so will need to get the supplies to a board member.

Action:

>Diane offered to store supplies in her garage; and Joe, as organizer will decide who picks them up and brings them to Blanco CG.

Old Business:

Formation of "meeting welcoming committee" for group meetings, to greet and orient newcomers and visitors.

> Jeb suggested board table this item until next meeting since there were other more urgent issues to deal with; and as Board members know to be on the alert for this need at all group meetings.

New Business:

1. Plans for September (meeting) cookout

Jeb reported everything is ready to roll; but reported that Joe had voiced concern regarding additional publicity possibly causing a much larger turnout at meeting. Thus, did Board want to purchase appetizers for this meeting ?

Action:

> Board thought instead of purchasing appetizers, the pool to bring food would be expanded to include all attending SJOC members instead of the previously published rotating initialized names' list.

>Bill will publish this in newsletter.

2. September cookout is scheduled for Wednesday 9/20 @the BlancoRiverGroupSite. (see V.P. Report for action)

OpenDiscussion:

Bill reported that SJOC member Jeff Bernard would like to lead some hikes in his area as he is very familiar w/trails in that area. A hike to ChamaFalls August 8 will be his first offering.

Motion to adjourn by Bill at 5:16 Jeb seconded and motion passed.