

# **AEOE Northern Section Board Meeting**

## **Fall Campout Conference - October 23, 1994**

### **Yosemite Valley**

Call to order by Lo Lyness at 8:30 am

**Board members in attendance:** Lo Lyness - Chair, Bill Hunt - Chair-elect, Pamela Otten - Secretary, Mark McReynolds - Treasurer, Randy Widera - Newsletter, Dan Allison - Membership, Dave Poarch - Activities Director.

**Visitors in attendance:** Max D., Andrea W., Ed C., Keely, Larisa Pierson, Peggy Sovaric, Laura Tucker, Pete Devine, Frank C., Ray Cramer, Kathleen Mitchell

**Treasurer's report:** Mark McReynolds: Before conference \$5007.87; conference campsite cost \$952.00; approximately 140 attended the conference = \$2100. After expenses profit is approximately \$400.

**Membership report:** Dan Allison reported 150 current members. Renewal notices will not be sent out again, there was not enough response for the amount of effort and cost. Membership will be dropped 6 months after membership expires.

**Phone cards:** Peggy Sovaric from Yosemite Institute established AT&T phone cards for the AEOE board. Cards were distributed to all board members. Cards are to be used for AEOE purposes only. AT&T bill will be sent to Mark McReynolds home address so it can be paid over the summer months. Thank you, Peggy, for establishing the cards.

**Liability:** Laura Tucker spoke with the southern section AEOE attorney about waivers. He stated that as many risks as possible need to be listed in the waiver to enhance the participants' awareness of dangers; anyone still has the right to sue. Dan Allison understands that the board of directors and the Northern AEOE group as a whole has liability insurance through the Southern section (note: this still needs to be confirmed). Pete Devine will send a copy of the Lodestar conference individual waiver form to Bill Hunt and David Poarch. They will update this, take out the silly stuff, and have it ready for the Spring conference. Each board member is to research if their work related liability insurance will cover them as AEOE board members and report back at BAEER Fair board meeting. Randy Widera will contact the American Camp Association (ACA) to find out about their liability insurance and report back at the BAEER Fair board meeting.

**Cabin Leader Video:** Laura Tucker will review the video work of a woman in Pescadero and discuss with her the possibility and cost of doing a counselor video for us.

**CARE Club:** Laura Tucker brought us up to date on CARE Club. The author is living in Montana and plans to stay there. Materials still need to be reviewed, tested and comments gathered from classroom teachers. Lo Lyness will get the disks from Tom. Foothill

Horizons Outdoor School is interested in looking over the materials, they need a copy of these. Lo Lyness, Randy Widera and David Poarch will sign up to be CARE Club presenters at the BAEER Fair and have materials available at the AEOE booth. Individual outdoor schools should also be encouraged to have these materials available at their booths.

**BAEER Fair Booth:** Dan will coordinate the booth. Lo Lyness has the booth materials and will get these to the BAEER Fair. Mark McReynolds has reserved the booth space.

### **Spring Conference**

- Keynote Speaker - Peggy Sovaric suggested Michael Cohen as the keynote speaker. After much discussion by meeting participants it was decided that Michael Cohen is a possible breakfast speaker and workshop presenter. Peggy will look into this possibility as well as cost. The information needs to be given to Bill Hunt by November 15 so he can make a final decision.
- Lo Lyness suggested a Santa Cruz diversity awareness training organization to help teachers deal with issues of ethnic groups.
- Laura Tucker suggested a speaker on Sheltered English, she also recommends Bertrum Chatham who did an inspiring workshop at the Lodestar conference.
- All possible keynote speaker information such as who, topic and cost must be sent to Bill Hunt by November 15 so he can make a decision and present it at the BAEER Fair meeting.
- Registration - Davide Craig of Foothill Horizons will oversee registration. He will contact Randy Widera to coordinate this. (note: David Craig is the contact person at Foothill Horizons for the Spring Conference 209-532-6673.)
- Other presentations - Bill will review questionnaires handed in at Fall Campout and decide on potential sessions. Contact Bill Hunt before November 15 with additional ideas.
- Theme - This is still in the decision process, will be decided along with keynote speaker.

**Newsletter:** Submit ideas to Randy Widera by November 15.

**NAAEE Conference:** Laura Tucker announced that the National Association of Environmental Education conference will be held in San Francisco in 1996. AEOE should consider ideas for being involved in this conference.

**Next Board Meeting:** After BAEER, January 14, 1995. The meeting will be at 5:30 at Randy's office with a pizza dinner. Map will be available at the AEOE booth.