

AEOE Northern Section Board Meeting

BAEER Fair - January 11, 1997

Call to order 5:45 pm at Red Boy Pizza, San Rafael.

Board members present: Chair - Dean Thompson, Chair elect - Steve "Hoppy" Hopkins, Treasurer - Mark McReynolds, Secretary - Pamela Craig, Newsletter - David Craig.

Board members not present: Activities Director - Cindy Spiva, Membership - Stephen Turner, Nominations - Celeste Kleinfelder.

Visitors: Randy Widera.

Review of Minutes: Dave moved that the minutes be approved. Steve seconded. Approved. (note: Pamela's Secretary position will be open next year.)

Membership Report: David Craig reported that he estimated from the newsletter mailing labels Stephen sent him that there are currently ~ 100 members. This low number is probably due to the lack of newsletters last year which led to the 6 month extension of membership. Membership will most likely go up again with the Spring Conference. Mark suggested raising the membership rate to \$15.00. Dave stated that this change would need to be discussed with the Southern Board at the Spring Conference before a decision could be made. Mark will address this issue at the conference.

Treasurer's Report: Mark reported \$3,668.88 and on the decline.

Nominations: Form is in the newsletter. Chair elect, treasurer and secretary are open for nomination. Newsletter will need to be appointed by the spring conference. Hoppy should find out from Stephen Turner and Cindy Spiva if they intend to continue on as membership and activities chairs. Nominations are to be addressed to Celeste.

Newsletter: Dave reported that the newsletter cost a total of \$200.00 to print and mail. Mark added that Dave's \$100 stipend brings the total to \$300.00. Dave apologized for the lack of graphics in the newsletter. He stated that he does not have the correct hardware/software combination to add pictures to the newsletter and it would be a big investment in time and dollars to get this.

February 10 is the deadline to enter articles into the next newsletter. The newsletter will be mailed around March 5, five weeks before the conference.

Pamela moved that a cover letter and conference registration form be sent to all sites directors in California. Steve seconded, all approved. Dave will accomplish this task.

Dave will not be newsletter editor next year nor will he be at the Spring Conference (the conference date was changed to the middle of his vacation). The incoming newsletter editor will be responsible to edit post Spring Conference/late spring issue.

Spring Conference: Dean announced that he has 30 presenters; some of whom still need to be confirmed. He would ideally like 40 presenters. Pamela stated that she had a presenter (Steve Henderson will do a presentation on snakes and will help with the Friday night dance - international folk dance and more). Randy will do a presentation on EE and the Internet. Dave will check with Foothill staff to see if anyone is willing to do a second Naturalist Swap Meet.

Price will be \$64.00 plus \$12.00 for membership for registration before April 1. After that, registration will cost \$74.00 plus membership.

Mark wants to be part of registration. He will call George Stratman and find out how he refined the process Dave turned over to him. Mark will then contact Dean about the level of involvement he (Mark) wants to have with the registration.

The registration materials will give Hoppy's name, number and fax number as a contact for inquires about the conference.

98 Spring Conference: Hoppy will call Janice Smith to find out when and where the '98 Spring conference will be so that this can be announced at the '97 Spring Conference.

Randy Widera: 1. Y.I. employees are definitely out of work due to flooding. Please contact Y.I. (Pete Devine) if you can employ them. 2. The ROEE conference is February 15-18. Randy is involved with preparing the conference. He asked that AEOE send him some Spring Conference information for posting at ROEE. (Dave gave him some newsletters, Hoppy will send Randy some half sheet fliers.) 3. Steve Van Matre will be in the area visiting and he will be available to do a presentation in March if anyone is interested in hosting him.

Surveys: Hoppy will contact Charlie to get this information so that it can be presented at the Spring conference.

7:00 Dave moved that meeting be adjourned, Dean seconded, all approved.

Next meeting: Spring Conference April 11-13, 1997. Jones Gulch, La Honda.

Suggested agenda: Review of minutes, Treasurer's report, Membership report, membership fee increase, Fall '97 conference, announcing the new board, appointment of Activities, Newsletter, Membership as needed, newsletter articles (fall conference announcement, activities, conference report, deadlines)...

Submitted by Pamela Craig, AEOE Northern Secretary
/signed/ Pamela Craig
January 13, 1997