

AEOE Northern Section Board Meeting

Yosemite Valley - October 12, 1997

Call to order 9:15am at Campsite #60, North Pines Campground

Board members present: Chair - Stephen Hopkins, Chair elect - Mark McReynolds, Secretary - Michael Coughlin, Newsletter - Dan Webster, Elections Coordinator - Donal Wilkinson, Membership - Stephen Turner, Treasurer - Savannah Brown

Visitors: Dara Hansen, Charlie DeWeese, Michael Charnofsky, Allison Hartman, Jonas Ehudin

Agenda Items: 1. Guidelines for grant writing. 2. Activities position 3. Site selection of '98 Fall No. Campout 4. Site selection and theme of '99 Spring conference 5. Dues for next year 6. T-shirts 7. BAEER fair 8. Board member specific issues.

1. Guidelines for grant writing. Hoppy passed out "Competitive Grants," "A Child's Place in the Environment," and Delaine Eastin's pamphlet. Hoppy read the announcement by Susan Kishi. Her phone number is 510.642.0433.

2. Activities position. Donal is interested in taking over the Activities position. Dara would like the Nominations Committee position. Motion was made by Hoppy to have them take over the positions. Unanimous approval. We still need someone to fill the position of Salaries/Benefits committee.

3. Site selection for the '98 Fall Northern Campout. Mark commented that the Yosemite conferences are well attended. Perhaps have the Fall conference in Yosemite on an annual basis. Dan adds that the commitment is nonbinding. Negatives addressed were that we miss seeing other AEOE sights and that it is confusing to have non-AEOE campers in close proximity. Michael suggests having it in Yosemite every other year. Turn over rate as an AEOE member is high, so the sight should not get tiring to the participants.

4. Site selection and theme of '99 Spring Conference. Hoppy would like to plan the event one year in advance. The goal is to announce the date and location at the '98 spring conference. We need to hand out presenter's forms. Checking on Sly Park as possible location. It can handle 250+, housing for 170 with a campground. Have a 2 tier pay plan. Full price which would include hot showers etc. for 90.00 and a low price for camping for 50.00. Theme ideas: Stephen - new millennium, Dan - lab and gardening, Donal - language in the environment, Savannah - storytelling, Michael - connecting bridges, Dan - population, Donal - culture in the environment. Give more ideas to Earl.

5. Dues for next year. Savannah says that there is money in the bank. Stephen comments that it is confusing to have two different fees of 6 and 12\$. It needs clarification. Savannah and Stephen will work on policy statement, and have it ready at BAEER Fair.

Michael Charnofsky from So. Section would like the same system for the South, and would appreciate it if we call him. Mark: last year it was an issue because of lack of money. For this conference Savannah says that before considering the 900.00\$ site and liability we made 5000.00\$+/- . Mark comments that what drives people is to be recognized. Maybe the people who work should get paid. Charlie says that the cost of the web site needs to be included in the money issue. Dan votes for including a Student, Intern, and Full price membership fee. The difficulty comes in getting people to renew the membership. Savannah will come back with a proposal to BAEER. Mark will handle which position will get paid and how much the salary will be. Mark also states that if progress is to be made we need people who will stick with the work.

6. T-shirts. The winning design was created by Sheryl Bueller. We would like to see a child in the scene. Donal motions to run with it, Savannah seconds. Mark would like organic unbleached cotton. Michael Charnofsky says that the last So. Section T-shirt was the same and has the information. Hoppy: it is a money making event. Leave it in Mark's hands. Hoppy motions. All approved.

BAEER Fair. The next meeting will be at Red Boy Pizza. Donal, Stephen, Dara volunteered to help with the AEOE table. Savannah suggests that since we will all be there we can all help out. Donal will set up table with Allison Hartman (209) 532-9143, and Jonas Ehudin (209) 536-9327. The fair is a good time to sign up members.

Board Member Reports.

Savannah: Draft letter to Green Meadows kitchen and give them a T-shirt and/or money.?? Their address is Debi Martin & Bobbi Scoggins, PO Box 69, Fish Camp CA 93623. Savannah is now looking into other options for the calling card. It's very expensive! Give suggestions to her. We don't have an AEOE phone number or credit card. It is 80 cents the first minute, 20 cents after. Dan motions to let Savannah make decisions. All second the motion. Michael would like to be informed as to what deal the Northern section gets so he could apply it to the Southern section.

Stephen - Membership: 400 people on database. Some have expired. 50 or so new at this conference. Totals 300+ members. Looking good!

Savannah - Treasurer: Thanks for the receipts. The books are looking good. There are questions about liability, and concerns about the dues. This conference was inexpensive.

Dan - Newsletter: lots of interest in the newsletter was expressed at this conference. Deadline for next newsletter articles is Nov. 1st. Possibility of board member pictures in the next issue. Hoppy presents idea of comping people for accepted articles, letters, etc. Dan can give them a coupon of 5 or 10 dollars towards the conference fees or T-shirts. Get as many articles as possible, worry too much later, when it is an issue.

Donal - Activities: Plan to make money, helps with costs.

Chair - Hoppy: Would like at least one official member at the COSA meeting. Savannah's principal is the chair. We need the date. (the date is Nov. 24, 25.) Mark, Donal and Michael are interested. One members will be reimbursed for the fees. Hoppy will show up at our site. Visiting other programs. Mark McReynolds will take charge of the Spring meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted by Michael Coughlin, AEOE Northern Secretary, Oct. 22, 1997
/signed/ Michael D. Coughlin