



## Board Meeting Minutes

Great Outdoors, Inc., a California Corporation  
GO Board - 2nd Quarterly Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday, January 22, 2022</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10 AM - Noon</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Via teleconference (Zoom)</b>

### Board Members Present:

Dennis Curran	Chair
Lance Whitmier	Financial Officer
Michael Keller	Secretary
Steve Sisneros	LA Board Rep*
Michael Millan	OCLB Board Rep*
Cliff Clue	PS Board Rep*
Ryan Chambers	SD Board Rep*
Thomas Larson	SBVC Board Rep*

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

Ed Emond-Worline	Archive & Bylaws Committee Chair
Peter Emond-Worline	Awards Committee Chair
Scott Connelly	Outdoor Experience Chair
John "J-Mo" Molina	Member Outreach Chair and Webmaster
Wes Stieringer	LA Member
Joe Domingos	SBVC Member

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

Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.  
Welcome

### **Secretary - Michael Keller**

Quorum established; all chapter reps were present.

Approve Minutes from October 16, 2021 1) Nominations & General Business Meeting (Outgoing Board), 2) Elections Meeting, and 3) Incoming Board - 1st Quarterly Meeting

Ed Emond-Worline motioned  
Steve Sisneros 2nd  
Motion votes: 4 yes 1 abstention (Cliff Clue)  
Motion carried

### **Financial Officer - Lance Whitmier**

Reports not ready to present as the new officer is still in training. Will present reports in a separate email when completed.

### **Old Business - Website Affiliate**

Michael Millan is still exploring the possibility of the website affiliate program

### **New Business - Pride Events**

Ryan Chambers asked about contributions for Chapter participation in Pride events. Asked to work up a budget for San Diego Pride. Previous years have given \$250 for individual reimbursement toward Pride event costs. Will continue with the \$250 reimbursement on a Chapter level.

### **Chapter Covid Protocols**

Joe Domingos inquired about the covid requirements/protocols in place with each chapter. It was also noted that the organization has the right to ask for proof of vaccination and as such is not a HIPAA issue.

**SBVC** continues core meetings via Zoom. Yosemite trip canceled due to accommodation concerns (sharing a double bed with someone). Indoor events are on hold until March. Vaccination proof was required for the Yosemite camping trip. With hikes, those not vaccinated are excluded.

**OCLB** in person January core meeting canceled. No indoor activities planned at the moment. Provide a general statement on website notices regarding social distancing, washing hands but do not require proof of vaccination.

**SD** core meetings held via Zoom. No indoor events until March. All other events are outdoors. Did not require proof of vaccination for their Agua Caliente trip.

**LA** core group meetings continue via Zoom. Last indoor event was the Christmas Party. Maintain social distancing for outside events. Requires proof of vaccination on trips, does not encourage carpooling with those outside your circle or testing.

### **Trip Leader Training**

Although in-person training seemed to be favored, Covid restrictions made having the training as scheduled via Zoom was preferred. Scott Connelly suggested an autumn refresher for those who do the Zoom training in February. Board reps voted unanimously to proceed with the training in February via Zoom.

### **Cancellation Refunds**

Wes Stieringer discussed the process of trip cancellation refunds through Affinipay. It was decided to continue the process currently in place.

### **Checks as payment**

Eliminate checks as payment was put forth. Trip template adjustment needed to eliminate checks as payment.

Lance Whitmier motioned

Wes Stieringer 2nd

Motion votes: 5 Yes

Motion carried.

Email to be sent out to Chapter Treasurers and members regarding check elimination.

### **Awards - Peter Edmond-Worline**

Awards for 2021 have been sent out. The goal going forward is to enhance the awards process (i.e. lighting/music at in-person presentations) and revisit the criteria for the major awards.

A special award for distinguished service to be given to Wes Stieringer for his time as financial officer proven so valuable to the organization.

### **Bylaws & Archives - Ed Emond-Worline**

Email to be sent out for suggested updates for the coming year. Archives are mostly in electronic form except for the physical items stored in Ed's garage. A storage facility is being looking into for those physical items.

### **Outdoor Experience - Scott Connelly**

Discussed already under Trip Leader Training. Hike and Trip Leader training scheduled for February 26, 2022 via Zoom.

### **Outings - Lance Whitmier**

OC/LB events have been selling out, in particular the outdoor hikes. They schedule at least 2 hikes a month. Suggested co-hosting events with other Chapters such as a picnic/volleyball game.

### **Outreach - John "J-Mo" Molina**

Nothing to report due to current Covid restrictions in place

### **Webmaster - John "J-Mo" Molina**

Doing a work in progress redesign of the website with the current testing model at <https://test.greatoutdoors.org> to make it more user friendly for use on mobile devices (i.e. moving navigation bars to the top). No definitive time set for completion. He wants input and feedback from Chapters before implementation.

Dennis Curran requested additional training for new event managers with Wild Apricot.

### **Chapter Reports**

The **LA** chapter continues 1 or 2 planned hikes per month. Camping events include Death in 2 weeks, Morro Bay in May, Agnew Meadows (Mammoth Flats) in July.

**OCLEB** has a hike planned for Feb. 2 to Aliso Canyon, a trip to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Museum on Feb. 13, a camping trip to Pinnacle National Forest, a trip to the Griffith Observatory and other hikes in the future. Chapter has 78 members.

**PS** continues to plan 1 or more hikes per week. Camping trip planned for the Salton Sea in February, Agua Caliente in March and Death Valley with the LA Chapter in February. Chapter has 369 members.

**SBVC** canceled their Yosemite trip due to Covid restrictions. Planning a camping trip to Big Sur in April and Carrizo Plane in May. Chris Fava from VC will be leading a hike in Ventura County. The Chapter has 61 members.

**SD** has a hike or bike ride planned at least once a month. Camping trip planned for Agua Caliente in February, Catalina State Park in April and want to engage in a back design T-shirt contest with other chapters. Newsletter invitation to participate to be sent out.

### **Action Items Summary**

#### **Scheduled Next Board Meeting**

Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. to be held via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michael Keller  
Secretary