

Adventurers' Club of Los Angeles

Board of Directors Meeting

April 1, 2019

Venue: Adventurers' Club

Host: Matthew Nadu

Officers and Directors for 2019

Club Officers (5)

President: Mr. Michael Lawler

1st Vice President: Vacant

2nd Vice President: Mr. Rich Mayfield

Treasurer: Mr. Andy Medina

Secretary: Mr. Scott Warner

Past President: Mr. Eric Streit (Absent)

Directors (6)

Mr. Mathew Nadu

Mr. Bryan Kriese (Absent)

Mr. Lynn Redman

Mr. Ken Hudson

Mr. Alec Shumate

Mr. Jim Heaton

Visitors Attending

Vince Weatherby

Eric Flanders

David McAlexander

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Call to order was made at 8:12 PM by Michael Lawler, who first thanked all for attending and gave his appreciation to Matthew Nadu for hosting the dinner.

A declaration of a quorum was made by Scott Warner with nine members attending. Those being: Michael Lawler, Rich Mayfield, Ken Hudson, Scott Warner, Lynn Redmon, Andrew Medina, Alec Shumate, Matthew Nadu and Jim Heaton.

The March 2019 BOD Minutes were amended, reviewed and approved by all members.

President's Report: Michael Lawler

Michael said that the club is in great shape financially, thanks to (a) the successes of last year's NOHA and last month's Tiki Night and (b) Roger Haft's generous bequest of \$100,000 to the club. He talked about some possible investment options.

Michael then reviewed the vacant 1st VP position and asked for any suggestions. BOD discussed possibilities and suggested forming an active Programs Committee.

Michael stated that the calendar is currently filled with programs through July and mentioned that Pierre Odier had stopped by and said he would do another presentation for the club.

1st Vice President's Report: Vacant

Michael reviewed the scheduled programs, those past and upcoming, for 2019.

2nd Vice President's Report: Rich Mayfield

Rich reviewed the status of the remodeling project and talked about the new flooring installed and said it cost around \$14,000.

He then reviewed what was next and stated the ceiling would be first and then the walls. Discussed raised ceiling options, various paneling and the types of lighting to use.

Talked about doing the same in the library and said he was gathering samples to show the board. Reviewed more design possibilities and stated we should repair any water leaks found while ceiling access is open. Reviewed design and display options and talked about possible locations for the Exploration Flags to be displayed. He suggested all flags be moved to the President's Room and an inspection was completed by the BOD. Scott Warner advised the board that Bryan Kriese wanted to place those flags at entry way to the library. Measurements were taken of possible locations and the board reviewed their options.

Rich suggested we upgrade the refrigerator in the Dining Room to a merchandiser model with glass doors to display and sell the beer, wine and soft drinks. Decision was made to look for a replacement refrigerator and Rich Mayfield and Alec Shumate will report back to the board.

Rich discussed the current exhibits committee and the need for them to organize and work with him on the remodel. It was agreed that Brian Kresie, Scott Warner and Rich Mayfield would work together on the displays and exhibits.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew Medina

Andrew circulated and reviewed the financial reports along with balance sheets that covered the previous year's comparison and Movie Night earnings. He then reviewed the results for Tiki Night and discussed the income and expenses and showed that the club had made approximately \$5,000 dollars for the event!

Andy then started a discussion on the weekly food served and costs involved. Andy suggested that we start catering more food from outside restaurants and have our crew act only as servers. The board discussed this option and agreed that it had possibilities, but we did not want to jeopardize our long-standing relationship with Joseph and his crew.

Andy then reviewed the last Movie Night and the attendance and said he wanted to have a monthly Movie Night and possibly hold more events for the members on the weekend. The Board discussed this proposal and agreed that it was a good idea and talked about possible events that could be held in the future.

Secretary's Report: Scott Warner

Scott started with Jim Dorsey's written request for Emeritus status. The board reviewed and discussed his request and made a motion to approve Jim Dorsey for Emeritus status.

The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the BOD.

Scott then discussed issues with running the front desk and stated we need dinner tickets up front and a cash box with a \$50 bank to make change. He stated that we also need the square-up device and phone up front for accepting credit cards as well as the weekly list of who pre-paid for dinners. Scott stated that he has been the only person to arrive early to the club to run the front desk and that no one was running the bar. He said we need two people at the club by 5:30 pm as guests have been showing up early and there is no one available to provide tours to 1st time guests or assist them at the bar. He reminded the BOD that he would be leaving the last week of May until October and that the House Committee needed to handle these duties.

He also advised the BOD that they needed someone to replace him to handle the silent auction for NOHA and reviewed the process and duties required.

He advised that Lynn Redman would be filling in as Interim Secretary until his return and would be responsible for the general meeting duties.

Membership/Admissions Report: Eric Streit (Absent)

Scott said that the interview with Scott Crawford had been completed and asked if the BOD wanted to review the results and his application for membership. The BOD agreed and Scott passed out his application for review.

Jim Heaton asked to share his research on an LA Times article he questioned Scott about and shared the article and his responses. The BOD reviewed and discussed his qualifications and a motion was made by Jim Heaton to postpone a vote until the May BOD meeting. The motion was seconded and approved with one objection.

Old Business

The Second Annual Tiki Night was reviewed by the BOD and a discussion was held on the Pros and cons of the evening, including what worked well and what could be improved. It was agreed that we could

improve on the food menu due to the cost of tickets and that the seating arrangement was a bit crowded. Michael mentioned that the Deadhead room group had asked if they could have some stage time to promote their product. Overall the night was a great success and everyone had a great time.

Michael reviewed and discussed Jay Foonberg's Centennial celebration proposal. It was agreed there were some issues with streaming programs from our archives.

New Business

Discussion held on how to attract guests and potential members to the club. Andrew Medina suggested more newsletters for the club. Discussion was held on the matter and no decision was made.

Michael Lawler started a conversation on NOHA 2019 and suggested possible venues for the event. The Science Center, Natural History Museum, Queen Mary and the Bowers Museum were discussed as possibilities. [Subsequently, some members of the BOD did a tour of the Bowers Museum and on April 18 at the Club, with a quorum present, the BOD voted unanimously to hold the event at Bowers Museum.

Michael then discussed the possibilities of having club outings outside of the club. He suggested some ideas such as hiking and trips to Catalina, Dodger Stadium and possibly an outing to Chuck Brill's Hunting Club at Little Lake.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Scott Warner (#1184)

ACLA Secretary