

The Adventurers' Club of Los Angeles
Monthly Board of Directors Meeting
June 3, 2019

The June 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting was hosted by Michael Lawler 1195, President, on his 47 foot sloop, TRAVELER, on a mooring in Newport Harbor. The board members began arriving around 6 p.m. at the Sapphire Avenue public dock and then were taken out to the boat by Lawler in his dinghy. Lawler served up a fried chicken supper with all the trimmings and refreshments topside and a good conversation was had by all. The evening was delightful with a cool breeze and calm waters. All thanked Lawler for being such a good host, for the food and drink, and for letting us enjoy the beautiful surroundings with him. We went below deck and started the meeting around at 7:22 with seven of the Board attending making a quorum. Andy Medina 1212 also attended later by speaker phone. Those attending were Lawler, Jim Heaton III 1020, Ken Hudson 1206, Lynn Redman 1198, Rich Mayfield 1211, Alec Shumate 1210, and Bryan Kresie 1186.

Minutes Approved. Motion to accept the May Board of Directors' meeting minutes was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lawler gave his report. He wanted to emphasize the need to seek out top quality candidates for prospective membership. We have accepted only one new member this year and there is only one more now in consideration for membership. He said we needed more "wow" factor around the tables during dinner to whet guests' interest in possibly becoming members. He encouraged all of us to seek out new member prospects and to pass on to our brother members the need to keep inviting good adventurers to be our guests at the Club. Lawler pointed out that he will be away from the Club on adventure from July 10 to mid-August on Transpac, and then again for 10 days in October on a rafting trip down the Grand Canyon, so arrangements need to be made to cover for him at meetings and other Presidential duties. It was generally agreed that all Board members would step up to fill in for him as needed. Lawler also pointed out the Board vacancy left by Secretary, Scott Warner 1184, which needs to be filled and for the urgent need to appoint a First Vice President to handle program bookings. Lawler expressed thanks for us all to Warner for his faithful and tireless help while Secretary and helping with NOHA. Redman also will be away until early August, but he agreed to help, if needed, as Secretary from then until the next slate of Officers is installed.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Six months into the year and we still do not have a First Vice President. So, a discussion was held pointing out the urgency of filling this post immediately due to running out of time to set up programs for the last half of the year. Both Hudson and Shumate stepped up to take on the job, and after some lengthy review of both their qualifications and their availability to devote the time required (because we know how time-consuming the role of program chairman can be), Shumate was voted in to be our First Vice President. Shumate said he would work with each speaker and help with their program, if needed. Shumate will run the Thursday night meetings in Lawler's absence.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayfield reported on a host of activities he is heading. Dining room ceiling and lighting improvements are coming. Some quotes are in and may be ready to award by next month's Board meeting. The Board spent considerable time discussing all the potential lighting alternates and ceiling replacement issues. Details will be provided at next month's board meeting or before in a special meeting, if needed, so that construction can begin as soon as possible. After Thursday's meeting, Mayfield will be taking four weeks' paternity leave to help at home with the new arrival. A quote in hand to bring both of our pianos into working condition, to tune both, and to move them to new locations for \$600 total was approved. The landlord has been notified of an ongoing rainwater leak in an outside wall. Three new video cameras in Chase Hall at \$500 each have been installed and have improved our streaming of our programs. Mayfield recommended additional cameras at \$900 each and improved lenses at \$200 each for theater-quality sound, and that was approved. The new Wi-Fi set up in the dining room is working at 2G and is 5G capable. The dining room is about 1,200 square feet.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Redman was temporarily acting for Warner as Secretary at this meeting but Redman will be away until mid-August, so Lawler asked Larry Stern to serve as Secretary for the remainder of the calendar year, he agreed to do so, and that was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Medina then joined the meeting on speaker phone and gave his report. The financial statements he prepared were reviewed and approved by the Board. He reported on the financial success of the Saturday Movie Nights with one netting a \$300 profit, and Medina would like to have them more frequently. The Board was in favor of increasing the number of movie nights and thanked him for handling these arrangements. The \$2,000 donation by Shiy Sabiniano, a prospective member not yet fully approved for membership, was discussed. It seems his donation, which has been received and deposited, had a stipulation requiring the Club to post a plaque of some kind naming him as the donor. Since Mr. Sabiniano will be away for several months on adventure in Alaska with Warner, the Board agreed to take no action on his membership approval at this time. The \$100,000 gift from our late brother Roger Haft has been deposited and is now temporarily in one of our no-interest or low-interest bank accounts. The Board voted to give Medina authorization to quickly move that \$100,000 into a safe, insured, short-term, interest-bearing instrument such as a CD until the October business meeting, at which time we expect approval by the general membership for investment guidelines for this generous bequest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

There was no official committee report made, but a general discussion of membership possibilities was made as a continuation of the President's Report. Names of several guests who have attended Club meetings were brought up as possible members with no definitive actions requested at this time.

Program Calendar:

The programs now booked were reviewed through the end of the year, and at least half of the dates are still open. Many ideas were reviewed to fill those spots. David Hayden 1203 and Michael Lawler have booked most of the speakers so far this year, and their program list was reviewed.

Expedition Flags:

Danee Hazama's 1014 request for an Expedition Flag to take on his journey on the old silk road trail from west to east across the Malaysian peninsula was approved. Since he lives in Tahiti and will be leaving on the trip from there in the next few days, Lawler agreed to inform him of the approval and to try to arrange for a fast delivery of the flag to him. Before discussing Lawler's request for an expedition flag to take on the Transpac Race, he was asked to remove himself out of ear shot, which he did, while the Board reviewed his request. After much deliberation and after digesting the intent of the Expedition Flag Committee's report, the Board voted to accept the terms of Lawler's application and to allow him to fly the Expedition Flag from TRAVELER on his round-trip journey—the Transpac Race to Hawaii and his return, a total of nearly 5,000 nautical miles at sea.

Centennial:

Shumate will send a screen shot of the approved Centennial Flag design layout to Nikki's Flag Shop to have them provide a quote for making the full-sized banner. Jay Foonberg 1126 is limiting his participation on this committee.

Exhibits:

Kriese was given Board approval to gather together the animal heads and other seemingly surplus exhibit materials he has found in storage to be sold to members, perhaps as auction items at NOHA, and if not purchased to be disposed of in other ways he seems fitting. His first batch will be available for sale at the next Thursday's meeting. While going through this material, Kriese is coordinating with Vince Weatherby 1060, Club Historian, and other long-time members to get their input on the background histories of each exhibit.

Night of High Adventure:

Lawler reviewed the event arrangements as they stand now with the Bowers Museum. The Museum proper which normally closes at 4 p.m. may be left open for us even though NOHA starts at 6. Parking is free. There will be a cash bar with wine available for purchase at each table. At Medina's suggestion the Board agreed to set the early ticket purchase price at \$110 each thru August 3, increasing to \$125 each thru September 30, then \$140 each after that. Attire will be formal black tie, Highland wear (kilts), ethnic, or military, as always.

Other:

Medina is working to streamline the Pay Pal process for meeting ticketing and other Club-related purchases. Shumate would like to work on improvements to our web site and will run his suggested changes by Stewart Deats 1168. No one has heard from "Mad Mike" Hughes about his next rocket launch attempt from Slab City.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14. Respectfully submitted June 5, 2019 by Lynn Redman 1198.