

BARE MOUNTAIN RETREAT, Inc  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Date: April 28, 2024 Time: 10 am MDT Place: Clubhouse/Google meet**

Attendance-in person: Cindy, Donna, Christian, Susan, Al K, Al P, Ken, Cherie, Jerry, Ted, Gary, Ed, Gail, John, Jon, Susan Wh, Mark, Jason, Sky, Ron G, Sandi, Lisa, Joe, Brenda, Tracy, Betty Attendance-Online: Brent, Kathy, Jane, Rhea, Carol, Ron W, James B., Lee, Jim, T.

We want to welcome Al onto the board. We had some very good applicants and are hopeful that they will apply for the board next year. Also, Welcome to Gail, who will be helping Christian with his Member at Large position during the summer when he returns to California for surgery for several weeks.

Additions to and/or Acceptance of the Meeting Agenda: *Adding Land to Committee Updates.*

Acceptance of January 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Minutes accepted

**Financial Report and Acceptance:** Donna:

US Checking Account	\$ 1,313.14
US Money Market ( <del>Emergency</del> ) funds	<u>\$53,303.28</u>
	\$54,550.42

We now have 72 members. We lost 12 this last winter for various reasons. More monies have been deposited as member sign up for another year. There is now \$74,514.42. Discussion ensued regarding budgeted funds vs total funds. Donna agreed to show total break outs by the next meeting. Report accepted.

**Member at Large Report and Acceptance:**

Christian explained how the process of complaints are handled. If a problem arises that cannot be worked out between the two people, an incident report (available in the clubhouse) needs to be filled out *within 7 days* and put in the locked box directly under the forms. The complaint will be handled by Christian (or Gail, if he is not available) to try to find a solution, if it is a minor complaint, or turned over to the board depending on the severity of the complaint.

Christian went on to discuss the article he wrote for the May ROAR on the dangers of Melanoma. He went on to strongly recommend that as nudists, we have an annual exam to make sure any lesions are checked and corrected so we don't lose any more of our members to melanoma.

**Committee Updates:**

Activities – Lisa said the calendar is filling up, but we still have three 3-day weekends (Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and Labor Day) *with no Saturday evening activity*. OUR activity calendar brings a lot of guests to our mountain. We need

to fill these dates. She was excited to share that Steve and Ginger have invited a wonderful band called *Champagne Sunday* to perform **June 29** (see the calendar for details.) What is fun is that THEY are nudists! Ron and Al and Lori got together and decided on a new date for **Ron's Ribs**. Instead of Labor Day weekend, **it has been moved to July 20<sup>th</sup>**, the night of our annual Volleyball Tournament. That is why the Saturday of Labor Day weekend is now available. Also, Lisa will be getting together with Sam, a favorite DJ from Quartzsite (the Magic Circle) to figure out a date for him to come up to the mountain to DJ a dance for us. Nighttime volleyball is now charted for Saturday nights, leaving Friday nights open for game night.

Gail said if you notice that we are out of an item somewhere on the mountain (i.e., toilet paper or cleaning supplies, condiments, etc.) please write it down on the note pad on the refrigerator so that the activity committee can put it on their shopping list.

Emergency Preparedness: Jon expressed the need for life support classes early in the season. First aid kits will be updated and placed. Narcan is important to have available on the mtn. Another AED has been purchased. Watch for training classes and/or let Ron or Jon know if you are already certified.

Legislation: Albert explained that so far this year only one motion has been given to the board for review, and a decision of pass/do not pass. It will then be sent to the full membership for comments and then will be voted on at the next membership meeting.

Marketing: Jason talked about creating some business type cards that members can pass out to prospective visitors giving them 1 free day pass to come and visit the club. He has started designing them and hope to have them ready in June. He has put a box on the back of the card for the sponsoring members' initials. He will work with Albert to create a code to enter into the reservation system so there will be no charge. He is also working on a trifold brochure to give to 'open-minded' businesses in the Boise area – hiking clubs would be a good spot to begin. Jon suggested that wristbands are very popular and might be a good way to get our name out there – possibly with the website printed on it. Lastly, Jerry mentioned that in the past holding an Open House with free entry for the day brought in many visitors that in turn joined and have become great members. Gail shared that they came to an open house held in conjunction with AANR's annual Skinny Dip Day, and it was great.

Membership: The Membership committee interviews potential members, makes sure their background checks are done, and turns their names over to the board.

The main part of what has been called membership (in these last few years) is actually Visitors and Reservations. Gary shared with us that over the last 10 years we have increased our "visitors income" by 16 times! That's a whole lot of horn honking. Ken has done a fantastic job these last few years, but he is moving on and no one wants to replace him. We are now at a crossroads – we

need to decide if we want to close our mountain or figure out a way to handle it right. Gary proceeded to lay out a whole new proposal to hire a part time person to man the phones from 9 am to 1 pm Tuesday thru Saturday, talking to potential visitors, listening to the answering machine, returning calls and answering questions, giving directions, logging the reservations, opening the gates, welcoming visitors, taking them on a tour of the club. The increase in visitors should easily pay for itself. A lot of calls are missed with no one in the clubhouse to field questions and take reservations. Gary turned some time over to Jason so he could explain the new radio system that he has created. There is a box outside the gate, giving visitors instructions to push the button for help. This in turn causes the four new radios to beep so that anyone who is in charge of the office or the 'member on call' to hear the beep and ask who is there. The visitor will then identify himself/herself and the person on the radio will verify that they do have a reservation or are coming up for the day without a reservation and the radio keeper will punch in the four-digit code to open the gate. Then they will go up to the office if not already there to help the visitor. Kudos to Jason for an amazing system that he developed.

Since most of us do not have a four-seater side by side, that would be a necessary investment so that any one of the available 'members on duty' would be able to take visitors on a tour whether or not the visitors arrive during the 20 hours covered by the paid staffer. It was discussed in depth and a motion was made to proceed with the staffer and vehicle. A vote was taken and was unanimous in favor of the staffer and vehicle. Donna is going to check into the possibility of a five-year loan through AANR for \$10,000 for the purchase of a UTV. Thank you, Gary, for a well-thought-out well-developed visitor flow plan.

Caretaker: Since no one signed up for the caretaker position for the whole summer Ted agreed to take the 1<sup>st</sup> six weeks of the summer, and Ted and Cindy want to get others trained to take over the other positions to finish out the summer. The first 6 weeks are critical, getting the water turned on, fixing leaks, grading the roads, cutting tree limbs or actual trees that are now a danger, opening drainage ditches, getting the hot tub and pool up and running, overseeing fence building, and general overall repair after the winter. Suggestions were made for a *caretaker coordinator* to oversee the rest of the summer after these first six weeks. The land chair will train people to oversee the pool and hot tub – no one else will be authorized to clean or put chemicals into either the hot tub or pool without prior training.

Roar: Susan explained that she is hoping she can handle the responsibilities of the secretary and editor of the Bare's ROAR. She enjoys editing our newsletter and asks for articles, pictures, etc., as this is YOUR newsletter.

A discussion was then held about the IMPORTANCE of making sure that pictures are not published of people that have said that they do NOT want their photos published in the ROAR. Susan said that she has already realized that the DO NOT PUBLISH list *has* to be made available to the editor *and* to the ROAR photographer (Sky).

Streak To the Peak: Albert shared that this year the STP will be held the weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He explained that they are trying something new to encourage early registration by offering a \$5 discount from May 1<sup>st</sup>, until July 1st. Cindy will again take charge of the meals.

Albert went on to tell us about the Idaho Natural Hotsprings group who are coming back for a visit on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this point Al is guessing that there will be between 40-50 people showing up to hike our trails and enjoy our pool at \$20 per person. They could turn out to be one of our major fundraisers for the year, especially since they are also scheduled to come for an overnight visit on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trails: Gary reminded us that the 18<sup>th</sup> of May is the trail work party starting at 8 am. They will work till noon and be fed lunch. Gary asks for help cooking and serving hamburgers and brats. Those helping with the trails, will also receive a free day pass for a future visit. He was excited about this year's new goal (in addition to regular maintenance of all of our trails) which is to connect Ed's West View Trail (the trail with some of the prettiest views on the whole mountain) to the Black Diamond trail, so that hikers don't have to hike up to the end of the trail and then turn around and hike back down the same trail. Ed suggested that the trail hook into the Monkey Rock trail (only about 300 yards of additional work)

Land: Cindy spoke for Ted about Land Chair business. A skidster was rented to work on the roads after the winter. They are still deciding what needs to be done and know that it looks rough right now but were forced to quit due to the track coming off. Because of the loss of the track, the company didn't charge the club anything for the 2 ½ days it was used. There will also need to be some hand digging in front of culverts. The water is on, and all the leaks have been fixed. Josh is coming up May 15<sup>-17</sup> to uncover the pool. Then the pool will be cleaned and filled, adding the chemicals needed, and the pool should be opened in time for Memorial Day weekend. The work on the fence to the West gate is almost complete!! **Thank you!** It looks great! Thanks also to those cleaning up the clubhouse. We definitely have a mouse problem here and we are looking into buying totes in the future to store the kitchen equipment instead of putting everything into plastic bags. Water samples have been taken to Boise and we are waiting for the results (note: Monday, 4/29/24 results returned potable!)

#### **Old Business:**

Volunteers for meals for work parties May 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>

It was decided that meals will be provided on work Saturdays only. Lisa will oversee the lunch on May 4<sup>th</sup>, Susan Wh. will oversee the lunch on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> is already covered by the trails work party. *All days need HELP* setting up, preparing, cooking and cleaning up.

#### **New Business:**

Date for next General Membership Meeting. Cindy announced that the next Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, July 14.

Susan brought up the need to get your wasp traps out NOW due to the milder winter this last year. Cindy explained that she has already purchased fly & wasps traps and wasp spray for anyone that needs it here on the mountain. She has them at her lot, the green and white cabin kiddie corner from Ken and Cherie. Tools are desperately needed. Last year the club purchased a new lawnmower, blower, weed eater, and chain saw (with battery that fits other tools). A checkout list will be made for the Man Shed. If you borrow a tool, write the date down and when you bring it back, check it off. Also, Please(!!!) do not take sprinkler parts unless there is a huge abundance of that particular part in the bucket. It's a 50-mile round trip downtown for Land to pick up a part that is supposed to be in the shed if they have to repair a leak somewhere.

As you all know, our old trash bin is barely hanging on. Discussion was made to rebuild it, but we were told it too would fail, as it is made of wood. After discussion with our trash pickup person, we decided to look into roller carts/barrels. It was voted on and accepted to order 4 or 5 of the large roller carts (like we have at our homes.) We will bungee them closed to keep the bears out. Discussion ensued on ways to keep outside people from stealing them or putting their trash in them. We want to place them at the East Gate and feel like one can be rolled up to the commons area for parties, filled up, and rolled back down to the storage area. Gail brought up the fact that she has stocked the kitchen with Corelle ware and silverware at her own expense, so that there is less trash to go out weekly. Corelle ware comes in handy with certain meals like steak. Other times paper plates are appreciated as there is less clean up afterwards. It was pointed out that paper plates can be burned in the burn pit, but Cindy requested that we not toss them in to be burned if there is not a fire burning already, as it looks trashy.

#### **Question and Answer Session:**

Swearing in of new Vice President – Al Kleinhaufer was sworn in after being accepted by membership at the new VP.

Next General Membership Meeting, Sunday, July 14, 2024 10 am

Next Board Meeting May 19, 2024 10 am

Adjournment