



## February 7-8, 2020 Trustees' Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order:

Date: Friday, February 7, 2020

Time: 2:01 pm EST

Place: Suwannee Valley Resort, White Springs FL

AANR President Kathy Watzel called the Midwinter Meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. EST

### Roll Call: Kathy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer:

#### Roll call

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Kathy Watzel	President	X	
	Patty Faber	Vice President	X	
	Kathy Smith	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustees	Mark Heunison	Trustee from AANR-Western Canada		EXC
	Vacant	Club Trustee	-----	-----
	Ronna Krozy	Club Trustee	X	
	Terry Meek	Trustee from AANR-Midwest	X	
	Joan Harris	Club Trustee	X	
	Ralph Collinson	Trustee from AANR-Florida	X	
	Walt Stephens	Trustee from AANR-West		EXC
	Ted Peck	Trustee from AANR-Southwest	X	
	Bob Roche	Club Trustee		EXC
	Beverly Price	Club Trustee	X	
	Karen Lahey	Trustee from AANR-Northwest	X	
	Margie Cantlon	Club Trustee	X	
	Vacant	Trustee from AANR-East		open
	Peg Lane	Club Trustee		EXC

## **Declaration of a Quorum – President, Kathy Watzel**

All Officers and 8 Trustees are present, and we do have a quorum.

## **Point of Order – Bev Price**

You should seat the alternates before declaring a quorum.

## **Seating of Alternate Trustees**

### **Motion # 1**

I move to seat Larry Deschênes as the Alternate Member Trustee for AANR-East.

Maker:	Karen Lahey	Second:	Terry Meek
Purpose:	To fill the seat vacated for this meeting as specified in AANR ruling documents.		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	<b>Passed</b> - Unanimously		

### **Motion # 2**

I move to seat Bob Dixon as the Alternate Member Trustee for AANR-Western Canada.

Maker:	Terry Meek	Second:	Ronna Krozy
Purpose:	To fill the seat vacated for this meeting as specified in AANR ruling documents.		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	<b>Passed</b> - unanimously		

### **Motion # 3**

I move to seat Gary Mussell as the Alternate Member Trustee for AANR-West.

Maker:	Ronna Krozy	Second:	Ted Peck
Purpose:	To fill the seat vacated for this meeting as specified in AANR ruling documents.		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	<b>Passed</b> – unanimously		

## **Declaration of a Quorum – President, Kathy Watzel**

All Officers and 11 Trustees are present, and we do have a quorum.

## Introduction of Dignitaries

### Regional Presidents

AANR-East	Larry Deschênes
AANR-Midwest	Richard Quigley
AANR-Northwest	Dave Smith
AANR-Southwest	Mitch London - absent
AANR-West	Gary Mussell
AANR-Western Canada	Bob Dixon
AANR-Florida	Jim Wulchak - absent

Bev Price, Past AANR President

## Consideration of Rules and Order of Business

### Motion # 4

I move to adopt the *Rules and Order of Business* as corrected.

Maker:	Ted Peck	Second:	Joan Harris
Purpose:	As stated		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	<b>Passed</b> - unanimously		

## Report of Interim Motions – Kathy Smith

Since our last Trustee meeting, we have had three Interim Motions brought forward and voted upon via electronic communications. They are as follows:

### Interim Motion # 1, November 1, 2019

Voted on November 3, 2019, 12:01 a.m. to November 4, 2019, 12:00p.m. ET (midnight)

**Motion:** "I move the Board of Directors ratify the actions taken at the 2019 Convention as posted on the AANR web site."

Maker:	Kathy Watzel, AANR President	Second:	None
Purpose:	As Stated		
Fiscal Impact:	Listed in the report		
Discussion:	There was discussion via electronic means		
Disposition:	<b>Passed, Yes – 12, No - 0</b>		



## Discussion:

- Question from Larry Deschênes regarding his request to be kept informed on follow up from Summer Meeting as he had been filling in for Fred Van Nest. Subsequent to the meeting and before this meeting, Fred passed away, leaving no-one in the AANR-East Member Trustee position.
- Discussion that you are only seated as an alternate and unless the region selects you as the trustee and notifies AANR, you are still only an alternate.
- Question – If a trustee misses a number of meetings, do they need to be replaced? Yes, if the absences are unexcused.
- It was discussed that it would be a good practice to include the regional presidents in the mailing list of the trustees except for internal affairs or executive session items.

## Approval of the Minutes

### Motion # 5

I move to accept the minutes of the August 15-16, 2019 Trustee Meeting as distributed.

Maker:	Joan Harris	Second:	Margie Cantlon
Purpose:	As stated		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	There was discussion whether or not the interim motions corrected the minutes. It was determined they did not change the minutes. The Rules and Order of Business should read “as corrected”.		
Disposition:	<b>Passed</b> , unanimously.		

## Ratify Chair Appointment

### Motion # 6

I move to ratify the President’s appointment of Mike Parker as Chair of the Glen Miller Fund Committee.

Maker:	Margie Cantlon	Second:	Karen Lahey
Purpose:	As stated		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	<b>Passed</b> , unanimously		

## Nominating Committee – Dave Smith

- Has sent out notices through the office. Realizes that many nominations come in at this meeting. So far, there are only three nominations with paperwork that has been completed. The deadline is March 15. Would love to see nominations in before that. If we have to scramble to find nominations, let's get started now rather than at the last minute.
- Bev Price – Wanted to point out that we're in a new era as of this election and a lot of things are changing including the nomination form. There is only one form now for all positions. Make sure you are using the correct form.
- The forms in so far are Kathy Watzel for President, Kathy Smith for Secretary/Treasurer, Walt Stephens for West Trustee, Ronna Krozy for East Trustee, Karen Lahey for Northwest Trustee and Ted Peck for Southwest Trustee
- Dave stated he would love to have nomination forms for the rest of the openings this weekend. The deadline is March 15.

## AANR 2021 Midwinter Meeting

### Motion # 7

I move the AANR 2021 Midwinter meeting will be Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6.

Maker: Ralph Collinson Second: Beverly Price

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: Margie – are travel days Thursday and Sunday?

Answer – yes.

Bev – did anybody check Bare Necessities? Answer – yes

Where? Only picking dates now so anyone who wants to apply knows the dates.

Margie – it is Super Bowl weekend.

Kathy W – Per ruling documents, the meeting must start on a Friday in February. This is the only open Friday.

**Disposition:** Passed - unanimously

**NOTE: Bid for Midwinter location has to be in by July 31**

## Announcements

- Kathy W - Tonight is heavy appetizers tonight so don't need dinner. It starts at 6pm in this room.
- There was discussion about the Ad Hoc Travel & Expenses Committee. Three years ago

the Planning Committee had a plan ready to roll and nothing happened. The committee was formed and nothing has happened on it since that date.

- Ralph – Florida pays trustee per diem
  - Kathy W – A cap of money has been discussed, you choose you to spend it
  - Karen – Need a mechanism to say the most economical lodging available is what AANR pays
  - Bev – Setting one price per meeting is difficult. Expenses vary depending where the meeting is and where the trustees live.
  - Gary – West pays lowest common rate at resort and per mileage within 200 miles or 100% plane fare over 200 miles. Budget took hit, but now have a board member under 30 and two in the 35-age range who are considering running.
  - Karen – Consider having this done before the Outboard meeting so it's done before next elected board takes office.
  - Ronna – Has Bob Campbell's completed proposal for reimbursement.
    - Kathy W – please send to the board, presidents and non-board chairs (Tim Mullins and Alan Harris)
  - Dave Barry – Are these paid positions? Answer – No. Why not set up paid positions and cover own travel expenses?
    - Terry – Midwest did that and it didn't work out.
  - Kathy W – Tomorrow there will be a motion under new business for Terry Meek and Patty Faber to be joint chairs.
- Ralph Collinson– Dave Barry used meet-up to start a club. He has 200 members in the First Coast Naturists.

**Meeting is recessed to 1:00 p.m. EST, Saturday, February 8, 2020 – at 3:15 pm EST**

## **Welcome from Suwannee Valley Resort – BG**

BG thanked the board for choosing SVR for the midwinter meeting. She told of the history of Suwannee Valley Resort and the work they do with veterans in Lake City. They also set up a non-profit organization to provide dental care for veterans and are now in 9 counties and expanding. Cater to military, police, fire and EMS.

## **Reconvene Midwinter Meeting**

Meeting was called back to order by President Kathy Watzel  
February 8, 2019, at 1:07 PM EST at Suwannee Valley Resort

**Roll Call:** Kathy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer,

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	Kathy Smith	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustees	Bob Dixon	Alternate Trustee from AANR-Western Canada	X	
	Vacant	Club Trustee	-----	-----
	Ronna Krozy	Club Trustee	X	
	Terry Meek	Trustee from AANR-Midwest	X	
	Joan Harris	Club Trustee	X	
	Ralph Collinson	Trustee from AANR-Florida	X	
	Gary Mussell	Alternate Trustee from AANR-West	X	
	Ted Peck	Trustee from AANR-Southwest	X	
	Bob Roche	Club Trustee		EXC
	Beverly Price	Club Trustee	X	
	Karen Lahey	Trustee from AANR-Northwest	X	
	Margie Cantlon	Club Trustee	X	
	Larry Deschênes	Alternate Trustee from AANR-East	X	
	Peg Lane	Club Trustee		EXC

**Declaration of a Quorum – President, Kathy Watzel**

All Officers and 11 Trustees are present, and we do have a quorum.

**Introductions of Dignitaries – Kathy Watzel**

Regional Presidents:

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| AANR-Midwest        | Richard Quigly       |
| AANR-Northwest      | Dave Smith           |
| AANR-Southwest      | Mitch London         |
| AANR-West           | Gary Mussell         |
| AANR-East           | Larry Deschênes      |
| AANR-Western Canada | Bob Dixon            |
| AANR-Florida        | Jim Wulchak – absent |

Bev Price – Past AANR President

Tim Mullins – GAT chair  
 Alan Harris – Finance chair



## President's Comments to the Board – Kathy Watzel

The past six months have been a very exciting and productive time for AANR, filled with accomplishments. The office staff has been working to move from the antiquated Connetics system to the new system Impexium. February is the projected date to complete the switch to the new system. Impexium will provide for operational efficiency allowing the staff the ability to view and work with the data in a matter of seconds instead of minutes or hours depending on the report you're asking for. Our membership data is incredibly valuable in the age of data-driven organizations. The new system will also allow region leaders and club staff access to data without sharing emails or personal information. Impexium processes, organizes and prepares the data, offering a much clearer picture and a better understanding of the AANR audience, membership, and strategies.

In the past AANR had attempted to purchase two other data systems and spent over eighty thousand dollars for systems that were never put into place. I want to thank Karen Lahey for her diligence and time spent finding Impexium. She talked to me and wanted to go to a meeting. I approved the expenses going from our meeting to another place and she found Impexium by accident. She considered a minimum of 60 companies before recommending Impexium. Weeks went into multiple readings of the contract and planning with Erich Schuttauf and Judy Mason. The three of us negotiated the contract over the phone with the president of Impexium. Judy is a tough negotiator, but so am I. With Erich on language and Judy and I on the dollars we were able to negotiate all of the contract language, terms, and payments we requested. This meant if a performance deadline was not met AANR did not make a payment. This has paid off in the end because we did withhold a check from them until that information had been completed.

In 2019 membership increased by 135 new members. Yes, we have lost and gained more members than 135, however when you do the simple math we are 135 more members strong than in December 2018. The new data system will allow better tracking of membership and the staff will be better able to communicate with the membership. At present the staff sends congratulatory greetings for 5-year membership anniversaries. Impexium will make these greetings easier and soon every member can be congratulated on their AANR anniversary. Just think how important it would be to thank new members for their membership after 6 months or a year. Our next priority will be retention of the members we currently have. We have already begun to express to the membership the importance of AANR on many forums. Unfortunately we cannot share all of the particulars of a specific legal case but we can share we are helping with their nudist rights. Over the past year Carolyn and Erich have had 198 contacts with AANR members or others dealing with legal issues because they were nude. This puts the importance of what we do into perspective. In a calendar year that is one problem contact every day and a half. With the help of AANR most have had positive outcomes, others are still pending. Some are not AANR members, we get contacted through lawyers who find us online.

Shortly after our budget meeting last year I had a meeting with the staff asking them to cut costs where-ever possible. The staff is committed to being budget savvy. After looking at the cost of postage to mail the Bulletin every month...and I've got to thank Peter because this was something you said at our meeting that clicked in me and I started doing research and because of that conversation on cutting costs with the Bulletin you made me look at the dollars and the figures. We became proactive and went electronically. We're not totally electronically, you can still get your Bulletin in print if you'd like. It was decided to let members select how they received their Bulletin, electronically or via mail. This has created a large cost savings. With these savings and an increase in membership dues AANR will have a positive cash flow of

close to \$12,000 for 2020. I was informed by Alan, that that figure is not in stone. But when you look at the bottom of the column, that's the number you see. It will change and fluctuate. But if you just look at the budget itself, that's where we think our positive cash flow would be if we saved every dollar and spent every dollar on paper.

One way we are promoting AANR to obtain new members, is through our pamphlets for running, volleyball, cycling, and concert events. The handout is a visually appealing pamphlet for nude events where many participants are not members. The pamphlet is event specific, informing participants there is an organization, AANR, which supports nudists rights and can be tailored to include the local club contact information as well as the entire regions. This is to be used as a marketing tool to increase membership. Another marketing tool the office staff has created are an embroidered logo patch and logo cling. I encourage you to try a little experiment with me and place a window cling on one of your car windows and see how long it stays there. It is my hope it disappears, sharing the AANR message.

In past years the Budget committee has had to approve thousands of dollars to be transferred from the Connett Fund at the end of the year to cover operating costs. This year, due to multiple saving directives, I am pleased to announce the amount borrowed was twenty thousand dollars less. As you know these funds are transferred back early the following year. The goal is not to shift any funds in the future.

As you can see we have been very busy moving AANR in a positive direction. With your help and ideas we can move AANR forward supporting nudism.

And I was informed earlier that we've done even better since I wrote this with the funding and the money. We did not have to borrow any money because we had so many memberships coming in in January.

## **Committee Reports** – Updates to written reports only

### **Internal Affairs** – Ralph Collinson

- No report

### **Government Affairs** – Tim Mullins

- Stand on written report

### **Membership Marketing / MMS** – Karen Lahey

- Stand on what I talked about earlier this morning.

### **Public Relations** – Ronna Krozy

- I will stand on my report except we have done more since I wrote report. There were more pitches accepted in more publications.

### **Legislation** – Bev Price

- In report package – starts on page 52

### **Motion # 8**

I move to amend Governance Manual Section 2.01.01 by striking and adding as follows:

2.01.01 Dues for memberships will be as follows:

1. National Membership, \$35 annually per member;
2. Legacy Membership, \$25 onetime fee and \$5 to reissue lost paperwork;
3. Basic Membership, \$36 annually per member;
4. Associate Membership, \$36 annually per member;
5. Premier Membership, \$100 annually per member;
6. Young Adult Membership, \$20 annually per qualified member;
7. Student Membership, ~~\$15.00~~ \$18 annually per qualified member;
8. Life Membership, \$800 onetime fee per member;
9. Elite Life Membership, an additional \$800 onetime fee per member (total of \$1,600).

**Purpose:** Housekeeping. To conform line 7 with Governance Manual Section 2.05.07 which reads, in part:

Student Membership is offered at a 50% discount only on individual Basic or Associate Memberships.

**Maker:** Legislation Committee

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

This motion is to be implemented concurrently with the increase in other membership dues or immediately, if such increase is already in effect.

### **Discussion:**

- Larry – Question. With regards to the student membership, if what you are doing is making the student membership 50% of the existing basic or existing or associate

membership, why don't you just say that, and you'll never have to change it again.

- Karen – That was discussed in committee, but it was decided to continue on with the way it is worded for clarity.
- Terry Meek – 2.05.07 defines the student membership. In the definition, the membership dues rate is established as 50% of the regular membership. 2.01.01 is laying out the membership costs for all the different forms of membership. We could take it out of 2.05.07 but down the road, the rates could be changed all over the place and you would lose the 50% definition. Personally, I think it's better to leave the definition in there so you, effectively, have it in two places.
- Larry – If you read the first section first, that's a dollar figure. You have to go further into the "contract" to see that. Make words the same in both then will never have to change it again.
- Bev – Want to point out that most of this was taken care of in the interim motion that ratified what happened at Convention. This was just an oversight. I'd also like to point out that if what the Membership Committee wants, happens during the election cycle, this entire student membership will be gone. This is a patch until the election results.
- Karen – The discussion is applicable to Young Adult, which is in the next motion.
- Bev – Could have the same conversation on every one of these. There is the opinion that each membership should be a percentage of the basic membership so that none of them fail to be changed if we change the basic membership.

**Disposition: Passed** - unanimously

### **Motion # 9**

I move to amend Governance Manual 2.01.01 by striking and adding as follows:

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1. National Membership, \$35 annually per member;
2. Legacy Membership, \$25 onetime fee and \$5 to reissue lost paperwork;
3. Basic Membership, \$36 annually per member;
4. Associate Membership, \$36 annually per member;
5. Premier Membership, \$100 annually per member;
6. Young Adult Membership, ~~\$20~~ \$18 annually per qualified member;
7. Student Membership, \$18.00 annually per qualified member;
8. Life Membership, \$800 onetime fee per member;
9. Elite Life Membership, an additional \$800 onetime fee per member (total of \$1,600).

And

To amend Governance Manual Section 2.05.06 by striking and adding as follows:

2.05.06 Young Adult Membership is offered at a ~~reduced rate~~ 50% discount to individuals who are between the ages of 18 and 28 and who provide evidence of age.

**Purpose:** To decrease the cost of the Young Adult Membership.

**Maker:** Legislation Committee, at the request of the Membership Marketing Committee.

**Fiscal Impact:** Undetermined.

This motion is to be implemented concurrently with the increase in other membership dues or immediately, if such increase is already in effect.

**Discussion:** None

**Disposition:** **Passed**, unanimously

## Motion # 10

I move to amend Governance Manual 3.04.04.5 by striking and adding as follows and renumbering the section as needed:

5. The Legislation Committee shall be responsible for the following and related aspects of the Association: Principles and standards, Bylaws, policies and procedures.
  - a. All proposed Bylaw amendments shall be in the hands of the Executive Director not later than September 30<sup>1</sup>. A statement of fiscal impact shall accompany any proposal for a Bylaw amendment.
  - b. All proposals so submitted shall be presented by no later than October 15<sup>1</sup> to the Legislation Chair, the Legal Counsel, and the President (who may assign other committee chair(s) related to the proposal). These people, along with the Executive Director, will review the proposals and determine if any of them are harmful or frivolous.
  - c. All such reviews will be returned to the President by no later than October 31<sup>1</sup>. By No later than November 5<sup>1</sup>, the President will make the decision as to whether each proposal may advance or whether it will be ruled out-of-order as harmful or frivolous and will immediately forward each proposal with his decision(s) to the Board of Trustees.
  - d. No later than November 10<sup>1</sup>, the maker will be asked to write a "pro" statement no longer than 150 words. The President will seek someone to write a "con" statement no longer than 150 words.
  - e. No later than November 20<sup>1</sup>, the authors of the pro and con statements will forward their respective statements to the Legislation Chair (copy to the Executive Director) for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet. These statements will be modified only by the author(s) in concurrence with the Legislation Chair.
  - f. No later than November 30<sup>1</sup>, the Trustees will ratify, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the decision(s) of the President or will deny ratification on a proposal-by-proposal basis. On any proposal where the Trustees and the President disagree, a compromise/solution to the differences will be sought. ~~For each approved proposal, the Trustees will formulate a position statement on the merits of the proposal, with the names of those who voted and how they voted, to be included with that proposal in the voters' pamphlet. The maker will be asked to write a "pro" statement no longer than 150 words. The President will seek someone to write a "con" statement no longer than 150 words.~~
  - g. Immediately following the above ratification<sup>1</sup>, the approved proposals will be sent to the Legislation Chair to be rewritten as Legislation Propositions and circulated to the Legislation Committee. The President will notify the maker of any proposal ruled out-of-order, along with an explanation as to why it was so ruled, a statement

- as to the ratification by the Board of Trustees and the maker's right to appeal.
- h. By No later than December 15<sup>1</sup>10<sup>1</sup>, all Legislative Propositions, including the any Trustees' position statement and both the pro and con statements from members, will be finalized. They will be circulated to the Board of Trustees and to the authors of the pro and con statements for information only.
  - i. No later than December 20<sup>1</sup>, the finalized package will be submitted to the publications department for inclusion in *The Bulletin* and on the website.
  - j. The Legislative Propositions package will be printed in the February<sup>2</sup> issue of *The Bulletin* and will be placed on the AANR website. A bulletin board (or comparable) will be established on the website for deliberations regarding these Legislative Propositions.
  - k. In December<sup>1</sup> and January<sup>2</sup>, the maker of any proposal ruled out-of order will have the opportunity to negotiate with the President, Legislation Chair, Executive Director and any other committee chair(s) who reviewed his proposal in an attempt to fit his concept with the rules and standards of AANR. If such a compromise cannot be reached, the maker may prepare a statement of appeal to the Board of Trustees to reconsider its ruling.
  - l. At the Midwinter meeting<sup>2</sup>, the maker of the proposal ruled out-of-order may present his case. A vote of the board will be taken as to whether to reverse its initial ruling. It will require two-thirds (2/3) of those voting in favor of reversal to change the ruling. If the appeal is successful and the ruling is reversed, a Trustees' position statement and both a pro and a con statement (meeting the 150 word limit) will may be written.
  - m. Following the Midwinter board meeting<sup>2</sup>, any proposal for which the appeal was successful, (i.e., it is no longer out-of-order), will be sent to the Legislation Committee for inclusion on the website with the remaining Legislative Propositions package, but will not have the opportunity to be published in *The Bulletin*.
  - n. By No later than March 20<sup>2</sup>, the entire Legislative Propositions package will be finalized and prepared for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballots.
  - o. By No later than April 10<sup>2</sup>, the voter's pamphlet will be printed and ready for mailing with the May<sup>2</sup> issue of *The Bulletin*.
  - p. The balloting period shall begin when the voters receive ballots in the May<sup>2</sup> issue of *The Bulletin*. New members will receive this ballot if their membership transmittals are received in the AANR office by March 15<sup>2</sup>. Electronic balloting shall be closed on June 20<sup>2</sup>, and all paper ballots must be postmarked no later than June 20<sup>2</sup>.
  - q. Final tabulation of ballots and notification of winners shall be completed no later than July 1<sup>2</sup>.
  - r. Notwithstanding these guidelines, emergency amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed as outlined in Bylaws Article X.E.3.
  - s. The Executive Director and/or the Legislation Chair may change the wording, numbering and/or punctuation in any of the documents and amendments thereto for the purpose of clarification and/or editing, but not for the purpose of changing the meaning, purpose or intent of ruling documents.

<sup>1</sup>This date refers to odd years only. <sup>2</sup>This date refers to even years only.

**Purpose:** To clarify the due dates for legislation that amends Bylaws (during an election cycle).

**Maker:** Legislation Committee, at the request of the Kathy Watzel, president.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

## **Discussion:**

- Karen – Doesn't think it should be published in February. It would better serve our members to have it closer to the voting period. There should also be more input than just one pro and one con statement. Would rather have something where other people can put forth their ideas for the pro or con statement.
- Bev – Point of order. Karen is not speaking to the motion which only clarifies the dates. The pro and con statements are not talked about.
- Karen – States it does talk about the pro and con statements. Says the process needs to be fixed.
- Bev – States the process does need to be fixed, but you're not speaking to this motion. You would need a separate motion to deal with the process.
- Kathy W – Summarizing Karen, would like to see dates changed so there's more time.
- Karen – States we don't have paper ballots anymore so that needs to be changed.
- Kathy W – There are some paper ballots for those who call the office and request them.
- Eric – The main two ways to vote are telephone or computer. But we do accommodate members so there may be a few paper ballots.
- Bob Dixon – Question of clarity – Item p states that new members are eligible to vote if their transmittal forms are in by March 15. Are renewing members dealt with elsewhere?
- Kathy W – Yes.
- Gary Mussell – Doesn't like hard dates in documents. Would rather have number of days before a balloting opens so that if the date of balloting every changed, wouldn't have to go back and amend the dates. Also, harmful and frivolous are not defined.
- Kathy W – Gary is not speaking to the motion. This is another issue.
- Bev – A lot of this has been in the ruling documents since 2006 when we went to one member one vote. We are only putting in intermediate dates to clarify the order of things that need to be done in order to put the required information into the Bulletin.
- Ronna – Would like to ask for change of wording "his". Would like it to be non-gender.
- Bev – This does not speak to the motion. Our documents say "his" with the disclaimer that it represents both genders.
- Karen – Speaking to the dates, can we move the dates forward?
- Larry – Point of order – Karen not speaking to the motion. Only the add and deletes are in this motion. The existing language has not been proposed to be changed.

**Disposition: Passed, unanimously**

## Comments:

- Joan – If we decide at some point to go through the documents and change the use of the word “his” with clarification at the beginning about he/she/etc., please read Frank Bruni’s information in the New York Times about doing that.
- Ralph – Would at some point like to consider need for national members vs basic membership. Don’t know what the difference is.
  - Karen – The national membership doesn’t get a bulletin, has no vote, no benefits. Usually people who are very old and don’t travel, just want to support the organization.
  - Terry – The number of national members is 10. The national membership also does not pay regional dues.

## Glen Miller Fund – Patty Faber

- This committee has gone to Mike Parker and I will continue to serve on the committee if he so desires.
- At this point, I don’t believe there’s anybody in the pipeline.
- Karen – Sun Rovers will be putting in for a loan.
- Patty – Thanks to everyone who served on this and to Fred for his excellent leadership during that time. He will be dearly missed.

## Planning Committee – Joan Harris

- Based on yesterday’s discussion, regional presidents will be receiving email, probably in April, with specific questions. Please return as soon as you can.

## AANR Youth – Bob Roche

- No report

## Women in Nude Recreation (WINR) – Joan Harris

- Want to recognize AANR-West WINR for the work they are doing. They are doing a wonderful job in promoting women and have done a brochure. Kudos to them. New chair Treena Saavedra – contact info is available.
- Alan did a well-written article for the Bulletin on women being protected at clubs and he got a fan letter. A woman was very impressed with the information about the training program Solair uses for security and protection at their club. Ronna is working with a woman from her club on a new article about this program
- Gary – There’s a second card to be distributed at trade shows. It is more generic than the brochure. The brochure is aimed at the club level.



## **Hall of Fame – Dave Smith**

- Have not received any new nominees. Have sent out information through office and the Bulletin for people to strongly consider someone.

## **Nominating Committee – Dave Smith**

- Have one in process from Western Canada, but not turned in yet. We have at least one person signed up for each position. If anyone here is going to turn anything in, please do it sooner than later. It would be greatly appreciated.

## **Convention and Facilities - Ted Peck**

- Ted – Met once with Star Ranch (the council). They have many activities planned for Convention. Need to know who handles the auction and SMS.
- Patty – will handle the auction and maybe do SMS also
- Ted – Has loved the Northwest Receptions at Conventions. It was mentioned at Southwest and they are planning on doing a Northwest style reception.
- Kathy W – Make sure you get your background check done ahead of time. Hotel information has been sent out. You won't get a confirmation without a background check.
- There was discussion about hotel reservations. Be aware that with the lower pre-pay rate at the Holiday Inn, there is no refund and they take out the money immediately. There was no upfront information on that. The office is working to get that no refund issue resolved. There is a Quality Inn under construction that may be up and running by Convention.
- Carolyn has an updated list of confirmations. If there will be a situation where there is a minor who is not their child, call Star Ranch for the necessary documentation you need (imposed by local government).
- Mitch – Elgin is with a hard “g”. Most of your background check fee will be applied to your stay.
- Ted - Town of Manor is a long “a”. Star Ranch working on two more apartments.

## **Ad Hoc Travel and Expenses – Peg Lane**

- No report – new co-chairs will be ratified later this meeting

Break at 2:25

Reconvened at 2:40

## **Regional President's Council Report – Dave Smith**

- Presidents from 6 regions, minus Florida, met to discuss issues and address concerns at the Midwinter board meeting at Suwannee Valley Resort.
- Issues were nominations for openings on the national board, Hall of Fame nominations and encouraging regional clubs to invite national conventions.
- We discussed events such as the World Naked Bike Rides, Naked Cave tours, and other ways to get people who are compatible with nudism to learn more about AANR clubs.
- Of course, we brought up the generational gap and wondered if AANR clubs are trying to “shoehorn” nude

recreation into how we view it, while young people are saying, “I don’t need a club.”

- I encouraged a push for committee involvement from the regions. Too many conference calls, such as the PR Committee have the same 4 or 5 people on monthly calls. I expressed the importance of these calls and noted achievements such as getting monthly articles about Non-landed clubs in the Bulletin. It was suggested that something be done for Associates as well.
- We talked about HOW to offer more to Associate members. At this time we only encourage them with communicating events and news about AANR support of nudist rights or opportunities. What else can be offered?
- We discussed “What’s killing our clubs,” and discussed **training** young people to carry on the roles that keep clubs going. Also, they are more aware of the technology that will bring in a younger clientele.
- Mitch London from SW developed several iron on/sew on patches for events to create a person’s unique event towel, where no two would be alike. Patches from a Bare Buns fun run or bike ride could be sewn or ironed onto a towel to create a unique display of events participated in. He also shared a postcard style handout, “Your Nude Bucket List” listing a number of opportunities offered by Hill Country Nudist Clubs.
- We greatly appreciate being included in emails being sent to board members, as we believe we are an integral part of the board.

### **Special Presentation in Memory of Fred Van Nest** led by Ronna Krozy My memories of Fred Van Nest

It is an honor – albeit a sad one – to pay tribute to Fred Van Nest. Fred resided at Cypress Cove and when he died in Oct 2019 at age 79, a celebration of life was held at the Cove and over 100 people attended. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there but Susan Weaver, past president of AANR, paid tribute to Fred on my behalf. I am sharing these remarks along with some of Susan’s and information from Fred’s obituary. I have also asked Tim Mullins, GAT Chair and Caroline Hawkins, Club Liaison to share their memories of Fred as well. And if there are others who wish to speak, please feel free to do so.

Fred met Lana, his wife of 52 years, at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY and they lived in Syracuse, NY for 30 years where they had their two beloved children, Larry and Rebecca. Fred worked his entire career as an electrical engineer at Niagara Mohawk power company until retiring at 55 and embracing life as snowbirds. It was at this time that Fred began his intense involvement with AANR.

Both Fred and Lana were totally committed to living as nudists. They trekked each year from Empire Haven in Moravia, NY to Cypress Cove in FL where they ended up living permanently. Susan Weaver commented on Lana’s own involvement and her utmost support for all of Fred’s time and energy given to nudist activities. Susan further noted how very proud they were when they received the AANR Family of the Year award.

When I think about my friend, Fred, I think: kind, loving, articulate, genuine, intelligent, precise, dignified, staunch Democrat and gifted with dry humor. Fred was frequently my confidante and counsellor and occasionally my co-conspirator. Once you made friends with Fred you were friends forever.

I met Fred years ago during an AANR – East convention held at Solair in Woodstock Connecticut where my husband, Alvaro Suescun and I have been long standing members. From that moment on, Fred, aided and abetted by Susan Weaver, cajoled and colluded for me to run for an AANR office. Well...Fred finally got his way. He got me super involved with the organization and I always thanked

him for making sure my retirement was filled with lots of meaningful work...but no pay.

Fred spoke fondly of his family and his neighbors and he loved company especially after his beloved Lana passed away. His home was your home and he was generous to a fault, saying “stay as long as you want.” Alvaro and I enjoyed being with Fred at the Cove as he made everyone feel comfortable...and he always had good wine. A few years ago, when we were leaving to go home, I told Fred I would miss him but I would REALLY miss his TOILET. (You see, he had installed *bidet toilet seats* with all sorts of hands-free functions!) He laughed out loud and replied, “No one has EVER said that to me.”

I also remember some years ago accompanying Fred to a local senior housing facility where he was negotiating to have a special section set aside for aging nudists. Unfortunately, the administration changed hands and the plans fell through. This was very disappointing because Fred wanted to make sure that nudists would have a comfortable place to live even when they grew old.

Fred was a valuable asset to both AANR and AANR East, holding many positions of importance for decades such as Trustee, Chair of the Glenn Miller Fund Committee and Director. What was especially notable was his ability...in his soft-spoken way... to speak out against something he didn't agree with, even if his voice was the lone dissenter. Sadly, Fred's illness and the restrictive medical devices he was required to wear, severely impacted his ability to engage in the nudist activities he so enjoyed. Yet, he remained a valuable contributor to AANR until he was physically unable to do so.

So.... These are just some of my memories of Fred Van Nest. To all of us who knew him, we lost a champion for nudism. And to you Fred: I will always think of you with love and gratitude for all that you did for me and for countless others. I will miss our talks and your sage advice. But Fred...I will REALLY miss your TOILET!

Dr. Ronna E Krozy,  
AANR Trustee and Chair, Public Relations  
AANR-East Chair, Public Relations

➤ Tim Mullins

- I looked through my emails since I had first met Fred online. One of my earliest emails was a response from Fred to Karen Lahey from 2013 asking for AANR's support for nondiscrimination and the ever-present single male issue. Fred showed an awareness of other people's positions and the need to be inclusive. Fred felt AANR should take a strong stand of support for any person who chose to join and have him be welcomed at AANR-affiliated clubs.
- In 2015 we were looking at how could address the changing demographics of nudists and keep AANR relevant. This was during the time when we were talking about membership declines and what can we do to increase our membership.
- He wanted an executive director who could help us show support for those AANR members who were living in clubs that had left the AANR affiliation and gone to the swingers' lifestyle. Fred felt we needed to show our support and more support for our members who were still supportive of AANR but due to their housing situation were no longer in an AANR-affiliated club. He also wanted us to look at nudists of color and gay nudists who support our values and how to strengthen our bonds with these groups.

- In all these instances, my contact with Fred usually revolved around issues we both felt strongly about. Fred felt we should celebrate our ability to organize in places like Cypress Cove where he and Lana had a home and where they moved full-time after they retired. He felt these clubs should be inclusive should be inclusive of all nudists willing to accept the values of AANR.
- From the GAT point of view, it's a real loss because when I would be frustrated about things I couldn't accomplish I could always call up Fred and talk to him. And even if we had different opinions on things, he was always willing to ask questions to bring us around to where we could possibly come up with a solution.
- I'm sorry I couldn't be there for his service. But I think I'm a better person and a better GAT person because of Fred.

#### ➤ Carolyn Hawkins

- I did not know Fred that well at first, I only knew him through AANR. But once my husband passed away, I'd been living at the Cove for the past 15 years. I had a house in Poinciana and moved back there. Working at the Cove on Friday, Saturday nights and going back home to Poinciana at midnight, 1 o'clock, did not make me feel real comfortable. When Susan was at Fred's one night, I was talking to her about it and I was stressing a little bit about having to drive home. The next couple of days went by and Fred and Lana invited me over to dinner. I thought it was unusual, because I really didn't know them except Lana from the crafts and Fred from AANR. As we were eating dinner, we have an offer for you. Their house had been for sale for a couple of years. So they offered me to move into their house just for the lot rent with the stipulation that it remain for sale. Which meant, I had to keep it spotless. At that point, I was living by myself and Steve was not living with me, so that was not a problem. After about a year, Fred and I came to an agreement and I wanted to bring the cat and Fred did not want the cat. He said he'd increase the rent and take it off the market if I wanted to stay.
- Steve and Garland moved in with me and we shared the house. Once moved into the house, Fred and I became good friends. He would stop by and visit. When Lana passed away, I felt obligated to cook some dinners for him. Steve was actually the one that cooked. Fred then said why not go to the Lakeside for dinner. So I went several times to dinner, along with some other lady friends.
- Fred was the best landlord. If I needed something fixed, it was either done that day or the next. I never had to wait more than a day.
- I will miss him tremendously. We had become very close. Now that he had passed, I have to move out of the trailer and I'll be moving into a camper at Cypress Cove. I do miss Fred as a friend, as a landlord and as a co-worker at AANR.

#### ➤ Larry

- First met him at Empire Haven. Didn't know what to think of him; friendly, but a little off at times...but he's an engineer. Fred invited us over a number of times. Used to play Mexican Train. Poor Fred would sit next to me and I would load those dominoes on him every time. One night he got up and moved over by Linda, and she took over and loaded him up with those dominoes. He just couldn't win.
- We spent many nights there doing that and Lana laughing and having a good time. And one day Fred came to me and said "Did you ever think about running for the board?" and I

said the board of what. He replied the board of AANR. Said he should try it. He talked me into it, I ran for the board and was successful.

- A couple of years ago, someone else asked me to run for President. I did and won. Told Fred about it. Could see it in his eyes, he had done what he was after.
- Memories of Fred are fantastic and I will miss him forever.

➤ Eric

- Fred was never secretive about being a nudist. He was open and out with the community and corresponding with his lawmakers.
- Representative Cortez extended his formal condolences and thanks on behalf of his office and the Florida Legislature on the loss of a dear friend.

➤ Peter

- Knew him better after got on the Florida board.
- Was a good sounding board.

➤ Karen

- Wanted to acknowledge the work he did for ANRL.

➤ Kathy W

- Thank you, Fred, for all the work you've done for AANR.

## **Business Specifically Referred to This Meeting**

### **Approval of 2020 Budget**

#### **Motion # 11**

I move that the 2020 Budget be accepted as presented.

Purpose: To create a fiscal framework for 2020 operations.

Fiscal Impact: A projected operating income of \$11,817, total budget income

Maker: Alan Harris, Finance Chair                      Second: None needed

Discussion: None

**Disposition:**                      **Passed** unanimously

#### **Motion # 12**

I move to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Maker: Beverly Price

Second: Ronna Krozy

Discussion:

- Bev – There are some issues concerning enough that I think we should discuss in executive session.
- Ralph – Are the issues related to a person or to issue?
- Bev – A little of both.

Disposition: **Passed** - unanimously

Adjourned to Executive Session at 3:08 pm

Regular session resumed at 3:46 pm

### **Report out of Executive Session – Kathy Smith**

The board ratifies the action taken by the President in regard to the salary adjustment of the Executive Director for 2020.

### **New Business**

#### **Motion # 13**

I move to ratify the President's appointment of Terry Meek and Patty Faber as co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Travel and Expenses Committee.

Maker: Ted Peck

Second: Margie Cantlon

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

**Disposition:** **Passed**, unanimously

### **Good of the Order**

- Patty - Thanks SVR for hosting us and all their volunteers. It has been amazing. Have been through northern Florida without stopping. I love this club. I feel at home. Thank you for making us feel at home and being so welcoming.
- Ralph – Also want to thank Suwannee Valley not only for this meeting. I do a newsletter every month and told people that even though they had no interest in coming to the meeting, they should come for the food. They outdid themselves on the food. This area we're in is one of prettiest parts of Florida. The Florida Trail, which runs the length of the state, used to come

through this campground. Stephen Foster Park is the nearest park and celebrates the Suwannee River. For Florida, for the third year in a row Suwannee Valley is the fastest growing club.

- Karen – One of the Northwest clubs is flooding. Tiger Mountain had rivers running through it. The road is closed.
- Gary – Richard Hirst, founding father of the Western NRL passed last week. There is memorial next month. He was a tireless worker and will be missed. The library is now part of a coalition of 3 other libraries that share information back and forth.
- Bev – I was in Santiago Chile and the police were trying to contain riots and were not favorably looked upon. There were called “paco”, our equivalent of “pig”. At times as Legislation Chair, I am looked on as a paca because I have to maintain the integrity of our ruling documents. If you don’t like me coming back at you after you’ve done something, please consult me ahead of time. I’ll be happy to give you all the help you need. You’ll get the credit. The ruling documents are complex, they’re not always perfect, they’ve been changed over the years sometimes without regard to other things that are going on. I truly object to the fact that we now have on our website that two individuals may join at the same time. To me that is the definition of dual and our ruling documents say that each membership will be charged a handling fee or service fee. I think we ought to reconsider the fact that we voted to have individual memberships and now we are putting two of them together without consideration for what’s in our ruling documents.
- Eric – I’m going to pile on the accolades for Suwannee Valley. You heard so many good things, you heard about the money they raised what you may not realize is that charity that’s been set up to help veterans and for veterans who do not get any dental coverage under the standard VA benefits, they have set that up so that when they go on a visit to the dentist, the veteran does not pay anything. They make it possible for literally hundreds of people who served our country to have dental benefits. But I wanted to take a minute to thank Matt, in particular, and Carolyn Hawkins. They have made my life so much easier here. Matt, there wasn’t a time he wouldn’t set up a projector or tune the mics so they would sound perfect. And so many volunteers and the entire staff and BG and Tom and Vicki you’ve rolled out the red carpet. But Matt, in particular, was up at 4 in the morning filling the generators to make sure this meeting would take place if the power did not come back on. Tom, please extend to Matt my thanks because he was the right-hand man anytime we needed anything. And Carolyn, who I should have introduced earlier as from the office, makes our lives incredibly better and simpler with all that you do. Thank you for all you do.

## **Announcements**

- None

## **Meeting adjourned**

At 3:58 pm EST

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kathy Smith*

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Secretary Treasurer