



## August 9, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting

### Call to Order:

Date: Thursday, August 9, 2018

Time: 9:00 A.M.,

Place: DeAnza Springs Resort, Jacumba CA

AANR President Beverly Price called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

### Special Assignments

- Photographer - Sharon McLeod
- Timekeeper - Sharon McLeod
- Parliamentarian – None

### Roll Call - Paul Kuntzmann, Secretary/Treasurer

#### Roll call

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Beverly Price	President	X	
	Sharon McLeod	Vice President	X	
	Paul Kuntzmann	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Interim Executive Director / Legal Counsel	X	
Trustees	Bob Dixon	Trustee from AANR Western Canada	X	
	Lewis Dreblow	Club Trustee	X	
	Ronna Krozy	Club Trustee	X	
	Rick Snider	Trustee from AANR Midwest		EXC
	Joan Harris	Club Trustee	X	
	Ralph Collinson	Trustee from AANR Florida	X	
	Tim Mullins	Trustee from AANR West	X	
	David "Slim" Heide	Trustee from AANR Southwest	X	

**Roll call**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Trustees	Patty Faber	Club Trustee	X	
	Theresa "T" Price	Club Trustee	X	
	Kathy Smith	Trustee from AANR Northwest	X	
	Vacant	Club Trustee		
	Fred Van Nest	Trustee from AANR East	X	
	Kathy Watzel	Club Trustee	X	

- Paul Kuntzmann – All officers are present and 12 Trustees

## **National Anthems and Moment of Silence**

### **Introductions of Dignitaries** – President, Beverly Price

Incoming AANR President – Kathy Watzel

### **Regional Presidents**

Larry Deschenes	AANR-East
Richard Quigley	AANR-Midwest
David Smith	AANR-Northwest
Mitch London	AANR-Southwest
Gary Mussell	AANR-West
Bob Dixon	AANR – Western Canada
Absent	AANR - Florida

## **Consideration of Rules and Order of Business**

### **Motion # 1**

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

Maker : Ted Peck      Second: Margie Cantlon

Purpose: As Stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: No Discussion

Disposition: **Passed - Unanimously**, without objection

## **Ratify the Actions of the Board**

### **Motion # 2**

I move to Ratify the Actions of the Board taken since the August 2017 Annual Membership Meeting.

Maker: Lucy Heide                      Second: Ricc Bieber

Purpose: As Stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed - Unanimously**, without objection

## **Approval of Minutes-**

### **Motion # 3**

I move to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as distributed.

Maker: Terry Meek                      Second: Alan Harris

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed - Unanimously**, without objection

## **Presentation of the Nominees for Man, Woman and Family of the Year Awards**

Richard Quigley

- No nominations this year

## **Host Welcome and Award— Bev Price**

Dave Landman welcomed everyone to the club and the convention. He noted that this is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the resort.

- **Host Club Award** – To DeAnza Springs Resort presented to Dave Landman as both a tribute and a thank you from AANR for all the effort, from food and facilities to events, resulting in this excellent convention.

## **President's Comments and Presentations – Beverly Price**

Four years ago when I took the oath of office for AANR President, I intended to hit a home run every time I stepped up to the plate – and I intended to step up to the plate often. Little did I know then that the measure of success in baseball is significantly less than my idealistic vision.

Ty Cobb, outfielder for the Detroit Tigers, was the epitome of success in Major League Baseball, earning more than 40 baseball records, some of which stand today. And even his exceptional ERA (Earned Run Average) was a mere .367, about the equivalent of having a 1 in 3 success rate.

Does this mean that my analogy of hitting home runs was way off base (no pun intended) and the real measure of success was something greater than 1 in 3? I began to look at the other measures of success that the general public (as well as the AANR public) take to heart.

J.K. Rowling, the successful author of the Harry Potter novels, has stated, "It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case you fail by default." I have never been accused of being cautious, so I have not failed by default.

George Clooney, American actor, credits his aunt Rosemary with the advice, "Just do it, and be willing to fail, and at least you gave it a shot." Is that a careless attitude? Not for me.

Michelle Kwan's first coach insisted that she learn to fall before she learned to ice skate. She knew that Michelle was bound to fall many times and that she needed to learn how to handle it. I have dealt with failure even as I have attempted to succeed at everything I've done for AANR.

Michael Jordan has missed more than 9,000 shots in his basketball career, has lost nearly 300 games. He states, "I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." Although failure is not really acceptable for me, I have to reassess my goals every time that I fail and do what I can to turn it into a success.

Jack Lemmon, Academy Award winner, once said, "What stops you is the fear of failure. You will never achieve a deeper understanding of your work, or learn the tough lessons if you are liked or comfortable all the time." For what it is worth, in the past four years I have been both disliked and uncomfortable. Neither has stopped me from learning what I needed to learn.

And some in AANR have considered everything I've done a failure. In order to make certain that I have given all my constituents their due, I can unequivocally state that if that is the case (and I don't believe it is) that I meet Winston Churchill's definition of success:

"Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm."

I am just as enthusiastic about AANR today as I was four years ago, and I will continue to carry that enthusiasm into the future. I still believe the best is yet to come and we can do marvelous things if we will simply work together to succeed. I pledge that I will give it my best effort.

## Vice-President's comments – Sharon McLeod

As human beings, we all have strengths and weaknesses. When one sits in the Big Chair, Weaknesses — not strengths—are amplified. This is a narrow and incomplete focus of the President's performance. In this report, I'd like to encompass a broader view.

- **Membership:** When I first joined this Board in 2003, membership was close to 50,000 members. Every year since, it's seen a decline. That is, until Bev Price became AANR President. It took some time and effort, but extensive bleeding stopped. Many membership reports now have shown a membership increase. Although the increase at this time is modest, this change in direction merits wholehearted celebration.
- **Real property:** The building AANR owns includes the AANR office and several commercial units. For years, the AANR office had deteriorated to beyond a "tired" interior in need of refreshing, and AANR could not find tenants for many of the units. Under this President, both the AANR office and commercial units underwent major remodel, and all units are now occupied, providing a monthly income stream to AANR.
- **Finances:** When the gavel changed hands in 2014, the new President was immediately concerned about AANR's finances. As it turned out, AANR's books were so garbled that it took two full years for the Finance Director and the Finance Chair, a full-fledged Charter Accountant with multi-national experience, to unravel the mess.

Once unraveled, the replacement of missing monies and profitable investment of AANR Reserves were implemented, and AANR is, today, on solid financial ground.

- **Executive Directors:** This President is not shy about tackling Executive Directors that do not have AANR's best interest as their top priority. Although we all would prefer less turnover in this position (remember, the previous AANR President also lost two EDs under her watch), this position is too important to tolerate poor performance.
- **Special election:** Remember the Special Election in 2017? Holding an off-cycle election is hard enough, but consider this: the President was part of those that placed control of dues with members. When it proved an obstacle to moving forward, your President left ego and the past behind, and facilitated the move toward a workable solution.
- **Out-of-the-box board meeting:** By fall of 2014, serious issues arose that demanded an in-person meeting. An unexpected meeting with thin reserves in AANR's coffers required a special touch. Your President used her personal connections in Henderson, Nevada, to acquire rock-bottom lodging and conference facilities, reducing the cost of an in-person by about a third.

In the fifteen years I have served on this board, I've noticed that those in the Big Chair were often susceptible to Shiny Things, to the Next Big Thing, to clever Sound Bites that play well. While there is nothing inherently wrong with these things, they were often accompanied by a failure to monitor the details, to dig deeply into the operations of the organization that is AANR.

Beverly B. Price, with her obsessive attention to detail and bullshit detector *par excellence* was a perfect match for the AANR of 2014. AANR is fortunate to have had her as President during this recovery and transition.

## **Interim Executive Director's Comments – Erich Schuttauf**

Erich noted that at some of the regional conventions he attended it was brought to his attention that we used to have some humorous ways of welcoming our Canadian friends and acknowledging their importance to AANR. AANR is what it is because of the United States and Canada.

In that spirit we are going to have some fun. Erich gave a bit of background to preface his presentation - Tim Horton's is donut shop in Canada started by a one time member of the Toronto Maple Leaf's hockey team He then made a presentation to Canadian friends of pastries in a fake Tim Horton's box, that may be reminiscent of a certain Shell station in Jacumba Ca. The pastries had slices missing to account for the exchange rate. To conclude, in all seriousness we truly value our Canadian members and friends.

I appreciate this opportunity to address you and join you for the 2018 AANR Convention at DeAnza Springs Resort in Jacumba, California. I have appreciated serving the Association these past couple of months in this position and working with President Bev Price who has put in many hours of hard work as AANR transitions to its new leadership team this month.

### **Thank-You to DeAnza Springs**

The AANR staff and I appreciate the hard work by the staff and volunteers of our convention host club, DeAnza Springs. We're grateful for your help making the AANR convention (as well as the AANR West region convention) possible this year.

### **NCSL Report**

Erich stated that he was about to offer the best proof available that AANR is making a difference with lawmakers through its efforts at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

He first noted that over the years various volunteers have shared their stories with legislators, speaking from the heart and relaying their personal experiences. "This is much more effective, when our volunteers look both visitors in the eye to talk about what nudism means to them personally, and the challenges that nudists face." Contrast that with paid drones at other booths (such as Facebook) where they barely look up from their cell phones enough to talk.

"This year I saw Tim Mullins talk personally to visitors and Anita Panganiban as a former region president and Suzanne Schell as a successful proprietor of two clubs interface with legislators. I also saw AANR President Elect Kathy Watzel tell lawmakers about the effect that broad legislation had on Mountain Air Ranch trying to obtain an alcohol license. And then she spoke personally about being a photographer. Being a grandmother, she shared that she would hate to think her picture of a grandchild in the bathtub would trigger a violation in a distant state with over broad legislation if she sent it to family there."

These personal stories were familiar. Erich had heard them shared by Marilou Aguirre, former AANR Vice President about HER grandchildren. He heard his own daughter Alix share a similar message with them from the perspective of someone raised as a nudist who simply snapped the occasional picture of herself going around the house "being natural" to her friends.

But does it make a difference? Does it do any good? Erich read an excerpt from a magazine produced by NCSL and distributed to lawmakers from across the US and Canada. In the February

2018 issue, a Virginia legislator shared his top 11 tips for making good laws based upon 24 years of service, 12 chairing the judiciary committee. (For the record, AANR has attended with a booth at NCSL for 24 years).

Number seven on the list of do's and don'ts was to be wary of passing over broad legislation targeting one activity that unintentionally outlaws something else. He then presented the example of "sexting" bills meant to punish predators that would, inadvertently, make a felon out of a 16 year old who took a picture of her own body.

"When a lawmaker of 24 years chooses to warn NCSL legislators against over broad NUDITY laws it is not a coincidence! It happens because AANR has been carrying out a message to Advocate, Educate, and Inform. It's the best example of effective advocacy I know." said Erich.

## **Membership Marketing Comments and Awards –Sharon McLeod**

The **Membership Increase** awards go to the clubs with the greatest increase by percentage and by number based on the year-end membership count.

- **Membership Increase in Percentage Award – *Sunny Sands* 40.54%**
- **Membership Increase in Numbers Award – *Mountain Air Ranch* – 40 members,**

### **Serendipity Park Amateur Website Award –**

This award recognizes websites that portray nude recreation in a positive way, providing education or information about nude recreation and, of course, showing an affiliation with AANR.

- **Best Amateur Club Website – *www.socalnaturist.org* - SCNA**
- There were no submissions for “Best Personal Club and Best Professional” club website.

### ➤ **Schofield Trophy –**

This award goes to the non-landed club that accumulates and documents the most mileage per member\*on visits to landed clubs on the North American continent.

*\*Mileage per member = total club miles divided by the number of club members as of Dec 31*

- ***Northern California Exposure* - Total Club Miles - 16,644**  
Miles per member – 1,644

Break at 9:40

Return at 9:55

## Public Relations Comments and Awards – Sharon McLeod

### ➤ **Ilsley Boone Best Club Newsletter Awards**

These awards go to the best club newsletter in each of four categories, based on the year-end membership count. Since newsletter editors are the key to achieving this award, the club and the editor share the award. This year only 2 of the 4 categories had entries.

- **Group A** -10 to 50 Members – “**SCNA Newsletter**” – Gary Mussell, Editor
- **Group B** - 51 to 200 Members - “**The Tan Line**” - Northeast Florida Naturists
- **Group C** – 250 to 500 – No Submission
- **Group D** – over 500 – No Submission

### ➤ **Best Original Article in a Club Newsletter Award –**

This award goes to the club whose newsletter has the most original article on any subject.

- “**Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Hangin’ Loose on the Big Island**” (May 2018)  
Newsletter – **SCNA Newsletter**, Author – **Dennis Crane** NITOC (Naturists in the OC)

### ➤ **Erwin Koch Award**

This award goes to the club described in writing as the cleanest and friendliest. Each regional president selects a winner from their region and the AANR President selects the award winner from among the regional winners.

- **Mountain Air Ranch**

## Finance Committee Comments– Alan Harris, Interim Finance Chair

- I submitted a written report, all of the trustees have received copies of the current financial statements via email and more detail will be made available in trustees meeting.

## Other Committee Comments and Awards

### Government Affairs – Tim Mullins

It is my privilege to recognize GA activities. There were several really outstanding projects this year.

- **Alonzo Stevens Memorial Award – AANR-NW Beach Volunteers** have adopted and clean several beaches, Rooster Rock State Park and Collins Beach Nude Beach in Oregon twice a year. This is in conjunction with Oregon Parks and Columbia river Keepers



## Hall of Fame Committee – Gary Mussell

This award is given to someone who has made an unmeasurable contribution and are unsung heroes of the nudist community. This year we received 7 nominees. This year we had two individuals that received 70% of the votes to become a member of the AANR Hall of Fame.

- **Richard B. Mason**
- **Ralph Collinson**

## President's Awards

Bev Price

- **President's Meritorious Service Awards** – The AANR President presents this award to up to ten people deemed by the President to have performed meritorious service to AANR.

This year's President's Meritorious Service awards go to individuals that helped me during trying times this year

- **Erich Schuttauf , Alan and Joan Harris, Judy Mason, Bob Dixon and Sharell Kopp, Mary Jane Kolassa, Sharon McLeod**

- **Jim Cossins Award** – The AANR President presents this award, and an Honorary Life Membership in AANR, to an individual or couple who, in the President's opinion, has performed distinguished and meritorious services to AANR and who exemplifies the qualities of mature judgement, faithful dedication to high ideals and continuous services to AANR for which we wish to memorialize Jim Cossins.

- **Theresa "T" Price**

- **President's Award** – The AANR President presents this award to a person, couple or group deemed by the President to have performed meritorious service to AANR.
  - **Bob Campbell**, posthumously and his award will be displayed at the AANR Office in the Library.

## Special Presentation in Memory of Bob Campbell

Joan Harris started with opening comments, then a short video presentation in Bobs memory prepared by Jeff Baldassare of the AANR Office. Then Kathy Watzel shared her memories and spoke on behalf of Judy Mason. Theresa "T" Price spoke about her memories of Bob and their mutual interest in the program "Dancing with the Stars". She then showed a video of her performing a Tribute Dance to a song by Billy Joel that was one of Bob's favorites. Bob Dixon a close friend since 2006 from AANR-WC spoke about Bob Campbell's many families. He then showed the video that was played at Bobs Celebration of life with background music of "Stairway to Heaven".

## **AANR Youth Awards**

These awards, along with a \$100 check, go to the best essays written by AANR Youth under the age of 18 that detail what benefits the author has derived from being a nudist.

- **Young Man of the Year – Kyle Munden**, Age 13, White Tail Resort
- **Young Woman of the Year –Gabriel Pulver**, Age 16, White Tail Resort

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

None

## **New Business:**

None

## **Good of the Order**

- “T” Price – Already elite Life Member so save will AANR money.
- Kathy Watzel – The Incoming Trustees meeting will run longer than schedule.
- Ricc Bieber – Passport to travel idea might be going nationwide.
- Suzanne Schell – We also lost Turner Stokes, an AANR Hall of Fame member and past ASA President. It was very impressive that he had many Obituaries in many very important publications relating to involvement in nudism.

## **Announcements**

- Bev Price – Airport rides sign up in the back.
- Our name is trademarked along with AANR, was renewed in 2016 (every 10 years) and all regional logos have been renewed.

## **Meeting adjourned**

At 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Kuntzmann*

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Secretary Treasurer