



August 11, 2022, Outboard Trustees' Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m. EDT

Place: Suwannee Valley Resort and Zoom

AANR President Kathy Watzel called the 2022 Trustees' Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. EDT

Assignments:

Timekeeping – None assigned

Parliamentarian – None assigned

Photographer – Harry Hanbury

Roll Call:

Kathy Smith, Secretary/Treasurer, took roll:

Roll call

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Kathy Watzel	President	X	
	Margie Cantlon	Vice President	X	
	Kathy Smith	Secretary/Treasurer	ZOOM	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Director	X	
Trustee	Ronna Krozy	Trustee from AANR East	X	
	BG Parkes	Trustee from AANR Florida	X	
	Terry Meek	Trustee from AANR Midwest	X	
	Karen Lahey	Trustee from AANR Northwest	X	
	Ted Peck	Trustee from AANR Southwest	X	
	Bev Price	Trustee from AANR West	X	
	Bob Dixon	Trustee from AANR Western Canada	ZOOM	

Declaration of a Quorum – President, Kathy Watzel

All Officers and 7 Trustees are present, and we have a quorum.

Point of Personal Privilege – Bev Price

I would like to ask Kathy Smith to identify in the minutes those that are on ZOOM instead of in the meeting itself. It would be really helpful when I read the minutes to see the perspective.

- Kathy S – OK
- Bev – She will give a graph of who is on, and it will just say "present" or it will have an "x". If she could put an "x" for those that are here and a "z" for those that are on ZOOM or something to identify the difference, it would make it much easier to identify why certain things happen at meetings.
- Kathy S – I will do that.
- Margie – A lot of the people are on ZOOM with their first initial, their first name, a pseudonym, it might be a challenge.
- Bev – I am talking the Trustee Meetings. That's why I didn't make the request earlier.
- Kathy W – Those who are voting, is who she is talking about basically.
- Dave S – We've got it.

Consideration of Rules and Order of Business

Motion # 1

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

Purpose: As Stated

Fiscal Impact: None

Maker: Terry Meek Second: Karen Lahey

Discussion:

- Bev – I'm curious as to why Research and Education isn't on the list.
- Kathy W – They did not turn in a report.
- Bev – Neither did Legislation.
- Kathy W – And I apologize. What has happened is, I turned in all of my information for these. They got totally whacked up.
- Bev – I am well aware of that.
- Kathy W – So we are finding errors again that we corrected the second time. And so I apologize. I know you shouldn't be on there. You were not on there when I submitted it.
- Bev – OK. So may I be added?
- Kathy W – So now you want to be added?

- Bev – Well, I don't know, it's up to you, but I think it needs to be consistent. If you're going to allow anybody who didn't submit a report. I just have a little additional piece of information, but I don't care.
- Kathy W – I have no problem with that, but what I'm saying is you were not and they were not. Everybody who did not have a report was not on the list. Somehow people's names got added back on after it was corrected.
- Bev – I understand.
- Kathy W – If you would like to, we can hear from you.
- Bev – OK. Thank you.
- Kathy W – I will try to get it in the right spot.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Introduction of Dignitaries – President, Kathy Watzel

- **Former AANR presidents**

Bev Price
Julie Erlenmeyer (ZOOM)

- **Regional Presidents**

Bob Roche	AANR-East
Amy Rollins	AANR-Midwest - absent
Donna Jennings	AANR-Northwest
Lucy Heide	AANR-Southwest - absent
Cyndi Tednick	AANR-West
Mark Huenison	AANR-Western Canada
Ralph Collinson	AANR-Florida

Report of Interim Motions – Kathy Smith

Since the Midwinter Trustee meeting we have had two Interim Motions which were brought forward and voted upon via electronic communications.

They are as follows:

Interim Motion # 1, March 24, 2022

Voted on March 29, 2022, 12:01 a.m. to March 31, 2022, 12:00 p.m. EDT (midnight)

I move to stop mailings notifying members of the AANR election.

Purpose: To save a minimum of \$25,000 and encourage members to give us email addresses.

Maker: Kathy Watzel, President

Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

President's Comments to the Board – Kathy Watzel

I made my comments in membership meeting.

Executive Director's Comments to the Board – Erich Schuttauf

So we have already talked about the Government Affairs successes that have happened at the NCSL and various state legislatures. I do want to point out that Canada, right now, has got the earliest stages of legislation that they are working on to get enhanced legality for nudity within the country of Canada. It is at a stage that is known as a petition, which in asking questions at NCSL and talking to Gregory Hasting, who is our GAT representative in Canada, this is the earliest stages of floating a proposal. You find a friendly lawmaker or at least a lawmaker from your legislative district who then puts the ball into play. It's not, from what I understand and I'd certainly welcome comment from the Canadians that are in the group, but it is the earliest stage. It is not what you would call a bill yet, it is a petition. But we did talk it up with some of the lawmakers and staff from Ottawa's capital at NCSL and wanted our Canadian friends to know that has been in our briefing papers and we will continue to monitor our services to see how and when that actually gets introduced in the form of a bill to increase protections for nudity in the country of Canada. So congratulations for floating that petition that they are doing.

The next thing I would like to speak to briefly is Public Relations, as you see up there. An award was given to Cypress Cove this morning for an article that appeared in "*The Street*". "*The Street*" is a financial online publication that is very influential. "*The Street*" speaks to a lot of people online. It has a steady viewership in the millions. The first one which was about retiring to a nudist community ran and that is the article that received an award this morning with quotes from Cypress Cove staff and others about retiring to a nudist community. A second release went out in "*The Street*" after they invited it, and that was about why being a nudist is environmentally friendly that ran just a few months ago. And it is another one to look up and I'm sure will be up for an award next year because again, it has a strong readership.

The second piece that's in there is the fact that the New York Times ran a health and wellness article in which they consulted Carolyn and yes, there's one brief quote from me, but Carolyn talked about body acceptance and what this did for her. It went in the health and wellness section of the New York Times and they quoted a number of doctors, physicians, physical therapists, women on body issues. We were in good company when we were consulted for our input

So those are two PR issues that we wanted to bring to your attention that have happened since written reports went out.

I want to touch briefly about Impexium. As you know, we are using that system. It is not perfect. We know that there are still things we are working through, bugs. We continue to do trainings with clubs weekly, week in, week out. There are clubs yet to be trained. However, virtually all of the large clubs that are large books of our business with the exception of Cypress Cove which we will have within the next two weeks, sessions are planned. We have had those clubs such as Laguna Del Sol, Glen Eden, and others, but we have also trained many certifying officers in smaller clubs. And I'm going to give you just some brief numbers. In the month of July \$81,990 was collected in membership dues through

the Impexium system. Now that is a combination of direct memberships where the people go directly onto the web and really never interact with our staff, don't necessarily have to, their payments are processed but also through clubs, big and small, the total in July was \$81,990. And of course, yes, we still get checks. Canadians are a large part because we can't, due to Florida banking laws, can't accept online transactions and there are some clubs doing catch up. But that's where we are. And in June the figure was \$83,788 collected through the Impexium system, either certifying officers or direct members purchasing direct memberships. So those are where we are with respect to Impexium. We are not where we totally wanted to be, which was to have 100% usage, but it is a significant portion of dues that are collected and processed in that system right now.

You've heard about the associate members. I stand, I ask for a point of privilege or to correct it, I have a slide up there that uses that "A" word that should be direct membership. And touché, and I have got it wrong. Because I still call White Tail Park White Tail Park and not Resort. It takes a while for me to sometimes get the nomenclature. But it should be direct. And we have been calling direct members to ask them to renew their membership, but also what's happening in their world. And you heard the statistics from Kathy. It's about 4,200 and change getting on to 4,300 contacts, updates to members records, etc., that have been made to directs. Carolyn carried the lion's share of those. There are staff, including myself, who have made calls through the whole period of the pandemic to find out how people are doing and this is where we learned where their stations in life are mainly through direct members but we are reaching out to some within clubs where the club has given us permission to communicate with members whose memberships lapsed more than 60 days. So we do have a few clubs. If you are willing to have us communicate with members of your club, we will do that. Some clubs, as you know, disbanded. Juniper Woods was one of those this year so we have made special outreach to people who were former members of clubs such as Juniper when that has happened.

Now, I've got the website facelift project. Those of you who go on to aanr.com know that it doesn't look like it did a year ago. It is substantially different. With significant help from and thanks to George Oberle who was a recipient of a distinguished award from your President. Many of you tuned in right now have tuned in because you've been able to access information on the all-new aanr.com website. Merging that site with aspects of Impexium, with thanks to Karen for the substantial work that has been done to give certifying officers tools. They now have a number of things. They can print membership cards, they can also do a number of things and our members can upload pictures of their own selves up to their profile. But here's what's key, the next one before I close up my report, and that is the photography project. Thanks to the generosity of the AANR Northwest Region which has had photo contests for the last 4 years in a row, and collected releases where people gave permission for legitimate use of their images to promote nude recreation within AANR guidelines, and thanks to the generosity of Cypress Cove which graciously opened the club to a project in November where images were collected by more than a dozen photographers, including President Watzel, but also Harry Hanbury, and you've seen his work in the Bulletin, and others, we now have an image library of between 600 and 700 images that we can work with you to make available also and they touch all aspects of life. And we heard from the Youth and Diversity Committee that being able to represent diversity is extremely important. We get that. Not all clubs have models who have been willing to pose or be depicted nude who might represent the various ages, stages of life. And right now those images both from the Northwest photo contests but also from the Cypress Cove photo shoot you will see a gamut of ages, you will see race, people of, as Harry puts it well, differing abilities. Differing abilities. So you are welcome in an AANR club even if you've had radical surgery or are facing adversities in life. We want people to know they are welcome and those are reflected in that photography project. And with that I will bring it to a close.

Committee Reports – Updates to Written Reports Only

Internal Administration – Bob Dixon (ZOOM)

I have a comment to update the report that was published in the package of reports. I circulated an email about a week ago. I'm going to read that because I don't believe all of you would have had the chance to read that. For those of you that read the IA report in the package, you will remember the highlighting of 5 clubs with zero or near zero member counts. Four of those clubs, all from AANR-East, were mentioned at the 2022 Midwinter Meeting. The fifth club is from AANR-Western Canada. All 5 are highlighted in yellow on the attached spreadsheet. It is expected that motions for the revocations of charter for each of these 5 clubs will come before the Trustees next week. At the moment, I don't know the timing of those motions. Thank you to Carolyn and others in the office for creating the data in the attached sheet. We can, if we wish, use this data to help understand the scope of what I call our small clubs concern. I asked for compilation of all clubs with a membership count of less than 10 members, where current means year end 2021. I also asked about comparative numbers for year end 2020 and for any note-worthy discussion comments. The cut-off at 10 members is rather arbitrary, but the resulting list of 48 clubs with less than 10 members is not insignificant. In fact, 28 of those clubs have 3 or fewer members and at least 2 such clubs exist in each of our Regions. We should consider, and I'm talking beyond the ones where motions are coming, we should consider each club on its own merits. There's no unique solution what we should be doing. We should not abandon clubs with energy to remain in AANR. On the other hand, for clubs like the 5 we will consider today, we should be considering charter revocations. That is the end of my supplement.

Motion # 3

I move to permanently revoke the charters of Bar S Ranch, Native Woods, Bell Acres Resort, and Gymno-Vita Park for failure to maintain the required minimum number of AANR members. Discussions with these clubs have occurred and appropriate notices have been sent in a timely fashion.

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Maker: Ronna Krozy Second: Terry Meek

Discussion:

- Kathy W – I'm going to let our Executive Director give you a few minutes on information on how we do notify these clubs.
- Erich – And I want to thank Trustee Bob Dixon for putting it well. We're not about extinguishing any club that has a low number as long as there is a spark and a commitment to growing and to working with us. As was stated so well, the clubs that are listed here have repeatedly declined to respond to our requests, which include certified mailings sent to the club saying it is our intent to take the following steps. And at least 60 days out before this meeting here, yet again another registered mailing went out to each club saying it is the intent of the Board to visit the charter, if there's anything you wish us to present 60 days from now to the assembled body that would change their mind,

basically is the gist of the letter, we want to give you an opportunity to do that as well. So we do want you to understand that those 4 clubs that have been named and that the Region itself has requested this action in the past and we have done our best to work with them and those efforts have not been fruitful nor been met with a reply

- Karen – I think that not at this meeting, not even at the next, but we need to rework how this is in legislation because when I was President, there was a club in Alaska that was doing really well, a brand new probational club, that wasn't going to meet the numbers in the time that was specified and they disbanded because they were discouraged. And so somehow we have to rewrite how we word it because they did have energy, but they were afraid. So somehow going forward they had the energy, so we have to work on it. So I agree with everything you said, we just have to figure out how we can communicate that well to the clubs, especially our brand-new clubs.
- Bev – I just wanted to comment that this indeed a compound motion. If no one has a problem with that fact, I will defer.
- Kathy W – Is it a compound because each one is listed?
- Bev – Actually, yes. If no one wants to separate it, I will defer to the single motion.
- Kathy W – You can lay it on me. I just wanted to do one motion. But you are correct. As soon as you said it, I was aware, because I have called others on that also. In discussion, is anybody opposed, who gets to vote, that we have listed all of these clubs together. The reason we did that is they're all AANR-East and AANR-East asked us to put this motion.
- BG – Karen, I just want to say what you were saying is correct. Some of these clubs here have been around for a long time. And I have actually been to a couple of these and they shouldn't be AANR clubs. But I agree, we don't want to discourage people because we want to increase that. But when you have clubs that have been around for a long time who have done nothing, I think they should go.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Motion # 4

I move to accept the cancellation of the charter of Sol Sante.

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Maker: Bob Dixon Second: Karen Lahey

Discussion:

- Kathy W – Bob is now on screen. Bob, do you agree to be the maker of this motion?
- Bob – I do agree to make this motion.
- Kathy W – Thank you very much. We had previously said that's what we were going to do because he's on ZOOM.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Government Affairs – Tim Mullins

No updates

Membership Marketing – Karen Lahey

No updates

Public Relations – Ronna Krozy

Stand on report with the addition that we had submitted to you.

Convention and Facilities – Ted Peck

No update

Legislation – Terry Meek

- Terry - I had no written report so I shouldn't be listed.
- Kathy W – As I said some of these shouldn't be there, I'm just going off my list
- Terry - I do have a couple of things that are in process that I think everybody is aware of. They are still in motion.

Motion # 5

I move to renumber current paragraph 1.06.00 to 1.07.00 and add a new paragraph to read 1.06.00 - Document Review. AANR's ruling documents will be reviewed biannually in odd years by a special committee appointed by the President for that specific purpose.

Purpose: To ensure that our ruling documents are always current and up to date with applicable state laws and societal changes.

Fiscal Impact: None

Maker: BG Parkes Second: Ronna Krozy

Discussion:

- Karen – I'd like to suggest a friendly amendment because we already have a committee to do this, which is legislation. So rather than forming yet another committee, I would like to see the Legislation Committee do this review. Is there a reason you want it to be a separate committee rather than the Legislation Committee?
- Bev – In my opinion, this is a checks and balance against the Legislation Committee. I'm not suggesting that the Legislation Committee would be rogue, or might miss something or make a human error, but having an ad hoc committee to review these isn't really adding another standing committee, it's ad hoc. But it asks that it be reviewed and I think it's an important step in making sure that our documents are current. We have already today discussed the fact that the bylaws need a change or two in the upcoming election. And there may be other things that need doing and a review committee, I think, would pick up on that.
- Terry – As Legislation Chair, I'm going to agree. Because one set of eyes can see a lot. A second set of eyes can see something totally different and from a different angle, from

a different viewpoint. And none of us are perfect. I have never, ever, ever claimed to be perfect. In 43 tax seasons of reading tax law, I found all kinds of stuff that looked weird in tax law. I have read our ruling documents, I've read the ruling documents of the Midwest Region, I've been doing that for 25 years and I'm still finding stuff that looks screwy 25 years later. A second set of eyes never hurts.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Motion # 6

I move to strike Governance Manual Paragraph 2.02.05 in its entirety, replacing it with the following: AANR memberships are considered proprietary information and are not disclosed to any person or entity. Upon request of a regional president, the AANR staff will generate a mailing either electronically or via U.S. mail to that region's members. There will be no charge for electronic mailings and the region will reimburse AANR the cost of U.S. postal mailings.

Purpose: To ensure that the privacy promised to our membership is protected.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Maker: BG Parkes Second: Ted Peck

Discussion:

- Kathy W – BG will get the signatures, but we also need to know what is being struck.
- Terry – I have it in front of me. It reads:

2.02.05 – AANR will allow, at the request of the regional president, a computer printout of membership including all classifications and addresses.
- Bob – This sounds like it is tightening the confidentiality of the membership list and restraining it just to the AANR office rather than allowing regional presidents to have the information, at least, that they currently get. Am I correct in that understanding?
- Erich – It is a further restriction on membership lists. And right now, it is our preference to assist the region with communicating with its members in a variety of ways including Constant Contact and mailings out of our office as it says. This is born, in my opinion, out of an abundance of caution right now given the state of flux that we are in right now with respect to the privacy and constitutional protections under U.S. law extended to organizations. Yesterday I spoke briefly about the case of NAACP vs Alabama, for example. And since 1958 it has been settled law that certain things can't be probed. But the concern now in an atmosphere where subpoenas are sent to medical facilities to monitor whether compliance with various state laws is being met and they are subpoenaing medical records, things that 2 months ago would have been unthinkable, we have to shore up, at least on paper, what it is that we are doing to protect our membership list. I need to stress the full cooperation of the office is pledged and continues to be there to meet what the need of the region may be, including to verify the membership of people for voting. We know that you need data, we know that you need ways to do this. I have discussed a little bit with even Karen about how would we deliver the tool that you need to verify for votes or things if we had to do something that kept perhaps membership or email confidential. We're trying to do some things to shore up the integrity and the privacy in an atmosphere right now where the world and the sand has shifted at least until we get some direction about the sanctity that a membership list will be given.

- Ralph – Florida has been using this procedure for the last, I think, year and a half. I find it no different than when we actually used to get the list and I'd have to do all the work myself of putting all those emails in. Now all I do is prepare what I want sent out, send it to the office and they send it out for me. So it's the same information and I don't lose, really, any capability and it works very, very well. As one regional president I'm in favor of this.
- Karen – My main concern is that it's very specific how this is going to be shared. If we could make it be a little bit more open so that there's a mechanism where the individual email addresses aren't shared, but there's some mechanism created where the office will prepare the list and let people send it out. The reason I'm concerned is that four times in a row I asked for something to be sent out and there were errors, some of them were crucial. And so, I want to have a little bit more control of the content that goes out.
- Kathy W – The message itself would be correct because you would be the one sending it out, is what I hear you say.
- Karen – That is exactly right. And I would have more control of when, I would be able to do it in a timely manner.
- BG – I'm going to make this really brief. This is my concern and this is why I'm going forward with this. I have to think how I say this, because I can't put this information, a lot of it, out. There was a person that was a member of one of the clubs of AANR that was at a resort that is now in federal penitentiary in Massachusetts near Boston. They were arrested for child pornography done at a resort. There's a lot of people that aren't aware of this. The point in that matter when this person's computer was taken, it had a lot of membership information for their club as well as other people that were on there. Now. Things can happen. Things can occur. I think it's important we that we reach out to our members. I'm agreeing we need to get that information out. But we send out a weekly newsletter that says we protect our members. And that's where I brought this up. Because I want to make sure that, our membership is protected, for them, that no one can get that list.
- Kathy W – So correct me if I'm wrong, what I hear you saying is you want to protect us legally by having this in our written documents in case somebody like this gentleman would have that information.
- BG – Correct, but if it's also limited as to who holds that information, that lessens our liability.
- Kathy W – I hear it, I'm just trying to clarify it so that other people hear.
- Bob – I guess the devil's in the details and I don't think I've heard exactly how this will play out. But right now my tummy's reacting that this is tightening down too much on what's shareable at the regional, confidential regional level. So until I understand it better, I have to be against the proposal.
- Kathy W – I will try and clarify it for you and if I'm incorrect, they will correct me. If you would like to send out an email to your membership, you would send it to the office requesting it get sent out to whatever group of your membership, or all of your region. You would want to include your name so you know when it went out, and they would send it out for you. They can also send it out just to you so that you can clarify it's correct. Once they've gotten that approval, then they would send it out to your list. The hope is, that in the future, as Erich was stating, that you would be able to send it once

Impexium has made that possible. And that's what we're working on. You, as regional president, would not see the emails, but you would have access to that pool. Does that help you?

- Bob – Not quite. Because my question goes further about the regional responsibility to validate the list of members within that region and to know who the members of the region are and whether should they even be on the list kind of a thing. The subset of that is the validation of those that are voting. Do we know that they are legitimate AANR members.
- Erich – There are a number of validation mechanisms. Some of those are emerging and some of those are a little more refined. We have a membership validation tool right now in Impexium. It is the big red button that certifying officers look to. And it allows them to put in a specific name and retrieve information about them. It needs to be refined, to be perfectly honest it needs to be, but it allows a question to be asked of the oracle and then return an answer. That's different than an entire list. At the same time, our office would be more than happy to take a list that was provided by a region and cross check it against what we have and give you discrepancies. What we're really talking about is lock, stock and barrel sending of large amounts of lists and it also means being sure, very sure, that there is the appropriate documentation on file for anyone who a list is disclosed to, even a partial list, that they understand the gravity of what they are receiving and their responsibility to safeguard that. It isn't we're going to attach it to an email and send it on down because that would be convenient. That is the practice that can't continue. So, the commitment to working with a region and what it means and giving you tools which we understand you perfectly need to be able validate who your members are, to get a comparison list, learn discrepancies. Truly we understand you need that and we'll get it to you. We just need to back away from lock, stock and barrel mailing out in part because of some of the challenges that have been described here.
- Karen – The mechanisms that Erich talked about will not be allowed if you pass this. That is my concern, is that it specifically states that it will be done one way whereas the newer way's not covered and that's what I'm concerned about. That's what my major concern is.
- Kathy W – That's your opinion. Again, this is "write it better" I guess.
- Karen – I understand, but that's why I'll vote against it, because it doesn't cover it.
- Bev – I'm speaking in favor of the motion. It says on our mailouts whether it's the Weekly Report, the Bulletin mailouts, that we do not share the emails with anyone. Now I don't believe that this motion excludes what Erich is suggesting that under certain circumstance, it just says the complete list will not be sent. And if there is an exception made, I think that would be taken care of. But I think on the surface of this to protect AANR, we need to say we are following what we say we are following and not sending lists of any kind to anyone. We are providing the privacy that we promise.
- Ted – This may have been explained, but I may need to hear it again. At our Convention, people arrive that morning, show their AANR card and the person certifying that they're really legit, has the list of the entire membership of the entire membership of the region in front of them. How will that work now?
- Kathy W – I think that information is incorrect. BG, how do you do it in the office when somebody comes in and shows you an AANR card. You admit them, right...
- Ted – No, no, no, no this is for voting at the regional convention.

- Kathy W – I apologize. I misunderstood you.
- BG – So you can go on Impexium. So I have done that for the people who have shown up at this meeting that do not have an AANR card. I can go on Impexium and I can find if that person is legitimate or not.
- Bob – We don't all have Impexium.
- Ronna – So, my first question is why a regional president whose job is to protect all of its members, not only within the region but everywhere, why that person cannot have the power to know its members, to be able to write to its members, to guarantee confidentiality, and at the same time why is it that CO's, as you are describing, can check anybody who comes into the club. If I go to a club in Florida, or I go to Georgia or whatever, that CO can check every name of every member and has that kind of ability, so why is it that a president cannot also have that kind of a list and that power. And then the last piece of it is, how long does it take by the time you want something to go out in a timely fashion, you send it in, you get it back, make sure it looks good, the process is somewhat unwieldy. I understand completely what the issues are. But again, you look at likelihood and reality. A president who has his or her own list of members is not going to freely be making that information available.
- Kathy W – I hear what you're saying, but you said two separate things. You've got somebody in the office who can look somebody up. They're not sending out something. This is speaking to sending out messages.
- BG – And also, when I look that person up, all I see, and you can verify that, all I see, I have to have their name and it says if they're current or not. It does not give me their personal information.
- Kathy W – That's why I'm saying it's two different things you are talking about.
- BG – As clubs, we have the ability to confirm. I've had people in this meeting that showed up at a convention without an AANR card. So we had to look it up. But it does not give their personal information. If I look up Ronna Krozy, it's going to say Ronna Krozy and that your membership is active. Florida has done this for a long time and it has worked fine.
- Gary – I fully appreciate Erich's concerns and the possibility of problems down the road. But I think this motion is an overreaction. I don't think it's completely thought out. From the discussion here, I think there is still confusion and concerns. I'm hoping to table it and go back to a little committee on it and come back in the winter with a more concrete thing. But my objection to it as it stands right now, as a former president, I signed a non-disclosure to get the members of the Western Region. I signed that. I honored that. I used that list extensively. I am concerned, first of all, that we're centralizing power again in the office, we're giving them more things to do, I have a philosophy we should be diversifying out of that office and not centralizing things and making their workload a little lighter in these areas. If I have to sign a non-disclosure, then I am liable for any leakage on that and I take that responsibility. In the PR/Membership meetings we've been having, these discussions have been to go the other way, to further diversify the list into regional officers so that they can do their work in certain circumstances. I'm not ready to accept that one yet, but I think it should be explored. The other thing that I'm concerned about, is like BG was saying. Her particular example would not have been solved by this resolution. Because every club has their list of members. They're going to do with them what they want. They're independent businesses. And that list will be there and they're going to claim ownership of their membership no matter what you guys do and say you

can't violate what I want to do. And if an officer in a club has their membership list and misuses it or does something else with it, that is out of your control and other things can happen. If you take away a club's power to look at their own membership, I think that you're going to have a huge civil war across the country.

- Kathy W – Gary, let me stop you. Your time is up first of all and secondly, we're not taking it away from the club. I'm going to ask you a question. Do you still have that list that you signed the disclosure for?
- Gary – No, it was given to Cyndi when I was no longer president.
- Kathy W – That's all I needed to know. Thank you. "No" was sufficient.
- Terry – Each of the regions, to the best of my knowledge, is a separate corporation independent of the American Association for Nude Recreation, Inc. The members of that region, the list of members of that region, is proprietary not only to AANR but to that specific region. I guess I'm speaking in favor of the motion. Because as long as the AANR office is willing to promptly pass on these communications that the regional presidents or their designates wish to have passed on I don't see a particular need for a region to have a complete list of its members. However, if there comes a time when that level of cooperation deteriorates, then the region president or a designated individual in that region should have access to that list of its members. As long as there's good communication and good relations between each specific region and AANR Inc, I see no need for the region to have its own list of members.
- Ralph – Somebody mentioned that stuff had gone out, they'd tried this and there were errors. There shouldn't be any errors unless I make the error because I prepare whatever the document is, not the office. It's not that I'm calling the office and saying prepare an email for me. I prepare the email. I just send it to them to send out. So any errors made would be on my part. Second, the timeliness. If I send something to the office say at 9 o'clock in the morning, by noon it's gone out. So it's pretty quick. The other thing is, if they send me a list, unless they send it to me weekly, I don't have a current list. That list changes every day as new people join AANR. So the list they're using is valid as of the day they are sending it out. So I think it's actually a more accurate way of doing it.
- Margie – Jeff on ZOOM – He copies and pastes what he receives. And he sends out so many clubs and AANR-Florida information and no complaints.
- Margie – Arlette on ZOOM – We are working on giving that kind of permission to regional presidents.
- Margie – Jeff on ZOOM – The process is almost immediate. Once I receive the approval, it is sent out.
- Margie – Mark H on ZOOM – Concern that the region can't confirm valid membership during the regional annual general meetings or elections typically held on a weekend when the AANR office is closed. The host might not have internet access either.
- Margie – Judy M on ZOOM – The office is here to do anything for anyone. It is our job to send out emails.
- Margie – Arlette on ZOOM – Everyone who is a member has access to the Impexium platform. If you have any kind of electronic device you can access your own account by login to member login on the AANR website.

- Margie – Asked Mark (on ZOOM) if he was speaking for or against the motion. Mark says he doesn't have a vote but he would be against the motion until it's looked at in more detail.
- Margie – Dave Smith on ZOOM – Even prior to Impexium I was able to send out the Morning Report, a newsletter to direct members of Northwest, through the office.
- Cyndi – I don't have a lot of new things to say, but somebody said that this motion would not have prevented the example that BG brought up but it would have because that list would have never gone out and it never would have been on that individual's computer. Everything would go through the office and regional presidents don't have to deal with anything. We deal with enough stuff. Sorry, that's my opinion. I think from a professional standpoint it looks a lot better coming from the office and the AANR office's email. The way that it gets sent out is just cleaner and easier, so I speak in favor of it.
- Heather Cheney – Maybe there's something I'm misunderstanding, but from a computer programming perspective, you have certifying officers on Impexium, you have specific people who can sign in to do specific things, so why couldn't it be as simple as regional presidents have special permissions on Impexium to just click a button that says send email to all current members in my region. They don't get a list; they just get a button. Again, I'm a computer programmer so that's what I'm thinking. Seems a lot simpler.
- Kathy W – That's exactly what we are waiting for on Impexium. That's our hope that we will have that.
- Paul LeValley – Something Terry said set off a little alarm bell in my historian's brain. Back in 1952, the biggest explosion in the history of this organization happened because Ilsley Boone controlled all of the membership records and the regional leaders could not get those records to know who the members were. Just keep this in mind when you're voting.
- Terry – Paul, I was speaking from the perspective of, I believe it was called "AANR Tomorrow" where there was an aborted attempt to eliminate the regions and fold the regions into AANR and the Midwest Region looked at that and felt that it was an attempt to get the several hundred thousand dollars that we were sitting on in cash when AANR had no money. At that point AANR-Midwest amended its bylaws to include what essentially amounted to a poison pill. That if there came a time when the interests of AANR was going one direction and the interests of AANR-Midwest was going the opposite direction, AANR-Midwest could divorce itself from AANR. We went as far as to investigate the cost of our own membership record keeping system at that point. Since then, I'm happy to say that the relationship between AANR and AANR-Midwest has improved a million percent and is back on the good side and I see no reason to think it would ever go south again. But as long as there is at least an informal understanding and remembering that each region is a separate corporation, that the members from that region are members of that region, and the region is entitled to that information if it becomes necessary for such a divorce.
- Kathy W – You have that much money?
- Terry – Yes, we do. A big chunk of it is in our legal fund.
- Kathy (member) – It would concern me if my private information as a member of AANR was on a private computer, a personal computer. Because even though 99.9% of the presidents I'm sure did what that gentleman did and gave the list off and everything, but all you need is one that keeps the list, prints it off, does whatever and his house gets raided or whatever that happens. Anonymity is a huge, huge part of the attraction of

AANR and when you really can't because I don't even know my regional president. So do I trust him to keep my information? I pray he does. But without the safeguards, I 100% support this. Because you don't know. You can't trust that everyone is going to delete or get that off. You can't. They can say they did, but unless you check their computers, there's no way you can know.

- Terry – In response to some of that, that information is already on personal computers at the club level. Maybe not the regional level, but at the club level. The computer in the office here at Suwannee Valley has the information on every Suwannee Valley member, I'm sure. You gotta keep it somewhere. The computer at 40 Acre club, where I'm a member, has that information on our members. The case you talked about, the individual that's now in prison, the list that he had on his computer, was there any determination made as to where that list came from? Was that a region level list, was that a national level list, was it a club level list, or was it just an accumulation of stuff that they managed to come up with somewhere? Do we have any idea on that?
- BG – Yes. It was their club along with multiple other people at clubs within that state.
- Terry – It could have been visitors to that club then?
- BG - It was an individual. They weren't the owner of the club; they weren't the one running the club. They had the information. I can't give out that information as to who it was but I will say this. Yes, I have their information on my computer, I also give them a confidentiality that that won't go through. I also have on my computers, that if I have someone on my front desk I have keystroke motion that tells me everywhere they were. So if they go into something that doesn't belong to them, they're out, With the confidentiality because they sign it if they go and touch those computers. I do what I do to try to protect that.
- Ronna – As the PR Chair my AANR address is public to many, many, many people. I have communicated with many, many, many people across the United States. They're on my AANR.com, my AANR computer. If somebody took my computer, they would have that information. Would I be giving it away? No. But we have members who have given permission for us to have their email address. So it is fine, but you are talking about confidentiality and the concern that someone's computer would be somehow found and examined. I have lots and lots of names of people who are AANR members. I don't know whether they are out in public or not. I certainly know about confidentiality. People at my club...
- BG – I agree with that. All I'm saying is that I know this for a fact for over 22 years this has been a controversial back and forth. I think we should allow the AANR office to do mailings for the regions and we should not give it to the regional presidents to do themselves.
- Bev – We're not Enron. But it could happen. We could get hacked. But I think if we were that having this on record would be a legal protection. We say we are confidential. I don't care. Does anybody here want my email address or my home address or my phone number?
- Kathy W – I already have it all, thank you.
- Bev – I know. And so do a whole lot of other people. You have no idea how many times I get a message from someone out in the ether that I don't know, and it's usually on a weekend, to my AANR address asking me questions. But that's my choice. I don't think AANR should make that choice for anyone else. I think confidentiality should be implicit in everything we do unless somebody wants to come out.

- Karen – Not precluding the mail lists, that was starting to convince me, but when Terry suggested the separation, I remember a number of years ago when AANR-Northwest was also considering that. We have a wonderful relationship now, but we didn't then. And what would happen if we went back there and we didn't have a way to get our membership list. Same thing. They're a separate corporation, AANR-Northwest, and our membership is AANR's membership and we couldn't just go to the COs because 43% of our members are direct members and we have no way of getting those members.
- Harry Hanbury – I'm a computer geek and I know that if you want to screw up a database sprinkle multiple copies of it around for different people to work on. There should be one copy of the database that works. That has nothing to do with the security of it or who gets access to it, I'm just telling you that you're tinkering with a formula for screwing up your database. Have one copy.
- Terry – Call the question.

Motion # 6A

I move to call the question.

Maker:	Terry Meek	Second	Karen Lahey
Purpose:	As Stated		
Fiscal Impact:	None		
Discussion:	Not allowed on motion to call the question.		
Disposition:	Passed , unanimously without objection		

Disposition of Motion #6: **Passed**, yes – 4, no – 3, abstain – 0

Those voting against:

Ronna Krozy
Karen Lahey
Bob Dixon

Glen Miller Fund – Mike Parker

Stand on report. I thank my committee and I want to remind everyone funds are out there for any charter club of any stripe.

Planning – BG Parkes

I did have a report that I put in the package. It was based on Wreaths Across America. So there's a handout that's being put in front of you. I'm just going to say this, I have a written speech. I'm going to read this to get us through this as quick as we can. And then I will thank my committee when this is through of who helped me put this together.

As most of you know, I try to write my thoughts down before I speak to make the most of the opportunity to talk to you today. During this AANR Convention I have a lot to say so it's especially important that my comments are written down so I make the maximum use of both your time and mine. So please excuse me for reading to you, but I think what I have to say is important and I want to get it right. Secondly, despite our habit of sometimes being intensely self-

critical of AANR policies and organizational dynamics I want to do something different. I ask us to not focus on what's wrong with the organization, but let's focus on what's right with AANR. Then let's reinforce what's right and develop a path to becoming a better organization. In this effort, I thought I'd provide a visual aid to help me to convey my ideas and to help facilitate a conversation on these ideas with you today. I've handed out what many who have been in big organizations would call a strategic plan placemat. [copy of placemat attached] It's nothing more than a one-page overview of our core beliefs, some strategic objectives and organizational goals and a strategic roadmap on how to get to a better place organizationally. Many leaders have found this placemat to be a useful tool to communicate the contents of our lengthy and cumbersome documents in a way that is concise, easy to understand and clearly conveys a strategic vision with a roadmap on how to get there. Before I walk everyone through the contents of this strategic plan placemat, I want to explain what I want to get out of this conversation. By showing this placemat today I am no way. Let me rephrase that. I am in no way suggesting that I know any better than any person in this room. I am merely putting some thoughts on a slide to begin a conversation with AANR leadership assembled here on where we are now and where do we want to be a year from now. By showing you my thoughts I don't want anyone to think I'm trying to force AANR to accept my vision for I am not. Rather I want the AANR leadership attending this convention to benefit from the collectiveness in this room. And, unfortunately, to begin this conversation somebody has to first present their thoughts. Since Suwannee Valley Resort is hosting this convention, I feel it's best to be first to step out a limb and present my thoughts on this subject. It is not ego. I love AANR. I have supported AANR and what it represents.

So, to walk you through the placemat, if you look on the left side, it is a mission statement. So, I would like to state that everything that's on this paper is nothing I created. This entire paper came out from the bylaws and our governance manual.

Mission: AANR exists to protect, promote, preserve the freedom to enjoy nude recreation. This is accomplished by promoting nude recreation by education, the general public and federal, state and local government leaders. Protecting nudists from policies that interfere with the right to enjoy clothes free recreation in appropriate settings. Providing support services in community. Preserving the financial viability, integrity and strength of AANR. It's clearly outline in Article II of the AANR Bylaws. AANR exists to protect, promote, and preserve the freedom. That's where that spot is.

The second part I would like to make about the organization foundation is the clarity. One thing we found today is we need to have clarity of core values that are in line with Paragraph C. I must admit as I read them I struggle to condense them down to simple, easy to understand definitions of each of our five core values. Again, I think I've captured the essence of our bylaws but I think it's worth a conversation among our leaders to discuss two things. First, do we have the right five values? And secondly, do we agree on what those values mean?

This leads me to the next point I'd like to make. I believe we need to routinely review and reapprove our Governance Manual and organize Bylaws and our strategic plan. You will see in one of my motions that I brought up that I'm asking to review these documents at least bi-annually in odd years by a special committee appointed by the President for this specific purpose. Again, I think this would be useful to collectively determine where we are at, where we want to go, and whether our governing documents reflect that.

So if you move from left to right on the placemat, I'd like to ask you to look at the center section called "strategic objectives and organizational goals." I have to admit that I didn't see this in our governing documents so I did my best to articulate what I would like to see and I'm open for any good ideas. The point is, AANR needs to know where we want to go over the next year and these strategic objectives and organizational goals will help us to find where we are going. If we

develop objective goals correctly, we can use some as milestones we need to meet so that we can deliver the quality services we promise in our core values. In other words, AANR doesn't exist to just exist. AANR exists to support nudist rights and to represent the interests of our membership. But to do that we have to know what we aim to achieve and we have to hold ourselves accountable.

I've come up with four strategic objectives. To advocate for the acceptance of social nudism, to grow our AANR membership, to professionalize the organization and to improve revenue generation to ensure financial viability. Within each of the boxes you can see the organizational goals that support each strategic objective. I honestly don't know if I got it right, but the point is that we need to define a small set of reasonable and feasible strategic objectives and those strategic objectives define what we want to achieve during the year.

Secondly, we must understand what each of those objectives means by defining the goals that support them. In this way we will be forced, as AANR leaders, to clearly and concisely define what we want to achieve and how we will do it. I won't talk to all the organizational goals, but I'd like to highlight one or two for each strategic objective to give you a sense of the conversation I think we need to have.

The first objective is to advocate for acceptance of social nudism. I believe that the GAT is an AANR tool that we can use to most effectively engage at local, state and federal level. Unfortunately, I believe that GAT has been underfunded in regards to its huge task of engaging government leaders in a professional and positive manner. You will see this is reflected in our key performance indicators, also called KPIs, that I will discuss in a bit.

The next objective is to grow our AANR membership. Most of us know over the last six months AANR has lost a good number of both direct and club members. And if we go back in time, this isn't an isolated incident. To say that AANR doesn't appear to be a vibrant, consistently growing organization. Again, losing AANR members that are not members of clubs is understandable because there will be certain turnover every year. Lose some members, gain some members. But what I'm concerned about is the fact that our AANR membership among those who are affiliated with clubs is shrinking too. We ask to ourselves, why is this happening, what can we do to change the course. Ultimately, I have added another KPI for us to consider that I will address shortly.

The third objective is professionalize the organization. Although the objective may sound harsh, I certainly don't intend to imply that AANR is an unprofessional organization. Rather, I am simply saying that there are ways we can improve our AANR brand, our professional image. Interestingly, the only reference to the AANR Board I found in the Governance Manual is that it says "Trustees will be responsible for maintaining the Brand Statement of AANR as 'The Credible Voice of Reason in Nude Recreation'." The question we need to ask ourselves though, what is our brand. I sat on a board years ago when we went through this. Is being a credible voice of reason a brand? To build a brand we must define AANR's identity. I ask you, what is our identity and what do we stand for. I would submit to you that being a voice of reason and implying the rest in the nudist world are not responsible, is not a brand that resonates with potential new members. Anyways, is it worth a discussion? Yes.

Lastly, the final objective is to improve revenue generation to ensure fiscal viability. This may sound mundane, but it is very important to the future of AANR. For this I think we need to lean on Erich to determine the legal left and right limits of what we can do to raise money. A classic example of finding innovative ways of raising money is our Wreaths Across America. An initiative where every sponsor we sign up to pay for a wreath at one of the national veterans' cemeteries, we get a \$5 donation given to AANR. The potential revenue generation is significant. And with an AANR-wide effort we could alone potentially pay for the necessary increase that we need in

our GAT funding.

Lastly, if you move to the far right of the placemat, you will see the strategic roadmap. In essence, this section creates a path to achieving our AANR vision. The roadmap provides direction on how we achieve our goals. It also provides us with the key performance indicators that I mentioned earlier. KPIs provide measurable indicators of how we are doing. We can have a bunch of lofty words in our documents, but if we don't measure our progress against numerical and measurable standards, then we will never get to where we want to go.

I've offered up some stretchables as KPIs. I think it's important to grow AANR, but to do this we have to better articulate what the benefits of AANR membership are to both clubs and guests. We can debate our stretchables for growth, but for today's discussion I choose to recommend that we try to grow AANR by 9% over the next year. I choose that because it correlates to historic growth during AANR's good years while also limiting our goal to a feasible number. For a frame of reference, Suwannee Valley Resort increased its membership 85% over the last year. And I think in the last report we had 181% but that wasn't a full time frame. So it can be done. We have a unique culture here at SVR, so that type of growth is simply unreasonable for most clubs, and I understand that. But I do think we should set a good stretchable of 9%. I've also recommended increasing GAT by 30%. I sat on the Finance Committee last year with Kathy and we didn't have the money GAT asked for. So we can give GAT that money with Wreaths Across America. So the GAT budget is relatively small. I think this is a reasonable increase. To increasing membership and other revenue generating measures we can better fund the GAT to engage on behalf at all levels. To do this, we need savvy, mature, articulate representatives to ensure that we positively influence the perception of AANR. Instead of reinforcing negative stereotypes, unfortunately it takes money to engage in this manner and I believe that GAT has been historically underfunded when it comes to the importance of their mission for AANR. However, I also think it's worth our time to discuss who and where we want to engage and what is expected in the outcome. We must engage a purpose, otherwise we are throwing money away.

I would be remiss if I didn't add KPI on Impexium. As most club owners know, this is a system that relies on the clubs to input data. With all systems, crap in is crap out. In other words, if we input quality data we can get the system to help us in many ways. My recommended performance indicator is to get all clubs to at least attempt to put their membership information in during 2023. I am not saying the club data will be perfect, but I am saying that it's better than what it is right now, than what it has been and where it can be right now. I helped AANR, along with one other lady, of calling every single AANR club to help the AANR office fill in the Impexium sheet and ask them the questions. Because I remember in the Northwest, there's questions about like drugs and they're like "oh it's legal here". And I'm like, what? So I've have had people ask me those questions. So if you all read down those questions, it was interesting calling many different clubs and getting their feedback.

To finish this, collectively we must decide if we're going to live by principles and standards as outlined in our Governance Manual. So, I have included a KPI on this forcing function. Standards for clubs and personal contact were written into the Governance Manual for a reason. If we don't ensure our clubs adhere to the guidance contained in our principles and standards, then how can we become the respected voice. A legitimate question. How do we become the respected voice for recreational nudism. Consequently, my stretch for this goal was to have 100% AANR goals at least acknowledge the AANR principles and standards by the end of 2023. How we accomplish this is up for discussion, but I believe the acknowledgment is a small price to ask for free advertising as one of the main benefits that AANR has to offer.

Lastly, and yes I mean that, I have listed three ways what we can make a strategy habit. A habit makes a long-term positive change. If we talk about strategy without making strategic organizational thinking a habit, then we are wasting our time. So let's make strategic thinking a habit in order to lift AANR to the next level of professionalism and performance.

I thank you for your attention and for your patience. I know this was a long presentation, but I hope it provides everyone with the opportunity to reflect on what the organization has to have. And the final thing I have to say is all we did, because I know there are people, I have talked to people, and you can say what you want, but they have never read the Bylaws and they've never read the Governance Manual and they sit on a Board of multiple regions and national.

I want to thank, and when I did this because I tried to get two people who could help me bring my thoughts together, and one is in this room and I'm asking him to stand up. This is a person who obviously relates to this club that has a lot of military background and business background, Paul Hurley. Thank you for your help with that. And the other one is Past President Julie Erlenmeyer. Because for a long time there's been a lot of things I've tried to say, so I asked for opinions. And I did talk to other people as well.

- Karen – What a superb thing this is. Thank you, thank you very much. The 9% membership growth is pretty much what we lost since covid happened and we're back up to a 6% loss since the beginning of covid, and so thank you. This is great. I really appreciate it.
- Bob D – I finally got a paper copy of this about 90 seconds ago, so I haven't had a chance to read it. My second comment is I mirror Karen's comments that I really appreciate the kind of thinking and challenge that has gone into this. I do have one question for BG, what is her recommendation about what the board should do with this document right now.
- BG – To answer that question, the reason for this document was because, and Mitch just made that comment, read it, understand what we are, who we are. It's putting two important pieces of documentation on one page so that people get a grasp.
- Karen – One other comment. We talked about the drop in members from affiliated clubs, and one thought that we might want to think about is, and it's a concern that I've had, is the number of clubs that we've been losing. So that's just a thought that people have to think about because clubs have been dropping like flies.
- Ronna – That kind of goes along with the question I had, and as we've heard so many times, you cannot tell a club what to do. How are we going to, first of all, how much risk...let me back up. You did a fantastic job on this document. I think it is incredible. So the question is, how much risk are we willing to take to demonstrate that we are serious about following our policies, our standards, etc. In view of the fact that the clubs are dropping off, and how do we deal then with clubs that tell you "We don't want you interfering, because we have the right to make decisions for ourselves."
- BG – I don't want to let the cat out of this bag completely, because I don't want you not showing up tomorrow. But considering that I can truthfully sit here and say there are very few clubs that I have not personally spoken to in all of AANR. I also have gone through, and it's shorter than what I did today, but I have something tomorrow for us to give to clubs. And with the help of some people from the AANR office and some other people, and I'm not going to go into that, many things that clubs have asked for our guidance in we have accomplished. This is not completely finished, but I go back to early to mid-2000s, Erich took me to a TANR meeting. I had a non-landed club, I listened to someone speak about heads in beds and I'm like what has this to do with me? But the things I got

out of that meeting I never forgot and they've helped me succeed in this business today. And I have put all of that together so that the clubs, and this is a discussion just like this placemat. This isn't in stone, this is a starting tool for us to work with. I have done the same for clubs with this information and I think tomorrow on some of the things I'm going to bring to this meeting, it's going to help us because it's something they've asked for and you know what? We fulfill.

Finance – Erich Schuttauf and Kathy Watzel

There's a written report. We stand on it.

Hall of Fame – Ralph Collinson

I'll stand on the presentation I made earlier today. The responsibility for Hall of Fame circulates annually. I just want Western Canada to know, it's in the mail to you.

Research and Education – Bev Price

This turned out to be a more difficult task that I thought. Kathy tasked me with trying to come up with a way of getting interviews with Presidents that we have not yet interviewed. I am appreciative to Mike and Karen for obtaining information on Pat Brown and Ray Connett. Ray Connett was never a President of AANR, but he was an important personage. Paul LeValley will attest to the fact that I spent most of one Sunday sitting in the ANRL going through various DVDs and other things trying to locate the ones that have already been distributed. Lucy Heide had charge of that, maybe 10 years ago, A lot of this data is already missing. It's gone and we don't know where it went. Every research library, AANR, Western, Northwestern, and even the library in Oshkosh was given copies of Hap Hathaway, Jack Dupree, Turner Stokes and we can't find a copy of Hap Hathaway that will play on every machine. Paul can get it to play on his personal machine but can't get it to play on the one in the library. So I was trying to find out what the best format was for going forward so we wouldn't be losing this stuff. I certainly would like to have a stick and if you would loan me your stick, I will put it on mine. I have a thumb drive.

- Karen – Maybe he could put the ones I gave him on his computer and clear it off because the stick that I gave him was full. So I would be happy to loan it to you, but I don't have one. But if you copy the files off of that stick. Delete the files that are on there, then maybe you can do that.
- Bev – I'm aware that apparently you have contracted Evan Nix to do this.
- Karen – We have not contracted him; we have contacted him.
- Bev – I did contact him asking what he would advise. Having a blog of all of this is not the same process as having other. I don't know whether it's the direction we want to go. But I want you to know that I have not been successful in finding a final answer to the problem. I do know that we have a final problem to the problem and that's that we do not have anything from John Kinman and there's no way to get it.
- Karen – I don't think that's what he was planning. We can talk to Evan. I think that we can work with him.
- Paul LeValley – The American Nudist Research Library has just completed making mp4 files of all of our DVDs which is where all of our interviews are. We have also done the vhs tapes

which do not contain any of those interviews and we have some old cassette tapes for which about three fourths have been converted to mp3. So we are working on this. I have compiled a list of the people and I've promised several people at this meeting that I will give them that list. Also, we now have one interviewer and were contacted a few days ago about another possible interviewer so we are working on this.

Nominations Committee – Ralph Collinson

No report

Break 4:18 – 4:31

Regional President's Council Report – Ralph Collinson

The Regional Presidents meeting was yesterday afternoon at 11:00. Unfortunately we couldn't include all of the Regional Presidents because two of them weren't here, so just the ones who are present at the meeting participated. I did ask Western Canada if they had anything to email it to me. I have no emails at this point.

Some of the concerns we talked about have already come up during the meeting, so we're basically just repeating them. There is a concern among the Presidents about the clubs that have been provisional for many years. Our response was not to do away with these clubs but to find ways to help them grow their membership. So I think that's something we really need to work on.

They also were very positive about the new brochure that came out, "Know Before You Go". Which I guess is aimed at first timers. Everybody thought that was a very positive occurrence.

We're not sure exactly how it works, but it used to be that a lot of the clubs had hard copies of the Bulletin at their front desk. People that came in, especially new people, could pick up a Bulletin and learn a little bit about AANR. And at least my experience, and some of the other presidents, that isn't happening anymore. I never see the Bulletin in any rack anywhere that I go in this Region. And we're not sure how many are actually mailed to clubs, if any, but we think we should get back to, maybe based on the size of the club, sending copies to each club so that they can have them. It's a really good tool to hand out to prospective members.

The special interest group Meet and Greet, the Presidents recommend they be recorded so that they can be made available on the website maybe to members so they can take a look at them if they didn't participate originally and to the clubs also so they can share them with their members.

We talked about this a lot today. We need to determine what the real benefit of AANR is. And if the number one benefit is protecting nudist rights, then we need to find ways to market that. We're not really doing a good job of marketing our organization. We market to people who are already members but there's a million other nudists out there and most of them don't know who we are and we've got to find a way to get to those people. One thing that somebody came up with, which I thought was a good idea, was "what does AANR mean to me". And what they were suggesting is that we get with members and get some testimonials from them as to what AANR really means to them, then we could use those to publicize or to market the organization. I think that's really a good idea.

Cyndi told us about a new app. It's an Air B&B app and it's private homes with pools that can be rented for a day or something like that. Her thought there was it's something travel clubs could take advantage of. So again, that's another good idea and would help our membership.

The Regional Presidents would also like to see more frequent Trustee meetings via ZOOM, not in person. It would be a good idea for the Trustees to get together quarterly and at the same time, if that was to happen, the Regional Presidents would also get together quarterly and probably prior to your meeting and provide you with any information from our meeting.

I have one last one. We really think that AANR needs to speed up the full implementation of Impexium and drop Connetics as fast as possible.

- Karen – I need to answer the Meet and Greet thing. The normal Meet and Greets we're not going to record. It's like you going to a meeting at a house and being recorded. It's a matter of privacy. We have told people we won't record them. But there's been talk about having a special photography meeting or something like that. That would be a different kind of thing where we would say upfront that this is going to be recorded. Just the normal meetings where people get together and chat, we're not going to record those.
- Les – Why is Impexium not available in Canada?
- Kathy W – It is available in Canada. We cannot take payments. You would have to send in a check. It's because it's a different currency and they are not a Canadian company and it also deals with money going across the border and all kinds of other stuff.
- Erich – What Kathy has answered is correct. It is not alone to Impexium, however, it is Bluepay, the processor that processes the payments, it is Canadian banking law that we are running into. There are limitations right now to getting an electronic funds transfer from a Canadian bank to a US that we have run into. We continue to work on that. So thank you for the question because it clarifies that we are able to take data and even to renew lists, but the processing of the finances is not able to be completed on a foreign bank draft.

Business Referred to this Meeting

Determine Location of 2023 Midwinter Trustee Meeting, February 3-4, 2023

Motion # 7

I move to hold the 2023 Midwinter Trustee Meeting at Lake Como on February 3-4, 2023, with travel days of February 2 and February 5, 2023.

Purpose:	As stated		
Fiscal Impact:	As Usual		
Maker:	Beverly Price	Second:	Ted Peck
Discussion:	None		
Disposition:	Passed , unanimous without objection		

Determine Location of 2024 Convention August 10-12, 2024.

Motion # 8

I move to hold the 2024 AANR convention at DeAnza Springs, August 14-16, 2024.

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal Impact: As Usual

Maker: Ted Peck Second: Beverly Price

Discussion:

- Bev – Usually the convention period is Monday through Sunday. The 14-16 is probably the technical meeting dates.
- Kathy W – Those are the meeting dates. The club itself has not stated any particular dates. In our ruling documents it is stated as the second Wednesday and that is the 14th
- Bev – There wouldn't be any problem if they expanded it beyond this point.
- Kathy W – None whatsoever.
- Bev – Because that's where they make their money, from expanding it, not from us sitting in meetings.
- Gary Mussell – I know that they had trouble for years with their wi-fi. I heard that they were trying to make it work. Is it now club wide and reliable?
- Cyndi – Yes. They have better wi-fi now.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Old Business

Committee Handbook

- Ted – This maybe should have been at the end of the legislative report. At sometime in the past we talked about reviving the Committee Handbook, revising it and attaching it to the documents. Is there a report on that?
- Kathy W – Not to my knowledge.
- Bev – Part of the problem with attaching it to the documents is that it isn't really concrete. It isn't part of the ruling documents. It's guidelines for what the committees should do. Right now, the most recent one that we have is 2008. It was done by Jeanie Hawk, she had done all of them up to that point. Beyond then she couldn't do it. It is extremely obsolete. I've already talked to Mitch about it. I have the 2008 one, but you don't want to use it for operational purposes. What we need to do, really, is simply make sure it's updated with what each committee's goals are. Rather than calling it a Committee Handbook, call it Committee Goals. And let each committee as they come on board determine what their goals will be for that particular committee. It makes a lot more sense than thinking it's in concrete.
- Kathy W – So Mitch, you've already had a discussion about that? Is that sufficient enough for you?
- Mitch – I had gone through the ruling documents looking for various things over the past few days and I kept seeing references to this Committee Handbook and I'm like, I've never seen it.

Bev says, no it's there. I'm like, I don't see it. She says, I have one. I said, I want to see it. She says ok. She says it needs updating and I'm like we definitely need to do something to update it. As you know, any document is going to get outdated, especially if something is not used for several years. I was originally thinking about a committee, but Bev's idea of just getting each committee to just do their goals and such, of course BG's done this. That's a great idea to get that and that way we can see what was done in the old handbook and then go forward and have some current information.

Strategic Plan

- BG – I want to thank the people on ZOOM and people in this meeting that have brought comments back to the Strategic Plan that we did. That is a starting point and it's to start a conversation so we can improve. So thank you to those of you who came up and made the comments because, as I stated, this isn't in stone. It's a starting point. So I appreciate the participation and the positiveness.

Award

- Ted – Another loose end. At one of the last couple of meetings Len proposed another award and that was referred to somebody. Was that to Legislation? Do you have a report on that?
- Terry – I have spent some time looking at that and there are a half a dozen things or so that we need to have established firmly before we can add that to the Governance Manual. Some of that is easy. The name of the award, the purpose of the award, the guidelines that need to be followed in order to award that award. There are some other things. Who is going to judge against those guidelines, judge the nominees against that. I don't have any information, I haven't received any input about who should be the judge. The form of the award. Is it to be something other than the standard plaque or whatever. I know in the Midwest we have eliminated a lot of our trophies and plaques and gone to certificates instead in order to save a bunch of money. Because we were wasting money on some plaques that never got handed out. That is a consideration. Is there something specific that is desired, if not, then fine. And finally, the financing of that award. Any award we put out we need to determine is it going to come out of our pocket or is it going to come out of somebody else's pocket and we need to get that financing agreement in place before we can move forward with that. As of when I left St. Louis on Monday there was nothing in terms of a financing agreement in place so I had nothing to move from.
- Ted – I talked to Len yesterday and he has agreed to fund it and to set aside some sort of fund when he is no longer with us. There is nothing in writing for that, but that verbal thing. So I assume somebody needs to negotiate with Len and put things in writing and then present it at a future meeting?
- Terry – Yes, that's what I need at this point. If we've got the offer of funding available now that needs to be brought into the conversation on the award and so that we can proceed with the final wordsmithing to add it to the ruling documents. To add it to the Governance Manual.
- Kathy W – You are also going to change Legislative Chairs in the next day. And so I would recommend that it be moved on to the next committee with you passing along what you have done and the questions that need to be asked.

Operations Manual

- Terry – Stepping back a couple of steps, talking about the Committee Manual, also the Operations Manual. The last update I've seen on that is July 2014. It should be updated also.

That should be part of the process of updating Committee Manuals or at the same time updating the Operations Manual.

Motion # 9

All AANR officers, trustees, and appointed officials required to be at AANR meetings shall be reimbursed up to an average of \$35.00 per diem for meals purchased at the Host Club during Annual Meetings/Interim Board Meetings. Verifiable receipts from the Host Club must be presented for reimbursement.

Purpose: To assist in covering the meal costs of volunteers who serve the association during AANR's meetings. To take effect starting January 1, 2023.

Fiscal Impact: \$2100 per year

Maker: BG Parkes Second: Terry Meek

Discussion:

- Kathy W – Just to inform the audience, this proposal was already sent out ahead of time to hopefully cut on discussion.
- Bev – A couple of points of order here. First of all, it was circulated but not as legislation. It is just being put out into the ether. It's not being codified anywhere. And if it's not codified then it doesn't exist by January 2023. It's just gone. Nobody knows it's there. It needed to be part of Section VII of the Governance Manual and done as Legislation. However, that being said, the second caveat is that it is unethical if not illegal to put something that is legislation and it has fiscal impact out without circulating it to our constituents. This was a very big problem when we adopted the increase in dues at, I believe it was Sun Meadow, without it being circulated and we went back and circulated it and then put it into effect. So I'm suggesting this needs to be postponed definitely to the Midwinter Meeting and codified. The Legislation Committee needs to put it into the manual so it's a permanent fixture unless you only want it to happen once.
- Kathy W – No. I understand what you're saying by that. I would have appreciated if you'd said that to me while it was being talked about and we could have done that. But that was your choice. So as far as this goes, do you want to withdraw the motion, BG, or do you want to go forward with it?
- Bev – I would be willing to propose a motion to postpone definitely.
- Karen – I have a question. And then when the new board tries to pass it, is there going to be a problem that we're trying to pass something that benefits us. I think we need to pass it now.
- Bev – I've already been there, done that.
- Karen – I'm sure you have. So the problem is that I think we need to pass it now. The purpose of doing it now is because we're doing it in the Outboard Meeting as is appropriate. WE just need to do it.

- Bev – I don't see the difference between this Board and the next one. How many of this Board are moving on to the next Board. It's just as much a conflict of interest today as it would be tomorrow or a month from now.
- Kathy W – I believe what Karen is speaking to is that in the past you have objected to it as being controversial because the Board is going on and she is just quoting what you have said.
- Bev – Guess what. I can't object to it. Tomorrow I will not be able to object to it.
- Kathy W – BG, do you want to withdraw the motion or do you want to move forward with it?
- BG – I'm going to ask you a question. So you're saying, under Roberts Rules, on postponing it to the Midwinter, is there not a reason, I'm just asking this to learn, it cannot be circulated and voted upon and passed on tomorrow?
- Bev – It cannot be circulated at this point. It had to go out with the reports. It has to be circulated 30 days in advance. Now there is another possibility. And that instead of postponing definitely, it could be just referred or committed to Legislation. Referred back to the Legislation Committee in which case, after it is processed and circulated it could then just be done by interim motion.
- Kathy W – I'm very confused. What about some of the other motions that have come before us? Is it just the dollar amount?
- Bev – We are fiscally responsible to our constituents. We have to be able to get input from our constituents before the vote is taken. And thus far, it has not been circulated that way.
- Kathy W – How about an interim motion? How does that vary?
- Bev – It's still circulated.
- Kathy W – I know. So it could be done by interim is what I'm asking.
- Bev – Once Legislation has put it into the Manual where it needs to be codified, then it could be circulated and then voted on by interim motion 30 days hence.
- Kathy W – Gotcha. Thank you.
- Bev – Do you want a motion to commit to Legislation or refer to Legislation.
- Kathy W – At this time, I have asked BG if she wanted to withdraw it, so I still haven't gotten that answer.
- BG - So the reason you didn't get that answer is because I was trying to ask...
- Kathy W – It's being asked could it be amended at this time.
- BG – I think it should be amended.
- Kathy W – What Bev is saying is we need to know where it's going to be placed in our Governance Manual. And our Legislation Chair can find it out for us very quickly.
- Ted – I've been searching in the Governance Manual for the present reimbursement.
- Kathy W – It's in the Governance Manual.
- Bev – It's in Section VII of the Governance Manual. And even if you modify it today, you have not yet circulated it, so you still have a problem.

- Terry – Section III not Section VII. Seven is special restricted funds. Section 3.02.05 is travel.
- Kathy W – The Board has been discussing this for 15 years.
- BG – When you say circulate, can you explain that?
- Bev – If it had been circulated with the reports for this as part of a Legislation package and clubs and individuals had the option of getting to their representatives on the Board and saying I’m ok with it or I’m not ok with it or ignoring it completely. But at least they can’t come back and say, “We didn’t know you were going to pass this and put it in the procedure manual.”
- Karen – And if we did it by interim motion how would it be distributed to them then?
- Bev – The same way is was this time. It would be sent out to everyone a notification of modification of the ruling documents.
- Kathy W – The first motion that went out notifying and did go to the Presidents was not enough?
- Bev – I don’t think so I can go back and research Florida Law. Back when we were determining the increase in dues, and it wasn’t precirculated, we went back and spent about 6 weeks’ time making sure it was codified, making sure it was circulated, and then having an interim motion on it.
- Karen – And some of us disagreed with it.
- Bev – Nobody has to agree with everything.
- Kathy W – We’re going to take some time out here so we can we do a little bit of writing on this and then we’ll move on.

Break 5:10-5:20

Disposition: See Motion #10

Motion # 10

I move to refer Motion # 9 to the Legislation Committee to be encoded and circulated and brought back by interim motion.

Purpose: To get the motion done properly

Fiscal Impact: None

Maker: Beverly Price Second: Terry Meek

Discussion:

Disposition: Passed, unanimously without objection

New Business

Good of the Order

- Bev – Well, this is my last hurrah. You may or may not have heard the last of my voice, but you've heard the last of my vote. I just want to appreciate everybody who has supported me for the last almost 40 years as I have served AANR and AANR-West in various elected positions, and I thank you all. Not good-bye, just temporary.
- Margie – Karen and I are probably going to be joined by the rest of the Board to honor our President, if I can do it without crying, Kathy Watzel. We so much appreciate what you have done. And so, we have this gavel to present to you as well as this gift.
- Kathy W – Thank you very much.

Announcements

- Erich – Just a little bit of a teaser. I did have the pleasure to join the AANR-Midwest Youth Program for a couple of days. They have sent a few excerpts on things they did concerning that. We'll try to give you a chance to hear from some of those running the camp. I do have literature at the Au Naturale office hours which are every 7:30-8:30 mornings, so I'll be there at the Bandstand if you need anything else.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. EDT

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Smith

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