



Minutes of the Trustees meeting, summer 2023

Call to Order:

Date: Friday, August 11, 2023

Time: 9:09 AM EDT

Location: Solair Recreation League

AANR President Mitch London called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. EDT.

Function	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Officers	Mitch London	Present	X	
	Tim Mullins	Vice President	Zoom	
	David Levine	Secretary/Treasurer	X	
	Erich Schuttauf	Executive Directory	X	
Trustees	Sandra Cordell	East Trustee	Zoom	
	BG Parkes	Florida Trustee		X
	Richard Quigly	Midwest Trustee	X	
	Karen Lahey	Northwest Trustee	X	
	Heather Chaney	Southwest Trustee	X	
	Kathy Watzel	West Trustee	X	
	Bob Dixon	Western Canada Trustee	Zoom	

All officers and 6 trustees were present. BG Parkes is absent however Ralph Collinson, President Florida Region will be seated in her place.

Mitch London – Declaration of Quorum

Motion 1

I move to seat Ralph Collinson as the alternate member trustee for AANR Florida.

Maker: Karen Lahey Second Richard Quigly

Purpose: To fill the seat vacated for this meeting with the alternate as specified in the AANR Ruling Documents.

Fiscal impact: None

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Introduction of Dignitaries – Mitch London

Robert Roach AANR East President
Carylon Hawkins AANR Office
Cyndi Tendick West Region President
Ronna Krozey Public Relations Chair
Jim Lahey Legislation chair
Ted Peck Past Trustee
Andy Walden West Region Secretary
Paul LeValley Research and Education Chair
Kathy Watzel Past President

Report of the Interim Motions from Mid-Winter Meeting

Interim Motion 1

I move to add a new item 7, to the Governance Manual sections 3.02.05 to read:

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.

Maker: Legislation Committee
Purpose: To assist in covering the meal costs of volunteers who serve the association during AANR's meetings. To take effect starting with the 2023 AANR convention.
Fiscal impact: \$2100.00 per year
Discussion: Kathy Watzel mentioned that it was understood that alcohol was not included.
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Interim Motion 2

I move to accept the Presidents appointment of David Levine to the open position of the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Maker: Mitch London President
Purpose: As stated
Fiscal impact: none
Discussion: Via electronic means
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection.

Motion 2

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

Maker: Kathy Watzel Second: Karen Lahey
Purpose: As stated
Fiscal impact: None
Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection.

Motion 3

I move to accept the minutes of the February 4 – 2022 Midwinter Meeting as distributed.

Karen Lahey accepted a friendly amendment By Mitch London to correct the dates to February 3-4, 2023.

Maker: Karen Lahey Second: Kathy Watzel
Purpose: As stated
Fiscal impact: None
Discussion: None
Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection.

President's Comments

Mitch London thanked everyone for attending, and thanked Solair for their assistance. Mentioned a trip to the Optical Museum, which was in the nude, trivial contest, which he didn't win, but the Executive Directors team did. Thanks to everyone who has helped.

Executive Director's Report

- The report was distributed in advance. The following comments have been made since the report was written.
- Thanked Solair for putting 'Protecting your rights and promoting Acceptance' on their banner.
- Got a call from a western club who was contacted by authorities about activities where there were children in attendance. AANR assisted.
- Call from Ontario Canada from a neighbor who saw them nude.
- Call from a member in the Northwest who received a citation over nudity.
- Had a successful resolution to a child custody situation from the Northwest.
- Had a similar case in Florida.
- NCSL conference in Indianapolis.
- Bill in West Virginia was going to raise the penalty for indecent exposure up to a felony level. It passed the state senate, but we had a contact in the State House and their contacts made at NCSL to address the bill.
- Showed video of Bare-Naked Granola ad. Part of Kellogg's.

Committee Reports

Internal Affairs

Bob Dixon – An update to the submitted report. In mid-June in response to a request from the AANR Florida board for an independent review. A committee of Bob Dixon, Sharon McCloud and Ted Peck investigated the complaint, and a report was submitted.

Government Affairs

Tim Mullins – Stand on the written report.

Membership/Marketing

Karen Lahey – Membership concerns. Asked everyone to adopt a club to promote AANR.

Public Relations

Ronna Krozy – Stand on written report.

Tim Sargent – explained new social media motions under consideration.

Conventions

Ronna Krozy – Comments about planning a convention.

Legislation

Jim Lahey – Stands on written report.

Glenn Miller

Mike Parker – Stand on written report. Still has money to loan.

Planning

BG Parkes – Stand on written report. Cyndi Tendick spoke about strategic plan. There was a discussion on background check.

Finance

- Kathy Watzel – Stand on written report with these additions.
- Net income 142,466.00
- Mid-winter expenses were higher than last year.
- Expects annual convention cost to increase as well.
- Advertising income increasing.
- Bulletin costs are increasing but with the additional cost of the hard copy that will be covered. So far 9354.00 from mailing the bulletin.
- Website and hosting costs increased. Zoom and Twitter.
- Investments are up.
- Suite B is rented by person of suite A. Over \$200 additional income but some updates may be needed.
- Membership from January until 2 weeks ago went up 320.

Research and Education

Paul LeValley stands by written report.

AANR Youth

No report

David Levine clarified that the kids report for camp were not from the Midwest camp but from the East Regions camp.

Hall of Fame

Mark Huenison– 6 nominations, 2 approved. The rest carried over. Karen Lahey and Mike Parker are the latest members.

WINR

Andee Rodgers stands mostly on her report. Mentioned Zazzle store but need to set rating to PG-13 to see all the items.

Election review

- Heather Cheney has a bylaw change to modify the qualification for board membership, from a person must have served on a regions board to be eligible to be a trustee to having served AANR. The exact wording hasn't been determined yet.
- Bob Dixon asked if the committee discussed the position of residency which Heather stated was out of scope of this ad-hoc committee. Bob strongly suggested that it be in someone's scope soon. Kathy mentioned that that would have to be a separate motion.
- Ralph Collinson mentioned that many of the Florida Region members don't live full time in Florida but as region members and are disenfranchising them by requiring that they have a permanent residence in the region.
- Karen Lahey mentioned that maybe the rules stay the same but make an allowance to override this rule if needed. Mitch mentioned that a committee to address this would be appointed.

Convention Contract

Ronna Krozey

Ronna Krozey mentioned this in her previous report.

Region Presidents

Cyndi Tendick presented the report. All presidents got to comment.

- Florida Nakations: afraid of making waves What is trademarked? Bare Necessities has used it as well as other clubs, but it was made as an accessory for the name's sake.
- Question on office hours change. This is a concern of the western regions due to time zones.
- Is it possible to get press releases out of the office without someone asking for them such as National Skinny-dip Day.
- Concern that everything coming out of the office is all defense but no offence.
- Concerns on Impexium. Due to the "courtesy of inputting monthly memberships" there is a lag in the time that it takes to generate reports on membership, i.e. we cannot get a report for

membership as of April 30 until the middle to end of May since clubs have the ability to input members for a certain period of grace time. Ease of transferring members from club to club.

- Some regions state that their Trustees don't communicate with them.
- Do the regions have their own strategic plans? AANR's can be used as a starting point.
- Clubs with low numbers start eliminating benefits or converting to an affiliated business or something else instead of revoking their charters.
- What are the resources that the office has that the region may be able to use? Data storage? Email possibilities? Photo library?
- Jeff Tendick mentioned that he's attended a couple of these meetings and things are said but seems that little happens after adjournment. Mitch responded that he, Kathy Watzel, Eric Schuttauf and Tim Mullins have a weekly phone call where these things are discussed.
- Kathy Watzel asked for clarification on the presidents' suggestion on removing benefits from low member clubs. Ralph said that in Florida if a club drops below the required numbers, they lose their right to vote at the regional convention.
- Karen Lahey expressed concern about removing benefits from low number clubs. Mentioned she has a club with 20 AANR members but were not basic members but they were one of the most active clubs in the region. Suggested that we look at AANR members not just basic members.
- Kathy Watzel asked Cyndi to add to her list to find an easier way to transfer members between clubs.

Business meeting

Motion 4

I move to hold the mid-winter trustees meeting at Lake Como.

Maker: Karen Lahey Second: Heather Cheney

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: As usual

Discussion: Kathy Watzel stated that there was only 1 application submitted. The travel dates are February 1st and 4th, 2024. The meeting dates are February 2nd and 3rd.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection.

Motion 5

I move to hold the 2024 convention at Shangri La Ranch.

Maker: Richard Quigly Second: Karen Lahey

Purpose: To determine the location for the 2024 membership meeting since DeAnza dropped out.

Fiscal impact: As usual

Discussion: Dates are August 14-16, 2024. Heather Cheney mentioned that if we are encouraging family's we hold these meetings outside of school dates. Kathy Watzel mentioned that we must work around the NCSL convention because Eric would not be able to attend the

membership meeting. Mitch London mentioned that the membership convention needs to be after all the regional conventions have been completed. Kathy Watzel mentioned that the ruling documents state that the membership meeting must be after the regional conventions. Karen Lahey mentioned that we should consider addressing this issue. Tim mentioned he has approached Laguna Del Sol about hosting next year's convention so was surprised that a motion has already been presented. Kathy Watzel mentioned that the board was not aware of Laguna Del Sol's interest, so the motion was made. Suzanne mentioned that if Shangri La Ranch wants to host, she was fine with that. Paul LeValley suggested that the membership and Trustee meeting be in the evenings or on weekends so those who work can attend. Tim Mullins asked if Shangri La was going to host the West region convention. Cyndi Teknik stated that the location was deferred until the situation with DeAnza was settled. Laguna Del Sol withdrew their bid.

Disposition: **Passed**, unanimously without objection

Motion 5

I move to hold the 2025 convention on August 11-17th 2025.

Maker: Karen Lahey Second: Richard Quigly

Purpose: To set the schedule for the convention in 2025.

Fiscal impact: As usual

Discussion: None

Disposition: **6 in favor, 1 abstention** by Heather Cheney.

Motion 6

I move to hold the 2025 convention at Oak Lake Trails.

Maker: Richard Quigly Second: Karen Lahey

Purpose: As stated.

Fiscal impact: As usual

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed** unanimously without objection.

Motion 7

I move to transfer \$80 from the PR budget to the Membership Marketing budget to pay for the taxes for the cost of the Zoom account since the PR project will not cost \$500.00.

Maker: Ronna Krozy Second: None needed

Purpose: As stated.

Fiscal impact: \$0.00

Discussion: Bob Dixon agreed with the request but thought that for this little amount of money the trustees shouldn't need to be involved. Mitch London mentioned that the original motion did not include the tax amount.

Disposition: **Passed** unanimously without objection.

Motion 8

For the purpose of elections partial terms of office shall not be counted.

Maker: Karen Lahey Second: Richard Quigly

Purpose: To clarify the ruling documents. They are not clear when a person is appointed to fill an office.

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: Karen Lahey clarified the purpose as the current Security/Treasurer is filling out the position. Jim Lahey mentioned that this should be changed in the By-Laws.

Disposition: **Passed** unanimously without objection

Motion 9

I move to change associate member references to direct member references in the Governance Manual sections 2.01.01, 2.04.04, 2.05, 2.06, and 6.0306.

Maker: Legislation Committee Second: None needed

Purpose: To bring the Governance Manual up to date with bylaw changes voted into place in 2022.

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: Kathy Watzel questioned why this was needed because the by-laws were changed so shouldn't the Governance Manual be able to be updated? Jim Lahey stated that the committee thought this was needed.

Disposition: **Withdrawn.**

Motion 10

I move to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Maker: Finance Committee Second: None needed

Purpose: As stated

Fiscal impact: None

Discussion: None

Disposition: **Passed** unanimously without objection

- Ted Peck mentioned that he would have a motion for a new award which he will bring up at the Mid-winter meeting.
- Richard Quigly questioned why the budget for the year is approved in February of the same year. The reason is that it has always been done that way. Bob Dixon asked for a schedule for the budget process.

Good of the Order and Announcements

- Eric Schuttauf mentioned AANR's planned giving options.
- Mitch London mentions that an Elite Life Member wanted a plaque to hang on their wall. He has started the process of creating one.

- David Levine asked the Trustees to be sure to submit their meeting reports at least 2 weeks before the meeting so he could get the report package together. Kathy Smith stated that the ruling documents state that the reports package should be out 30 days before the meeting, and she set a due date at least a week before that.
- Gary online suggested a trust fund to purchase resorts when they close or are up for sale. Cyndi Tendick mentioned that this was discussed in the Presidents meeting looking into turning those clubs into co-ops. Lots of discussion on how to prevent clubs closing.
- Discussion on the DeAnza situation but in this case, nothing could be done.
- Further activities during the convention were announced.

Adjourned at 12:15 PM.