

*MINUTES - HIGHPOINTERS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT GRAND MARAIS, MINNESOTA - 27 JULY 1996*

*The Highpointers Club Board of Directors convened for their annual meeting on July 27, 1996, at the Highpointers Convention at Grand Marais, Minnesota. Those attending were Don Holmes, Robert Hymen, George Johnson, Jack Longacre, Miles Luke, Craig Nowland, Tom Menger and Paul Zumwalt. Others sitting in were Austin and Betty Stirratt, Jan and Ray Nelson, Clark Hall and Jack Parsell. Members of the Board of Directors who were unable to attend the Convention providing written and/or verbal comments on the Board agenda to Don Holmes were Robert Failing, Jack Frank, and Ken Jones.*

*The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Don Holmes. The action taken by the Board follows:*

*A. 1997 Convention Expenses*

*A motion was made by Don Holmes that payment of funds for the 1997 Highpointers Convention be authorized. The motion was seconded by Robert Hyman. The motion was carried unanimously. In addition, next year's Convention planning is to include the reservation of 50 camping spots, Board member lapel pins, and new comers identification tags.*

*B. Club Dues*

*The issue of raising the club dues was discussed at some length. A motion was made by Paul Zumwalt to change the annual dues from \$5.00 per person to \$10.00 per household; essentially \$10.00 per Newsletter subscription.. The motion was seconded by Miles Luke. The motion passed by an 8 to 1 vote. Don Holmes volunteered to develop an annual budget for 1997.*

*C. Donations*

*A motion was made by Robert Hyman to make a Highpointers Club donation to the local Trails Club that maintains the Eagle Mountain, Minnesota, Trail in the amount of \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Jack Longacre and passed unanimously. Jan and Ray Nelson volunteered to draft a letter of thanks to accompany this donation.*

*D. Convention Structure*

*The issue of our Annual Convention was discussed. The idea of lengthening the Convention*

to include other weekend activities was introduced. Activities might include Q & A sessions with the two authors of the Highpoints books, seminars by other individuals on mountain travel safety, equipment, and possible workshops on other topics. Tom Menger volunteered to work on setting up a program for the 1997 Highpointers Convention in Colorado.

*E. Highpointers Club Bylaws*

The Highpointers Club Bylaws are to be completed by Don Holmes and submitted to the Board of Directors as soon as possible.

*F. Club Award Policy*

The current award policy was discussed. A unanimously decision was made to leave the current award structure and future changes to the structure in the capable hands of Ken Jones. In addition, Ken Jones will remain in charge of the disbursement of awards and sales of T-shirts.

*G. Highpointers Club Sponsored Outings*

The idea of Club sponsored outings to highpoints, especially the more difficult ones, was discussed. The primary issue was the Club and individual liability surrounding such an endeavor. A motion was made and seconded that the Club not conduct outings. The motion was passed unanimously.

*H. Special Presentation Plaques*

The Board discussed presenting a special plaque to highpoint landowners or non-members that have displayed an unusual commitment to the Highpointers Club. Don Holmes agreed to work out the details of such an award with Ken Jones.

*I. 1998 Convention Site*

Although not action by the Board, it should be noted that the Convention attendees voted for South Carolina as the 1998 Convention site.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert

Hyman

Secretary