

Highpointers Club Board of Directors Meeting Jun 30, 2018

The Highpointers Club Board of Directors meeting was held at the Mount Magazine Lodge Arkansas on Jun 30, 2018

I. Meeting opened at 1:00 PM.

President Alan Ritter noted that Marion Bauman had resigned as Secretary; Jim Sutton was acting Secretary.

Mick Dunn noted that Donna Hawkins has granted him proxy to vote for her. This was verified by Alan Ritter and Tim Webb via an email from Donna.

Directors present: Mark Comstock, Mick Dunn, Lillian Elliott, Don Holmes, John Keator, George Paynter, Alan Ritter, Jim Sutton, Gary Szelc, Tim Webb

Directors Excused: Marion Bauman, Donna Hawkins

Directors Absent: Bomber Brown, Kathy Dalsaso, Nikki Hemphill

II. Old Business

1. Minutes – Electronic minutes approved with vote of 9-1 (Szelc delayed and not voting; Dunn opposed)
2. Treasurer's Report (Holmes) – Report approved unanimously
3. Annual approval of honorary members (no chair) – No report

III. Committee Reports

1. **Conventions** (Hemphill) – No report
2. **Newsletter** (Mitchler) – No report
3. **Records** (Mitchler) – No report
4. **Liaison** (Ritter) – New sign and other improvements at Jakk's Glade in MO
5. **Bylaws** (Holmes) – No changes proposed
6. **Awards** (Holmes) – No award nominations submitted this year
7. **Membership** (Joan Bauman) – 65 new members (reported by Holmes)
8. **Merc** (Brown) – Holmes reports the Merc is doing well; substantial funds are available for the scholarship program
9. **Elections** (Paynter) – Election opened March 21, closed 5.5 weeks later; got 116 votes; first time could vote by email; twice the number received compared to 2017
10. **Website** (Dalsaso) – Holmes reported that the club pays about \$500/year for two websites: highpointers.org (active site) and highpointers.com (backup site; name retained to protect right to it)
11. **Marketing** (Dalsaso) – No report
12. **More Than 50 States** (Comstock/Dalsaso) – Comstock had nothing to report
13. **Project Volunteers** (Bauman) – No report
14. **Easements** (Webb) – Nothing to report publicly at this time; Ritter: suggest we confirm access to MI for next year, and coordinate for IL access during convention; Holmes: owner on one side of access road for ND wants to close road to public; HP owner wants to keep open, as he gets access fee; Holmes will continue efforts and report to Board
15. **MI 2019** (Comstock) – Comstock reported Convention dates as July 25-27, 2019; Lakeside Inn is host hotel; rates are under negotiation, but can reserve rooms now; icebreaker Thursday night; full banquet Saturday night; Liar's Club Friday will include pizza and bowling; group hike to HP, plus possible trips to Mt. Curwood, Crystal Falls, etc.

IV. New Business

1. Secretary – Ritter nominated Sutton to serve as Club Secretary for the remainder of the current term; Holmes seconded; unanimous approval.

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2. HP Elevations (Holmes) – HP elevations updated using more accurate NAVD88 measurements; AK now 20,310'; Sassafras Mountain (SC) scraped off; elevation unsure; moved that HPC adopt new list as official heights; Webb seconded; motion passed unanimously.
3. Konvention Badges and Banners (Ritter) – Unable to locate banners, signage and name badge wallets; disappeared at end of MA 2017 Konvention; Ritter requested volunteers to work to replace, using online research; Elliott volunteered; Dunn suggested items may still turn up; Sutton noted that both shipping containers and written procedures for chain of custody are needed; Holmes proposed Elliott to chair the committee; nomination approved unanimously .
4. Konvention Cancellation Policy (Ritter) – The HPC has no spelled-out cancellation policy; are numerous upfront costs; policies exist for cruises, etc.; suggesting 60-day and 30-day limits for refunds, such as 60+ days = full refund; 59-30 days = 50%; <30 = no refund; Ritter moved to include in instructions to hosts; Szalc seconded;

Discussion: [from floor]: another club gives full refund less expenses and refund fee; Ritter: difficult to coordinate with Konvention treasurer; Holmes: usually get 6-8 cancellations; this year is anomaly; has not impacted bottom line in past; is NOT in bylaws; George Vandersluis (floor): in past, if someone takes your place, you got refund; additional comments: almost always get no refund if cancel; how to prove medical or other problem? Ritter: no limit on when can sign up but may not get T-shirt; Holmes and Sutton: never know what will need in advance; proposed budgets include contingency fee to cover Sutton moved to table Ritter motion; Elliott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

5. Holmes - Discussed shipping of T-shirts from AR Konvention; moved that shipping costs be funded from HPC General Fund; motion was passed unanimously; Ritter noted that could be done for less than amount authorized in motion.

Szalc - Has received several nice comments about good job Alan has done with AR Konvention; also, he is chair of convention handbook committee; passed out draft format and requested comments.

Holmes -Nice to see so many people at meeting (approximately 32 plus Board members)

6. **Liaison Committee** (Paynter) - Committee established to attempt to re-establish relationship between the Club and the Foundation; (3 Board members from each unit; HPC members are George Paynter, Mark Comstock and John Keator; Foundation members are Jim Hawkins, Mary Groeneveld and Stony Burk; have met twice with extensive discussion; issues not completely resolved; will have complete write-up in six months or less; Paynter moved to re-establish relation between Club and Foundation, and committee will present written recommendations by December 31, 2018; Holmes seconded.

Discussion: Elliott: requested information on what issues caused separation; Paynter: only one liaison person from Club, communication didn't happen; Foundation formed to allow tax-deductible contributions to club; also, financial reports were not being seen by Club Board; Board recommended only a few projects; the Foundation acted independently, but could be opened up to all Club membership; Ritter: the Club Board could act as collection point for ideas; committee could review and communicate to Foundation, but IRS requires that Foundation be separate; Holmes: like to see inclusion of state HP liaison people; need to rebuild whole liaison system for individual HPs, which would go long way to get recommendations; Elliott: Foundation not represented in Newsletter; Paynter: link needs to be re-established; Dunn: has been very impressed by openness so far; Ritter: could document indicate process on how to attain re-establishment? Sutton: would like to see

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documentation FIRST before taking vote; we don't really know what we are voting on, with no idea of results; vote would rescind previous vote of Board to separate; Ritter: the Board is elected to represent the interest of the Club membership; not many things done by general vote of the membership; if motion was worded as a letter of intent, could consider as authorizing activity without rescinding previous vote; he would like to see structure in place; Audience member: not sure what re-establishment means, and must be careful not to lose tax deductions; Ritter: we need to keep Club and Foundation separate, but can have common interest; would like to re-establish communication; should not be working at cross-purposes; Elliott: only want to have page in Newsletter to show what Foundation has been doing; Ritter: Foundation has done much, including new sign at Signal Hill (AR), and new signage at Kings Peak (UT); Paynter: move to open the Newsletter to Foundation activities immediately

Vote on original motion: "to re-establish and develop agreements between the Club and the Foundation, to be presented to the Board by December 31, 2018"; motion passed 11-0

7. **Board Elections** (Webb) - Moved to authorize the Board election chair to develop a concise and specific policy for future Board elections; motion passed unanimously.
8. **Scholarship Fund** (Ritter) – No applications submitted; Holmes: no expenses this year, sufficient funds for several scholarships.
9. **Foundation** (Covill) – Was named to Board of Colorado Mountain Club Foundation; handed out guidebook of Non-Profit Principles and Practices to the Board members for their information; invited Club membership to Foundation Board meeting later in afternoon.
10. **Other Business** - Apex 2019 (Bruce Marshall): as part of big event, especially including Scouts BSA, wants anyone who completes five summits can purchase a patch without having to become HPC member; could be significant funds for Club; Ritter: will take under advisement, as would require change in Club bylaws; perhaps could buy and re-sell, but unclear if completer can purchase more than one patch;

Eric Lichtenstein – A brief Newsletter summary ("info blast") used to be put on website electronically, by Craig Noland; like to see that again; if no one is doing, will volunteer to do so.

Audience member (possibly Bruce Marshall) - Would like to see old issues digitized and put on computer; Clint Kaul has discussed with John Mitchler; no additional information or action taken

Adjournment - Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting for Board photo; motion passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Action Items and follow-up information:

1. Coordination with IL owners for access during 2019 MI Konvention: Mark Comstock reported in an email on July 13, 2018, that he has had contact with Jean Wuebbel and that they will be very flexible on open dates relative to the Konvention dates.
2. ND Access: Don Holmes will continue interaction with owners to retain access to the ND summit.
3. Konvention Badges and Materials: Lillian Elliott will develop committee to locate/replace missing materials and develop chain of custody procedures prior to MI 2019 Konvention; Lillian requested specific information and feedback in email of 08/03/2018
4. Consideration of Cancellation Refund policy for future Konventions, per Business Meeting and draft policy submittal in email sent by Don Holmes on July 10, 2018, and requested comments
5. Distribution of T-shirts: Alan Ritter has reported that shirt distribution has been completed in July 2018.

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6. Convention Handbook: Review of and action on draft distributed by Gary Szelc at Business Meeting
7. Liaison Committee – Report to HPC Board to be submitted by December 31, 2018.
8. Board Elections: report and proposal to the HPC Board required per motion approved at Business Meeting; date not specified by should be completed before 2019 Board elections.
9. Request for sale of HPC Five Summits HPC badges for ApexChallenge (Bruce Marshall): taken under advisement; Bylaw change may be required to comply with request.
10. Electronic Newsletter: Eric Lichtenstein volunteered to take over from Craig Noland; action needed to implement?
11. Supposed endorsement of Apex Challenge by HPC (see email to Board officers by Clint Kaul, July 17, 2018): Action needed?
12. Digitization and sale of past issues of HPC Newsletter, per discussion at Business Meeting and email from Clint Kaul to Board officers on July 19, 2018.
13. Search for new chair of Membership Committee
14. Search for new chair of Honorary Membership Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sutton, HPC Board Secretary
August 19, 2018