

MINUTES - HIGHPOINTERS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT FRISCO,
COLORADO - 26 JULY 1997

The Highpointers Club Board of Directors convened for their annual meeting on July 26, 1997, at the Highpointers Convention at Frisco, Colorado. Those attending were Bob Failing, Don Holmes, Robert Hymen, George Johnson, Ken Jones, Jack Longacre, Miles Luke, Craig Nowland, David Olsen and Paul Zumwalt. Others sitting in were Dave Covill, John Mitchler and Jack Parsell. Members of the Board of Directors who were unable to attend the Convention but provided written and/or verbal comments on the Board agenda to Don Holmes were Don Berens, Jack Frank, and Roger Kubley.

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

A. Strawman Budget

Don Holmes submitted a strawman budget for the Highpointers Club annual expenses. The annual expenses were itemized and a motion to accept the budget was made by Miles Luke, seconded by Jack Longacre, and approved by a unanimous vote by the Board.

Before approval of the strawman budget, three of the items were submitted to a vote by the Board. 1) Jack Longacre made a motion to increase the annual donation to the local trail maintenance organization to \$200.00 beginning with the 1998 Konvention. The motion was seconded by Robert Hyman and approved by the Board. 2) A motion was made by Don Holmes to spend up to \$300.00 on a project approved by the Board. The motion was seconded by Miles Luke and approved by the Board. 3) A motion was made by Bob Failing to include \$200.00 in the budget to be used for Club membership in other organizations such as The American Alpine Club and others. The motion was seconded by Ken Jones and approved by the Board.

B. Rhode Island Access

The Board voted to require one to go the actual Rhode Island highpoint in order for it to count, effective November 1, 1997. The only approved route is the one through James Duffy's property as outlined in the First Quarter 1997 issue of Apex-to-Zenith, #36. If the Duffy route is ever posted with "No Trespassing" signs, the Jerimoth Hill sign along the side of the road will again be accepted as the official Rhode Island highpoint.

C. Chairman - Board of Directors

Ken Jones made a motion that Don Holmes continue as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Jack Longacre and unanimously approved by the Board.

D. Highpointers Logo Paperweight

As the Board project for 1997 (see A., item 2), it was approved by the Board to allocate \$200.00 to have a die for a Highpointers logo made by Geographic Locations. The logo will be sold by Geographic Locations with a portion of the proceeds going to the Highpointers Club treasury.

E. New Board Members

It was unanimously approved by the Board that Mary Maurer, George Vandersluis, Barb Gurtler, and Homer Gurtler be asked to become members of the Board of Directors. Don Holmes, Paul Zumwalt and Jack Longacre will ask these folks to join the Board.

F. Other Issues

1) Bob Failing discussed forming a Fund Raising Committee. This will be a Board agenda item at the 1998 Konvention. 2) Jack Longacre suggested we give awards to private property owners or caretakers. A committee of Don Holmes and Ken Jones was formed to draft a list and an appropriate award. 3) A search for a new membership chairman was initiated. The intent is to relieve Jack Longacre of some of the Club responsibility. Craig and Mary Jane Nowland were suggested as excellent candidates. Craig and Mary Jane need to decide if this is a task they want to accept. 4) Dave Covill and John Mitchler agreed to consider becoming Newsletter editors, again, to relieve Jack Longacre of some of the Club duties. Dave and John must decide if they want to accept this position and, if so, develop a plan with Jack Longacre for transitioning the newsletter responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned by Don Holmes.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hyman
Secretary, Highpointers Club

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The Konvention Banquet Social Hour begin at 5:00 pm. At 7:00 pm, a buffet dinner was served with the main course consisting of carved prime rib and chicken.

All attendees were greeted by Konvention Chairman Don Holmes. Approximately 220 people representing 35 states and the District of Columbia attended. A variety of items for sale were displayed. While dinner was served, many door prizes were distributed. The oldest person in attendance was Paul Zumwalt at 85? years young and the youngest child was 6 months old. The largest family had 5 persons in attendance. The people that traveled the most distance were from Massachusetts. The youngest to climb Mount Elbert was Jamie Kessler, 7 years old.

Next years Konvention will be held in South Carolina on the last weekend in July. It was voted to have the 1999 Konvention in Missouri. It will be in the Fall and the Missouri Konvention Committee will determine the exact date.

A special Club Pin was awarded to all the 50 State Highpoint completers. Those in attendance were: Jeff Rand, Jack Longacre, Wayne Balkam, Bob Failing, Freddie Carter, Greg Sladen, Rudy Vedovell, Ken Jones, Jack Parsell, Bob Anderson, George Vandersluis, Barbara Gurtler, Dennis Whitehead, Don Holmes, Bob Packard, and Mike McCauley.

The Vin Hoeman award was given to Dave and Julie Epperson.

A special award was presented to Jack Longacre for 10 years of Outstanding Leadership.

An excellent program on the First Ascent of Mount Vaughan in Antarctica was presented by Bob Failing. Bob was a member of that expedition.

The Konvention and banquet was adjourned at approximately 11:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hyman
Secretary, Highpointers Club