

Nov. 3, 2020 BOD Meeting

Attendance: Dan Kidd, President

Lianne Mitchell, Vice President

Jerry Harkavy, Secretary

Dave Francis, At-Large

Marianne Hubert, At-Large

Peter Mullen, At-Large

The president called the meeting to order via Zoom.com at 7:35 p.m.

Following approval of the September minutes, the Board heard the treasurer's report, sent in by Jerry Jalbert who was not present at the meeting. The report noted that the funds in the club's checking and money market accounts totaled \$8,547, essentially unchanged from the month before but significantly higher than earlier in the year.

Board members discussed a range of ongoing topics, including website issues, liability insurance and suggestions to promote member involvement in club activities at a time when the pandemic has curtailed many of the customary events.

Marianne proposed that the club strive to post a weekly walk in the Portland area on the calendar, perhaps on Wednesdays. The event could be a beach walk, a walk around the bay or a similar activity that combines outdoor exercise and social engagement.

The board was advised that some of the member discounts offered by outfitters and outdoor facilities may no longer be valid. The club will seek a volunteer to update the discount list and approach other businesses that may be interested in offering discounts to MOAC members.

The board approved the wording of emails to be sent as reminders that membership is due for renewal. The emails are to be sent 30 days and 14 days prior to the renewal date, as well as on the date when membership expires.

There was renewed discussion on the recurring issue of liability insurance for the club and trip leaders. A new suggestion was a possible change in the club's legal status from a nonprofit 501 (c) 7 to a charitable 501 (c) 3. The president agreed to check on whether such a change was feasible and how it might enhance our liability protection.

The board was reminded that the Christmas party had fallen victim to COVID-19. Our \$275 deposit with the AMVETS hall was extended until next year, with the 2021 party set for Dec. 11.

There was a brief discussion about Cathy Conroy's request to show a short video during a general meeting that would feature highlights from trips of 2006-2007. There were questions about whether a slide show might be preferable and whether the show could be held at a time apart from the general meeting. The president agreed to confer with Cathy about those suggestions.

The board was told that the first new member meeting held apart from the general meeting was a success.

There was renewed discussion on problems with the website, but no decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.