

## Minutes

# California Men's Gatherings Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 start time 6:30 PM PST - end time 8:16 PM  
location phone call meeting

Jamie S.  
Milo  
Ben Andy  
Virsil M.  
Larry G.  
Jim R.  
Blaid P.  
Frank H.  
Clay  
Shahbaz (left early)  
Mike F.  
Vic F. (left early)  
Garrick  
Kerry Strom  
Ernie  
Matthew (absent)  
Uncle Drew (absent)  
others

## Before we meet

Read: item CMG Board Mtg Notes Jan 15, 2017

Vic: Move to approve

Ben Andy: Second - unanimous approval

Bring: item Annual Members Meeting Notes

## Website Committee

Website Redesign : Jamie/Vic/Larry/Garrick

Length: 16 minutes

notes

Our Website design has been updated for tablet and phone.

Committee Recommends:

1. BOD approves of themes made available from elegant themes.
2. The CMG website to continue to be hosted by Godaddy.
3. The BOD approve of the website budget including the redesign including the Godaddy fees lifetime access to themes ... (this includes no fees for web designer)

A Budget request for \$249/yr Godaddy for elegant themes.

Note: [Elegant Themes](#) has over 40 [Wordpress](#) themes that we can access.

Jim: Have the website cmte find one in wordpress for desktop tablet and mobile friendly.

Larry: Says that Matthew S. suggested we use elegant themes in order to have ease of use of drag a drop updates to the website.

Frank: Says he has viewed over 38 pages that have been added to the mobile site and he would like to applaud Larry for all he's done in this short amount of time.

Mike F.: Do you think we need more research? Or is the best we can get to match what we want?

Vic: We've met with two designers... more image less text... for quality and price also being mobile friendly.

Jim: Visited the other sites to see what desktop to mobile

We are researching a new tool called Divi to create our own theme.

Vic: Move to approve

Mike F.: second

Approved by

unanimous - vote

## Treasurer Report First Quarter 2017

Owner: Ben Andy

Length: 10 minutes

note see doc

Ben Andy: We are under budgeted. I took our actuals for 2016... We are at \$ 2,900 in expenses. \$500 on

website update. Maybe \$ 4,200 remaining. Mailbox paid. We have some other funds available. We don't need to get a loan.

## Photo policy

Owner: Larry

Length: 1 minute

note see AMM Mtg notes

This policy should be present in Gatherings handbooks.

## Elder Participating in PC Meetings

Owner: BOD

Length: 3 minutes

note Jim: suggested to send things out to the elders too

Mike Fahy attended two meetings

Jim R. attended one meeting

[Summer PC: Joe and Rich](#)

Reminder that budget line item for \$200 per Gathering for 2017 is available for outside facilitators for each planning committee

Camp cost and Low Tier Recommendation:

Fall Gathering

Mike F.: Says Ernie, Fall gathering took the idea with enthusiasm.

Spring Gathering

Shahbaz: \$150 per man also added 13% ...(has the price been set \$ 260 to 300 for Spring CMG 88?)

## Replace AMM Minutes and Distribution

Owner: Jamie

Length: 5 minutes

note

A Proposal made to Replace AMM minutes to be sent out asap for edits and corrections;

**PROPOSAL:** The CMG BOD specifies that Minutes from the AMM be sent out electronically ASAP after the AMM each year to all attendees for review and to make any corrections. When there is a corrected set, the minutes again will be sent to the Voting Members to VOTE to accept them or not, giving them 3 days to read and vote. The vote will be approved by the majority of the voting members who were present at the AMM. Once the minutes are approved by the members who attended the (AMM) Annual Members Meeting, the minutes can then be posted to the CMG website and distributed to the public. It is suggested that we aim to complete this process no later than three weeks after the conclusion of the AMM.

Ben Andy: Amended

Blaidd: Amended

Mike F.: Amended

Jamie: Move to a vote for approval

Ben Andy second

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Ben Andy: The AMM should be sent to all the voting members.

Mike Fahy: voting members are present

## Gathering attendees and web logs

Owner: Frank R./Vic

Length: 5 minutes

note Marketing/Outreach

Gathering Attendance

Frank R.: Expressed concerns over gathering attendance levels. How can we increase our membership? Plans meet with Marketing Director about our strategy of getting people to the gathering.

Web logs

Frank R. We have these websites but we don't know how people are interact with them... I've looked into google analytics and was unable to locate the log on cmg.org cmg.info. He would like the BOD to give him authorization to looking into Giant Rabbit to have a copy made of these logs.

Larry: Shared google analytics from the past twelve years. He is not sure if this information is kept by Giant Rabbit.

## Confidentiality Agreement

Owner: BOD

Length: 1 minutes

note

Jamie: Asked Ben Andy should these be mailed to the Secretary.

Blaidd: says a current officer should hold file these form. Frank: Says his group has sent these forms in and would like to know if the CMG got them..

Confidentiality Agreement - To be Mailed to Jamie Simmons, President of the CMG to be filed.

Address TBA

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Milo: Suggested we create a website to click a box for an online form.

## Spring Gathering 88

Owner: Cmte

Length: 2 minutes

note

Spring Gathering 88 Camp visit took place.

The horseback ride to go into the National Forest.

Climbing

Jim: CMG to help pay for repair/replace Pool heater at Pathfinder Ranch TBD.

Blaidd: Says they seem to have forgotten about this detail. The repair should happen by mid April for installation and concrete slab.

Ben Andy: Suggested Ropes Course

Our Spring Gathering Registration opens on Friday March 24th.

Jammie: suggested that all BOD Members please post on facebook.

Attendance 131

\$152 -260 lowest tier

## Fall Gathering 89

Owner: Cmte

Length: 2 minutes

note

Fall Gathering - Camp Stevens - 12% increase in price

Frank: A strong committee at least eight men a theme has been chosen and budget.

## Summer Gathering 90

Owner: Cmte

Length: 1 minutes

note

Summer Gathering - Camp Newman

Ben Andy: Says budget has been approved.

## Officer Reports

Owner: Exec Cmte

Length: 4 minutes

note

Pres. Jamie

V.P. Milo Ins update user friendly

Sec. Virsil draft meetings tbd

Trea. Ben Andy has the Dave Clarke files for 2016-17

Outreach

Web/Tech Larry

Reg. Clay

Comm. Uncle Drew (absent)

Dev. Mike Fahy

Arch. Blaid

Jeff (absent)

David McCartney

LEC San Diego; Los Angeles; San Francisco Bay Area;

Palm Springs - Election March 31st, 2017

Sacramento Norman (absent)

## Next steps

Spring Gathering Board Meeting May 25-26th

Owner: Jamie

note

Jim R: Suggested that the [Spring CMG 88](#) Board Meeting be set Friday in the Afternoon at the Spring Gathering.

Due: date April 24th, 2017 in advance of 30 day notice to inform the BOD of our next scheduled meeting.