



Convention 2020 ... Reg'l Assembly II Minutes

AMERICAN ASS'N FOR NUDE RECREATION — WESTERN REGION, INC.

Shangri La Ranch, New River AZ
24th July, 2020 — Andy Walden, AANR-West Secretary

9:02 AM AZST ... RETURN TO ORDER

:00:01:09

President – Reviews the Agenda for this session.

- The delegate from CANYON STATE NATURISTS, Craig Watts, is now present and his credentials are certified.

9:06 AM ... COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT.)

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Marketing – Handles brand management, placement and design of advertising, logos, trademarks, promotional brochures and other literature, giveaway items, and tchotchkes.

- Ricc Bieber stands by his reports as submitted.
- The region's supply of spiffs is plentiful, in that most all the trade shows and other public outreach activities were cancelled this year.
- The one bright spot is Jeff Tendick's new membership drive which has been successful given the situation. The new items he brought forth are popular and have been the *deal maker* with some of our newest members.
- **Spanish Translation** – Creates and maintains published materials to provide positive information to members and potential members who may be more comfortable communicating in Spanish.
 - We, as a region, saw an opportunity to create outreach with the Spanish-speaking community to complement our connection with La Federación Nudista de México AC. Our trifold pamphlet has been translated and is in review.
- **Passport** – Encourages visits to multiple destination clubs and events groups throughout our region, and oversees passport printing and distribution so members may participate in an annual raffle at the Regional Assembly.
 - Of the 300 passports printed, all but two were distributed. They were well received by members and the program was successful first outing.
 - The printing of the 2020-2021 passports is delayed until after the new year since many of the destinations and groups are still in lockdown mode or limited to the number of admissions each day. Suggestions for revisions to the layout have been made and the list of venues will be updated.
 - *President's Note: The urgency for a Spanish language brochure was tempered since the trade shows and festivals have been cancelled this year.*
 - *Secretary's Note: This committee's report is found as an addendum to the Report Packet.*
- **Women in Nude Recreation** – Promotes a positive experience for women with the goal of increasing female interest and ultimately membership in Nudism for the region.
 - Treena Saavedra stands by her report as submitted.
 - WINR introduced a QR code printed on stickers which then can be placed on water bottles, message boards and other places. It simply says, "WINR," along with the graphic which hopefully piques their interest. People can scan the code which takes them straight to the region's women's page. A new code will be printed when the new website is introduced.
 - The SOUTHERN UTAH NATURIST SOCIETY is interested in having WINR conduct a women's seminar for them. In additions to the SUNS' request, the committee would like to hold on-line *Go-to-Meeting* gatherings where women can participate and ask questions in the comfort of their homes.
 - A rack card and brochure were introduced and distributed at the March 2020 Board Meeting. The goal is to feature only AANR-West members' photographs in our collateral.
 - *Director Rolf Holbach's Note: The women of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATURIST ASSOCIATION get together on a quarterly basis, either on-line or sometimes in person, and is facilitated by Cynthia Holbach. If the committee members would join the discussion from time to time, it would help make a positive connection.*
- **Inclusion** – Advocates compliance with the non-discrimination policy at the club level as stated in AANR By-Laws, Section I, Article IV, Part A.
 - Jeff Tendick stands by his report as submitted.
 - This is a benefit to the clubs in that it presents an opportunity to grow. This initiative is well suited for the liaison program where a one-on-one communication with the club representatives would be effective.

Sports – Handles all sports and recreational events at regionally sponsored functions, and maintains the rules book in harmony with the AANR Sports Manual.

- Curt Flynn stands by the reports as submitted by Barry Nielsen and Claudia Kellersch.
- Barry Nielsen reached out to the clubs’ activities directors and received hardly any responses. The committee will re-evaluate the volleyball, pickleball, billiards, horseshoe and other tournament rules in our Procedure Manual to assure they are standardized and current.
- Discussed at the March 2020 Board Meeting was the idea of having inter-club competitions within the individual states of the region (maybe split Northern and Southern California).
 - *AANR-West Trustee’s Note: Revise the rules to be somewhat flexible, so they need not require constant rewriting, i.e. “six to nine-man teams” instead of “six or nine ...”*
 - *dÁS Delegate Gary Holden’s Note: The rules for volleyball at DE ANZA SPRINGS were revised two years ago.*

Government Affairs – Conducts business in accordance with the AANR Governance Manual.

- Tim Mullins stands by the report submitted by Gary Mussell.
- The commissioners in S¹ Lucie County (Florida) voted four-to-one in favor of clothing-optional status for Blind Creek Beach. Most of the beach area is owned by the state and the county will work with *Treasure Coast Naturists* to create the boundaries and a list of improvements needed at the beach, including signage.
- AANR Florida Region has a lobbyist who works in conjunction with AANR and the Tallahassee offices to find supporters of nude recreation. There is even a link on the Visit Florida website to help people find clothing-optional venues within the state!



Conventions & Facilities – Attends to matters related to regional gatherings, including timing, bids, site selection and arrangements. The chairman also solicits sponsors for the award plaques presented at the Regional Assembly.

- Jeff Tendick stands by his report as submitted.
- Bids have been received for the Spring Board Meeting, Summer Festival, Fall Festival and the Fall Board Meeting. A single bid from SHANGRI LA RANCH stands for the 2021 AANR Western Regional Convention. Voting will take place once the convention delegates have been affirmed.

2021 AANR WESTERN REGION SCHEDULE				
Spring Board Mtg	Summer Festival	Convention	Fall Festival	Fall Board Mtg
de Anza Springs Laguna del Sol Mira Vista Resort	Glen Eden Sun Club	Shangri La Ranch	de Anza Springs	de Anza Springs Glen Eden Sun Club Laguna del Sol Mira Vista Resort

Nominations – The Vice President receives nominations for officers and directors, and presents the nominees for voting at the Regional Assembly.

- Jeff Tendick stands by his report as submitted.
- The committee still has six nominations for the open director seats: seeking a first term are Dave Ziegler, Don Hubbard and Linda Weber; standing for re-election are Treena Saavedra, Larry Gould and Curt Flynn.
 - *President’s Note: The floor is open for additional Directorship nominations. “Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!” The floor remains open until the time of election.*
 - *Secretary’s Note: This is a virtual repeat of the committee report presented at the end of Friday’s session.*

Youth Under 18 – Oversees all matters pertaining to activities for the children of members and perspective members.

- Claudia Kellersch stands by her report as submitted.
- The original assignment was for Claudia to chair both the <18 as well as the 18-30 committees; in November, the chairmanship of the latter was reassigned to Rolando Mantilla.
- The last Youth Camp was held at MOUNTAIN AIR RANCH facilitated by Jeff Tendick, Cyndi Faber and Ernie Wiese.
- A lot of planning, budgeting and scheduling went into creating a Youth Camp for 2020, including a roster of kid counselors. Then, the state closed the beaches, restaurants shuttered, pools were not allowed, travel limited, and parents became concerned with the lockdown situation. The planning, budgeting and scheduling was all for naught.

Young Adults – Aims to increase the positive experience of nude recreation to persons between the ages of 18 and 30, with the goal of increasing the number of members in this age range within the region.

- Gary Mussell vouches for Rolando Mantilla and stands by the report submitted by Ricc Bieber.
- This committee was not productive this year for all the circumstances.
 - **Treasurer’s Note:** *In attendance via GtM is Timothy Sargent from the Los Angeles area. As a member of the AANR Public Relations Committee, he has organized a Facebook page which evolved from the Youth and Diversity Advisory Subcommittee started by AANR.*
 - **Member Timothy Sargent’s Note:** *In working with Ronna Krozy’s PR Committee, he spearheads a group of young people who discuss ideas, things which are important to millennials, areas needing improvement, and bring them to AANR. Evan Nix is also on the Y&D subcommittee.*

Western Nudist Research Library – Acts as a liaison for the WNRL’s Board of Directors.

- Rolf Holbach stands by his report as submitted.
- Four collections of naturist media are involved in the *Nudist Research Library Consortium Project*: the WNRL at GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB (California), the American NRL at CYPRESS COVE (Florida), the Willamettans’ RL (Oregon) and the Naturist Education Foundation RL (Wisconsin). These libraries are working together to share their material.
- With the passing of Rich Hirst, a lot of internal information was “locked” with passwords which no one else knew. A re-organization meeting was held, new officers elected, a new Board of Directors seated — which includes Rolf Holbach and Evan Nix — and new policies discussed. Most of those files have since been recovered or recreated.
- An important task which continues is the digitizing of movies, magazines and other material from our history. A lot of researching and archiving has gone into organizing the vast amount of media. A request was sent to the Treasurer to have half of the budgeted \$2000 WNRL donation be earmarked for the expressed purpose of funding the digitization of the library’s film collection.
 - **Member Evan Nix’ Note:** *Responding to Larry Gould’s query, there are different sized films in the library. Most are 8mm which are consumer level stock and easily transferred using a film scanner at minimal cost. Other films are 16mm that will require a professional vendor.*
 - **GESC Pres. Steve Spencer’s Note:** *For those involved with the library, GLEN EDEN SUN CLUB and its Board fully support the WNRL. The building is on the club grounds and there is a close relationship with the staff as they move forward in the transition to a new era after Rich Hirst’s departure.*
 - **Member Linda Weber’s Note:** *At her encouragement, the ANRL now has a presence on social media. Linda is volunteering to be on the WNRL Committee to continue her promotion of the libraries.*

10:14 AM – 10:27 ... BREAK

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Credentials – Treena Saavedra conducts the Roll Call of Clubs and Delegates:

- Total number of votes is 211. A simple majority is 106 and a 2/3 majority is 141.

CLUBS → PROXIES	DELIGATES	VOTES	CLUBS → PROXIES	DELIGATES	VOTES
Arizona Wildflowers	Bev Price	3	Mountain Air Ranch → SLR/AzW	B Nielsen / B Price	17 / 3
Buff-A-Teers → AZ Wildflowers	Bev Price	3	Northern CA Exposure	Tim Mullins	1
Canyon State Naturists	Craig Watts	1	Olive Dell Ranch → SCNA	R Bieber / R Holbach	7
Clothesfree International	<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Olympian Club	W Krone-Schmidt	1
de Anza Springs Resort	Gary Holden	11	Pacificans, The	<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
Front Range Naturists	<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Roadrunner Naturists	Clyde Saavedra	3
Glen Eden Sun Club	Curt Flynn	55	Sequoians, The	<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
Hangin’ Loose	Linda Weber	1	Shangri La Ranch	B Nielsen / C Faber / J Tendick	13
Laguna del Sol	Suzanne Schell	69	Southern CA Naturist Association	R Bieber / R Holbach	2
Las Vegas Bares	<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Sun Tree Travel Club → AzW	Bev Price	1
Las Vegas Naturists	<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Wasatch Naturists	<i>no credentials submitted</i>	
Le Club → AZ Wildflowers	Bev Price	1	INDEPENDENT AANR MEMBERS		VOTES
Lupin Lodge	<i>no credentials submitted</i>		Larry Gould		1
Mira Vista Resort → N ² CA Expsr	Tim Mullins	14	Mindy Stephens		1
Mohave Sun Club	M & D Shelby	2	Walt Stephens		1

- The Regional President administers the Delegates’ Oath.

Introduction – AANR President Kathy Watzel invites everyone to participate in the on-line General Assembly, Thursday and Friday, 13-14 August 2020. Log-on information is available at aanr.com in the *members only / club login* section.

By-Laws and Procedure Manual – Handles all matters related to amendments to the regional By-laws and Procedure Manual, parliamentary procedures and resolutions.

- Tim Mullins stands by his report as submitted.
- **Motion 2020-07 № 3** by Ricc Bieber, seconded SS ... unanimous by presidential proclamation **ADOPTED**
“... the past actions of the Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 year beginning July 28, 2019 through July 24, 2020, as recorded in the minutes and summarized in the legislation report supplement, "Summary of Board Actions 2019/2020" are approved by the members.”
- **Motion 2020-07 № 4** by Tim Mullins, seconded RB ... unanimous by presidential proclamation **ADOPTED**
“... this section of the Procedure Manual be removed, and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly:
 - 10.02.00 ~~Attendance Plaques Presented to the club with the highest percentage of Members present at conventions/festivals. For convention only, an attendance plaque will also be presented to the club with the highest number of Members present. The host club shall not be considered for these awards.”~~

10:42 AM ... ELECTION

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Nominations – Final call, *Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!* Seeing no further recommendations from the floor after three requests, a motion to close the nominations is made.

- **Motion 2020-07 № 5** by Craig Watts, seconded RB ... unanimous by presidential proclamation **ADOPTED**
“... Nominations for Board openings be closed.”

Balloting – An e-mail *ballot* will be sent to those delegates attending the Assembly remotely. The name of the six candidates will listed. The delegates then reply with the names of the candidates for whom they are voting; please list the number of votes the selected candidates receive, dependent upon the number of votes each delegate represents. All e-mail *ballots* are then returned to the AANR-West Secretary for tabulation by the Credentials Committee.

10:48 AM ... VOTING IN PROGRESS

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In the Interim ...

- **Secretary's Note:** *Since two delegates are representing SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATURIST ASSOCIATION and — by proxy — OLIVE DELL RANCH, only Rolf Holbach's e-mail reply will be accepted. Ballots are sent at 10:53 AM AST.*
- **Vice President's Note:** *Director Ernie Wiese made telephone contact after finding a “hot spot” in the Rockies.*
- **AANR President's Note:** *Two other regions have also conducted a hybrid Assembly this year with similar challenges with multimedia connections. Ralph Collinson is the new AANR-Florida President, AANR Western Canada has yet to meet and one region has cancelled their Assembly. AANR Southwestern met at OAKLAKE TRAILS with all but five attendees present at the meetings and no one got sick! AANR has made over a thousand calls to “associates” who had yet to renew their memberships. From these calls, one-in-five members renewed on the spot! This is something clubs might consider during lockdown in order to keep in touch with their members who are most appreciative. There are even a number of former members who, in this time, have called to rejoin AANR after five-plus years' absence. From GAT, the Kissimmee office receives almost weekly a call from somebody who has been seen nude by a neighbor. The positive spin is that it seems people are either deciding to be clothes-free at home or cannot go to where they normally are nude. Overall membership is down slightly but, financially, AANR is good. One of the regions is having trouble keeping events group members motivated so AANR is looking into on-line social gatherings.*

11:14 AM ... VOTING RESULTS

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Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected Directors: 2020-2022 Linda Weber (183), Treena Saavedra (183), Curtis Flynn (155), David Ziegler (130); 2020-2021 Larry Gould (127) and Don Hubbard (110).

11:16 AM ... COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT.)

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Scholarships – Directs the regional Scholarship program, refers clubs and potential applicants to available information, reviews applications and awards scholarships by majority decision as well as determine who is awarded the Peter Wolfe Memorial Scholarship.

- Ernie Wiese stands by his report as submitted.
- The committee is presenting four grants this year, two from 2019 and two for 2020. Samone and Samara Stout will receive \$1500, Sofie Camp \$1250 and Maxwell Cooper \$1250. Monies are sent directly to the respective schools.

- It's been decided to decrease subsequent scholarships by \$250 each year. This will help with the region's budget and yet the recipients will still be appreciative for the financial assistance.
- The brochures planned for 2020 were not distributed to the clubs since most were in lockdown mode. They will be sent for next year and hopefully be in the hands of students for the 2021 application season.
- We have people interested in providing endowments and additional funds. This will allow the scholarships to grow and turn the program into something exciting and worthy for our young members.
 - *Secretary's Note: Due to the poor reception in his vicinity, the audio is difficult at times to decipher.*

11:16 AM ... PRESENTATIONS

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President:

- Certificates of Merit in recognition for work *above and beyond the call of duty*, three people are acknowledged:
 - **Rolf L. Holbach** for outstanding achievements as chairman of the AANR-West Budget Committee over the past four years, and for his many contributions on social media to promote Nudism along with the goals and mission of the American Association for Nude Recreation.
 - **Dr. Larry Gould** for his *steady hand* in carrying the legal transition between the old and new websites, as well as for other contributions this year for the goals and mission of this organization.
 - **Linda Marie Weber** for her outstanding achievements as a volunteer with the *Women in Nude Recreation Committee*; her help as editor, proofreader and contributor on the monthly newsletter; and her presence on social media promoting Nudism in addition to the goals and mission of the American Association for Nude Recreation.
- The Hall of Fame Award for 2020 is presented to **Richard D. "Ricc" Bieber** for his contributions to Nudism throughout the Western United States over his 45+ years of activism, his spirit and enthusiasm stretch from the 1970s' Free Beach Movement to the 1980s — when he helped found a number of clubs — and from the 1990s as an officer and director of the Western Sunbathing Association to his present day service as an AANR West director. He has represented the essence of Naturism and the mission of the American Association for Nude Recreation and this region in everything he touched, on every committee he served, and with every new idea he proposed.

Vice President:

- The *Man, Woman and Family of the Year* awards as well as the *Young Man* and *Young Woman* awards were not considered due to the circumstances faced by the region. Neither the *Bill Hawk Sportsmanship Award* nor the *Bob Page Memorial Award* for government action received nominations as well.
- As of the end of December 2019, our region has 7239 members — or 24% of AANR's total membership — which is exciting. To keep the momentum going, we need to keep growing, encourage new people to join and retain those with us already.
 - MIRA VISTA RESORT is recognized for its increase of 46 new members; congratulations to Suzanne Schell!
 - WASATCH NATURISTS also is receiving recognition for their 94.4% increase in membership this year (from 18 to 35) and have committed to matching that for next year!
- Plaques will be presented to the clubs as soon as our supplier is allowed to reopen.

Passport Program – Participation in the first annual raffle was a little disappointing but, due to the situations, not surprising. Winners are:

- Five-night camping retreat at LUPIN LODGE (1/2)..... № 19115 — Ed Pullen, Gold Canyon AZ
- Five-night camping retreat at LUPIN LODGE (2/2).....№ 19245 — Mark Rickertsen, Arvada CO
- Gift package from THE ROADRUNNERS№ 19301 — Kim Morley, West Jordan UT
- Three-day, two-night stay for two at ARROYO DEL SOL № 19305 — Dennis Daly, Lake Havasu City AZ
- Three-day, two-night stay at SHANGRI LA RANCH.....№ 19111 — Georgia Pullen, Gold Canyon AZ
- Three-day, two-night stay at WILLAMETTANS№ 19111 — Georgia Pullen, Gold Canyon AZ
- Three-day, two-night RV or camping site for two at LAGUNA DEL SOL.....№ 19021 — Scott Schmidt, Burbank CA
 - *Secretary's Note: A number of people voiced displeasure and felt slighted with the announcement of the Grand Prize being from a resort outside this region. Questions were asked as to the randomness of the drawings as well.*

SCNA New Member of the Year – Rolf Holbach, President of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATURIST ASSOCIATION presented their annual award this year to **Linda Weber** in acknowledgment of her volunteer support in promoting and helping at their parties and events, and hope she will continue to honor SCNA with her cheerful support!

Oath of Office – Administering the pledge to the new and re-elected directors ...

❖ **POINT OF ORDER** by *AANR-West VP*: A vote on the 2021 Convention is needed.

Convention Vote – A single bid for the 2021 AANR Western Regional Convention has been received, the convention dates to be determined.

❖ **POINT OF ORDER** by *AANR Trustee Bev Price*: The motion is decided by one vote per club, no proxies.

Motion 2020-07 № 6 by Jeff Tendick, seconded RH ... unanimous by presidential proclamation **ADOPTED**
“... that the 2021 AANR West Convention be held at SHANGRI LA RANCH.”

Oath of Office – The AANR Trustee administers the pledge (re: PM §2.01.05) to the new and re-elected directors Linda Weber, Treena Saavedra, Curtis Flynn and David Ziegler; Larry Gould is attending remotely and Don Hubbard is absent.

President:

- Any unfinished business for the Board of Directors – none.
- Any new business for the Board of Directors – none.
- Any announcements for the Board of Directors:
 - **Director Linda Weber** – The *Hair-Raising FUNdraising* event for the Scholarship Foundation will be held after the Sunday “In” Board Meeting. Let’s hope everyone will participate generously with donations.
 - **Director Larry Gould** – A presentation of the new website will be made by Tom Stark at 2:00 PM AST. The ad hoc committee for this project is Cyndi Faber (vice-chairman), Treena Saavedra, Evan Nix and Linda Weber.

12:04 PM ... GOOD OF THE ORDER

AANR Trustee – Usually at an AANR-West Convention, somebody presents a Resolution. Past presenters include Brian Spence, Patty Faber and Bev Price. They are sometimes interesting, usually funny — but it is missing from this year’s agenda, so it will be ad lib. *Thank you to SHANGRI LA RANCH for hosting the 2020 Regional Convention as well as the on-line convention; for their patience and, occasionally their impatience during this convention; for their food and beverage provisions; for the Saturday Night event which was well received; and for all the other details which has made this extremely difficult situation as pleasant as can be.* A round of applause for the Shangri La Ranch! —Bev Price.

Vice President – Also, a thank you to Walt Stephens for organizing and maintaining the audio/video link possible for those who were unable to attend the Convention meetings in person.

12:09 PM AZST ... ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary, AANR Western Region