# AANR West Spring Board Minutes March 25, 2019 Lupin Lodge



# Call To Order at 1:22 pm

<u>Pledge of Alligiance</u>- Led by Vice President Cyndi Faber, Followed by a moment of Silence

<u>Acknowledgments</u>- Bev Price past President of AANR and AANR West as well as past Secretary, Treasurer, & Director Current AANR Trustee and Owner of Arizona Wildflowers. Tim Mullins past AANR West Trustee and Current AANR Government Affairs chair.

<u>Welcome from Lupin</u> — Owner Lori Kay Stout, Lupin Lodge has been around for 84yrs. Lori Kay is working on making Lupin relevant for today and the future for those growing up nudists and going forward. Lori Kay would like to extend a Thank You to Tim Mullins and Gary Mussell.

# **Roll Call**

#### Officers

President, Gary Mussell – Present Vice President, Cyndi Faber – Present Secretary, Danielle Smith – Present Treasurer, Russell Lucia – Present Trustee, Walt Stevens – Present

#### Directors

Andy Walden- Present
Claudia Kellersch – Present
Don Giles – Present
Jeff Tendick – Present
Ernie Weise – Present
Treena Sevadra – Present
Rolf Holback – Present
Ricc Bieber – Present
Mike Glinzak – Excused

A quorum was declared by President Gary Mussell



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION, WESTERN REGION, INC.

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Let it be resolved that:

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the AANR-West Board of Directors to follow its Bylaws and to ensure Directors are elected accordingly, and

Whereas, Mountain Aire Ranch is a 100% AANR membership club and pays its members AANR dues from the membership fee collected from its members, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese has been a continuous dues paying member of Mountain Aire Ranch since prior to 2014, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese was elected to the AANR-West Board of Directors for a two-year term by the AANR-West Regional Assembly on July 29, 2017, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese's election was done in good faith that he was a current member of AANR due to his membership in Mountain Aire Ranch, a 100% AANR club, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese's AANR membership lapsed due to a self-admitted clerical error of Mountain Aire Ranch to pay Ernie Wiese's annual AANR dues, and

Whereas, Mountain Aire Ranch's clerical error and Ernie Wiese's lapsed AANR membership was not discovered until after the Fall, 2018 meeting of the AANR-West Board of Directors, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese's current and back AANR dues have been paid in full to AANR, and

Whereas, Ernie Wiese had putative status as an AANR-West Director until the lapse of his AANR membership was discovered after the Fall 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

Therefore, be it resolved that Ernie Wiese is a duly elected Director of AANR-West and the actions he has taken as a Director of AANR-West is affirmed by the Board of Directors of AANR-West, specifically:

O Motion #5 (amends Procedure Manual Section 7.02.00 regarding reimbursement for lodging by board members attending board meetings or conventions), and o Acceptance of Lupin Lodge as the site for the March 2, 2019 Board meeting and acceptance of Shangri-La Ranch as the site for the November 2, 2019 Board Meeting, and

Motion #6 (acceptance of the 2019 AANR-West Budget).Rationale:

Prior to this meeting our attorney sent us a legal opinion that we do not have to remove Ernie Wiese from our AANR-West Board even though technically he was not an AANR member since 2014 when everyone thought he was a member paid through his AANR club, Mountain Air Ranch, which requires 100% of its members to be ANNR members also. Our attorney cited case law that:

- Defined Mr. Wiese as having "putative status" which means because all parties acted in good faith, all he must do is pay his current dues (back dues are optional but recommended) and he can remain on the board.
  - O All Board motions and resolutions made last November should be reaffirmed with a simple blanket resolution at the March 2019 Board meeting. The budget, which was approved at that November meeting can remain in force and a special Board meeting to re-pass the budget is therefore not necessary because of this "putative" legal status.
  - O This resolution describes what happened, how it was solved, and asks the board to reaffirm its support for Ernie Wiese as a member of the AANR-West Board, and specifically for his votes on:
  - O Motion #5 (amends Procedure Manual Section 7.02.00 regarding reimbursement for lodging by board members attending board meetings or conventions), and o Acceptance of Lupin Lodge as the site for the March 2, 2019 Board meeting, acceptance of

Shangri-La Ranch as the site for the November 2, 2019 Board Meeting, and o Motion #6 (acceptance of the 2019 AANR-West Budget).

The above actions previously taken by the AANR-West Board are the only ones affected by Ernie Wiese being a member of the board since his election 7/29/2017.

Fiscal Impact: None if passed otherwise the listed actions from the Fall 2018 BOD meeting must be revisited by the board

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## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Stand on submitted report and referring to Supplement from the Trustees meeting

At its Mid-Winter meeting the trustees passed a budget that is \$140,000 out of balance, Gary is personally nervous on the way AANR office can borrow money. The new Content Management Software has been approved for \$89,000 and will take about a year to implement.

The trustees are trying to re write the Vision and Mission Statement for AANR

Concern of attracting the new Generation of those who have no issues with LGBTQ and body modifications having issues with enforcing the nondiscrimination issue without tell a club how to run its business. Margie Cantlon said she finds it ironic that a way of life that is persecuted and discriminated against in general is persecuting another.

#### VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Cyndi stands by her report sent out prior to meeting

Nominations- At convention end of July

The whole Board of Officers is up for Election President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer (this position requires that a resume be sent to the Vice President no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019).

Five of the Directors are up for re-election with 2 of them termed out and cannot re-run.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Reminder that the secretary has all of the contact information for the clubs if you would like to send out something to all of the clubs please send it to me and I will forward it along to all of the clubs.

On the Public Relations and Social Media side of things

We are looking in to MeWe

Our Pinterest page is going to be more geared toward Life Hacks as well as Tips and Tricks for camping, the beach, and resorts.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted written report

#### TRUSTEE REPORT

Gary submitted the report but Walt spoke at the meeting about some concerns that many of the trustees have. AANR seems to be missing what the members are looking for, and what they care about. AANR needs to act more like a member organization. The times are changing AANR needs to decide to be cutting edge or be obsolete

Bev Price – Current AANR Trustee made the point that not one trustee spoke against the deficit budget of \$149,000 since the meeting in February a trustee has resigned. AANR is above all an Advocacy Organization.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE**

Gary is concerned that we have lost members this year from clubs. He is wanting to look back at our budget and see what we can cut or simply not do in this year to save some of our funds since we have a deficit budget. We need to find other sources of revenue because as a nonprofit we can raise up to %15 of income from non-member dues such as donate button.

Sponsoring the Fringe Festival, looking for a loan again to have the ability to put play into production. He is looking for 1500 with paying for the 1,000 to be repaid at a guarantee and a potential of 5 being a loan for the show. Walt is giving 500 of his own money to this Motion



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION, WESTERN REGION, INC.

#### I move that

AANR-West be a co-sponsor for the production of the naturist play "Naked Truth" at this year's Hollywood Fringe Festival. As such, AANR-West would loan producer Brian Knudson, \$ 1900 for production costs to be recouped from ticket sales and repaid by July 5, 2019.

#### Rationale:

This is a great opportunity to expose AANR-West outside of the normal channels to a different demographic that may interested in exploring the nudist lifestyle.

AANR-West's logo and web address will be on all advertisements, promotional material, and the show program potentially reaching beyond the possible 200 attendees of the show.

AANR-West has co-sponsored these productions in 2016 & 2017 and been repaid in full both years.

Fiscal Impact: If ticket sales don't reach the level for full repayment of the loan, AANR-West would be guaranteed a minimum repayment of \$1000 with the remaining \$500 noted as a donation budgeted under Public Relations.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP MARKETING**

Passports have been distributed, A small stamp can be made if a club is interested please contact Ricc Bieber to get a stamp made.

#### **WINR**

Discussed in the morning was to create a rack card instead of brochure and remake the panel for the displays ahead of the April events, The committee is going to look at events outside of the clubs to get women comfortable and then move to the club. Another concept moving forward is to look at other festivals that are highly female centered.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Looking at creating a presence on MeWe based on earlier discussions and its tolerance for nudity and privacy for those on the platform.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Idea of leaving behind a business card, "You have just been visited by a nudist" (Idea attached). It is subtle but shows that nudists are regular people.

#### **Trade Shows**

Redoing the back drops so that they are all new and cohesive but still able to work on an individual level.

California Parks and Rec Show - Mid Month

Earth Day Sand Diego 4/21

AZ Women's Expo 4/28

**Denver Topless Event** 

Avocado Festival October

#### **WEBSITE**

Still needs work and will always need work. Gary is working on switching over the website as well as has asked Russell to turn over passwords and other access information regarding the website to Don Giles as he will be taking it over.

#### **SINGLES**

Working on creating a Meet Up event and reaching out that way to local singles

#### **LEGISLATION**



**PASSED** 

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR NUDE RECREATION, WESTERN REGION, INC.

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	Motion Number	Date 5/2//

I move that the application by Roadrunner Naturists for all funds currently held by AANR-W under Section 12.01.00 et al of the Procedure Manual be approved and the total funds of \$x,xxx.xx be transferred to Roadrunner Naturists.

Rationale: Roadrunner Naturists has presented a valid request for all funds held under Section 12.00.01 et al of the Procedure Manual. The application is accompanied by a letter of support from Marion and Rae Marie Stelts, the sole original grantors of the funds able to be located. Both the Stelts and Roadrunner Naturists realize the funds are insufficient to kickstart the creation of a landed nudist club in New Mexico and would like the funds returned to a local club for the furtherance of nudist activities in New Mexico. Inasmuch as an original grantor of the funds has requested their return to Roadrunner Naturists and AANR-W or its officers has no written record of the original grant and its conditions, ANNR-W should transfer the funds timely and with no restrictions on their usage.

Mexico club for their release. lame **ABSTENTIONS:** AGAINST: 5 RESULTS: (Circle one) **TABLED REFERRED TO: OUT OF ORDER** 

Fiscal Impact: None. AANR-W has been holding these funds over 30 years pending application from a New

A letter was sent in opposition to this motion from a former member of Road Runner and it is included here as it was read aloud by Vice President Cyndi Faber. Discussion was held both for and against this motion. The actual amount of the funds is approximately \$5,000.00 at this point in time.

From: Yvonne E. Smith < <a href="mailto:yvonne125@earthlink.net">yvonne125@earthlink.net</a>>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 3:08 PM **To:** cyndi faber < cyndif392@gmail.com > Cc: Gary Mussell < garym@vcnet.com >

Subject: Opposition to the Roadrunner Naturists getting custody of AANR-W funds

To Whom it May Concern at AANR-W,

I am a 30+ year nudist and former board member of the Roadrunner Naturists. I have recently gotten wind of their plan to take control of funds being held by AANR-W for a landed club in NM. I strongly oppose this change of custody for many reasons. Mostly because, they claim they plan to use the money to promote nude recreation in this state, when in fact these are the very people who have done more to damage it than anyone else. To hand over this money to a non-landed club with no intent of promoting nude recreation, no need for the money, and no plan for its use, makes no sense whatsoever. Let me explain.

It was 2013 when 3 or 4 members (at that time all former, but not current, board members) orchestrated what I call the hostile takeover of the Roadrunner Naturists. They decided that they wanted to reduce the attendance at gatherings, because it had gotten to be crowded at some of the hosts homes. For me, it was not a problem. I bought a house with a pool primarily so the club would have a place to have their pool parties and I hosted 3 parties a month all summer long for about 12 years. In the summer and with the pool, we'd average about 45-50 guests at each party, which I could easily accommodate. In the winter, I would let other hosts with hot tubs do all the parties. Attendance would drop naturally due to colder weather but would usually be 15-30 at each party. Still, that was a lot for some of the hosts. These few people decided that to keep the attendance down they would change the rules of the club. They wanted to restrict non-members from attending, even thought we had few problems with non-members and in fact had more serious problems with some of our long-term members. They also wanted to make a rule that you had to attend 3 times before you could become a member. Never mind that you couldn't come even once so how in the world were you going to be able to come 3 times?? The only way they would allow any new blood was if you were recommended or invited by one of the members, leaving almost everyone with no path to join. For 7 months, I encouraged them to have a board meeting to discuss it. They didn't want to do that because they knew they didn't have the votes to pass it. I told them, if they felt that strongly about it, let's put it out and let the members vote on it. No, they didn't want to do that either, for the same reason. So, instead, these members, who didn't have any authority to call a board meeting, set up a secret meeting that they invited only the people in agreement with them to come to. They declared a quorum, took a quick vote, with no opposition present, and passed their new rules. It was all invalid because of the way it had been enacted, but I was tired of the division they were causing within the club. So, after 13 years as the membership director and 17 years as a member, I gave notice and quit the club.

Although I never recruited anyone else to quit, half the club quit around the same time. Some because there weren't going to be anymore pool parties, some because they didn't like the manner these new rules, which they opposed, were enacted, and some because they didn't like these insistent individuals who were now going to be running the club. If you go back to before and after May, 2013, you will see the sudden drop in membership, which continued in 2014, as more members left. Some stayed because they travelled and wanted to keep their AANR membership, even though they disagreed with the rule change.

Now, I host pool parties for the local nudists without a club. It's just a door fee, nothing to join. But, I get calls all the time from people who tell me they've left multiple messages for Roadrunners and can't even get a call back. Sadly, I have to tell them it's because they don't want you to come.

I have long held the belief that nude recreation should be inclusive, not exclusive, which is why I chose not to condone the actions of these few members. These people decimated a strong, long-established club.

And, now these same people (and a few new ones) want to take control of this money to promote nude recreation? They won't even return phone calls!

I can't speak to their cash on hand today, but when I left they had over \$10,000 in the bank (mostly due to non-member door fees) and were so solvent there was actually some concern that their non-profit status might be in danger. But, I imagine that they are still quite well-funded and have no need for this money.

They have stated in their own newsletter that they have no current plan for it. Really? Then why move it? Leave it with AANR-W for the purpose it was intended for, a future LANDED club.

Furthermore, there are 2 travel clubs in NM. Why should only 1 be allowed to have this money?

Now, there was some bad blood created over their "hostile takeover", but I assure you that has nothing to do with my opposition to this move. Simply stated, I don't trust people, with their track record of hurting nude recreation, to promote it and I see no constructive reason for the change. Although I tried for almost 20 years to start a landed club here, and still own the 320 acres I bought to put one on, that club is never going to come to fruition. I had to give up that dream, in small part because of the split of the club, but there were other reasons that played a larger role. I say that only to assure you that I myself will not be applying for those funds either. I still live in NM and I hope someday someone will start a club I can belong to again. And, when that day comes, and someday it will, I hope AANR-W can proudly help them along with the funds they still hold for that purpose.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Smith Mi Casa Bed & Breakfast NM's only Nude B&B Albuquerque, NM www.MiCasaBB.com 505,400,7106

# **Convention & Facilities**

Moving forward with the Summer Festival and then off to Convention at Mountain Air who is working on making a variety of workshops and events for all to chose from. Contracts are being signed and things are moving forward toward Convention in July. Fall Festival is to be held at ShangriLa in October with a Wild West theme.

## **WNRL** (Western Nudist Research Library)

Has decided to enter into a Consortium with 3 other Libraries like ours, one being the one Florida to assist in helping protect the information. The was no damage to the Library with the recent floods.

#### **SPORTS**

Moving to get prizes from the same place we get the Spiffs from as they already have the art work. Looking into adding a new sport like mini golf in the clubs that is movable. Claudia would like to see some form of attribution for those who run all 4 clubs.

#### **LIASION**

Andy is disappointed that there were very few Liaison reports.

# **YOUTH**

Cyndi stands by the report in the packet

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

The committee is looking into creating a rack card to give to the clubs about the program.

# **Credentials**

Look for the credentials to arrive soon as convention is in a new location please make sure that if clubs are planning to proxy that the proxy forma are filled out and those who cannot or won't proxy please make sure that a proper representative is available.

## **New Business**

Please make sure that all checks are deposited within 60 days of receiving them and that if you are submitting for reimbursement that all documents are attached with the form submission.

# **Announcements**

There were no announcements at the meeting.

Adjournment 5:03 pm