

Front Range Bears

General Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2009
Address: Back Bar at The Denver Wrangler
1700 Logan St.
303-837-1075

Board Members Present: Charles, Dave, Ed, Henry, Frankie
Quorum (3 board members): Yes
FRB Members Attending: 43 members & guests
Guests:
Board members absent: Steve Fitzhenry (in hospital)

CALL TO ORDER (*Remember to announce Bear Gear is available*)

Time: 4:12 pm

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Reintroduce the 2009 Board Members**
 - Charles Vigil, President
 - Steve Fitzhenry, Vice President & Liaison for the Wrangler
 - Henry Meadows, Secretary
 - Ed McAllister, Treasurer
 - Dave Peterson, Member At Large
 - Frankie Blankenship, Member at Large

- **Committee Chairs/Directors**
 - Beer Busts: Troy Hernandez, Director
 - PrideFest 2009: Jack Mullen, Chair; Jimi Walker, Co-Chair
 - Mr. FRB '09 Contest Review Committee: Steve Fitzhenry, Chair
 - By Laws Review: Bear Sawkins, Chair
 - The Grizzette: Sam Gallegos, Editor
 - Membership Directory: Tony Linan, Editor
 - Summer Camp Out/Winter Snowmobile Excursion: Ed McAllister, Chair
 - Publicity: Greg Lindfors, Director
 - Website: Bear Sawkins, Webmaster
 - Octobearfest '09: James Martin, Chair
 - Bear Gear Shop: Bear Sawkins, Director
 - *Summer Picnic: VACANT – contact board@fronrangebears.org*
 - *Holiday Dinner: VACANT – contact board@fronrangebears.org*
 - *Water World: VACANT – contact board@fronrangebears.org*

REPORTS

Minutes

- Online (Motion to accept?) Ed / Levi - Approved

Secretary

- Current Membership: 110 Current + 2 who either owe \$\$ or application

Treasurer

- Accounts
 - FRB 1/7/09 - \$8,258.24 reconciled + \$100 Cash on hand
 - OBF 12/31/08 - \$4,754.46 reconciled

Beer Busts (Troy) – discussion of beer busts; interest in helping e-mail beerbust@frontrangebears.org

- Memorial Day, Sunday, May 24th
- PrideFest 2009, Sunday, June 28th
- Labor Day, Sunday, September 6th

Mr. FRB 2008 (Steve) – no report / absent

Octobearfest 2009 (James Martin) – J. Shalden (presented) – First weekend in Oct is Police Chief Convention. A lot of a city is booked. Discussion – about options. Theme – Bear Nation; 2 Hotel Options – Courtyard by Marriot Cherry Creek and Sheraton 4-Points SE. Have been invited to provide security for Rocky Mtn Regional Rodeo for OBF in July. E-mail James for more details.

The Grizzette (Sam Gallegos) – looking at moving to a website vs PDF publication. Taking time and coordination. Please contact Sam. E-mail grizzette@frontrangebears.org with ideas, submissions, etc.

Publicity/PR (Greg Lindfors) -

Webmaster (Bear Sawkins)

Bylaws Review Committee (Bear Sawkins)

Mr. FRB Contest Review Committee (Steve Fitzhenry)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

No new business brought from the membership.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Bears on Broadway! (Lonnie/Levi/George)

- 1st Saturday of each month

Coffee Night at Illegal Grounds (Bear)

- Every Thurs 6:30-8:30 pm, 925 E. 17th Ave

Dungeons & Dragons Night (Anthony/Frankie, Coordinators) e-mail tonylinan@comcast.net for more information.

- Thursdays at 6363 E Ohio Av

SWEET Dance/A Gathering of Bears

- 2nd Sat of the Month.

Dim Sum Brunch (Ron/Van)

- Sunday, January 11th
Empress, 2825 W. Alameda Ave
(2 blocks East of Federal) 11:00 am. Please RSVP via the web site.

Book Club (Bob Murphy, Coordinator)

- Monday, January 19th 7:00 pm. Sam Gallegos is the host
- *Audacity of Hope* by Barak Obama is January's book
- *The Glass Castle* is February's book – selected by Kirk Kemp
- *Mississippi Sissy* is March's book – selected by Bruce Storey

Dine-Out (Mac Freeberg, Coordinator)

- Tuesday, January 20th
New City Buffet, 5525 West 80th Avenue, Arvada

Bear Hugs:

- Tuesday, January 20th at the Midtowne
- Saturday, January 31st at the Denver Swim Club

Snowmobile & Ski Weekend (Ed McAllister) - February 20th & 21st – Full – staying at Bunkhouse. E-mails will be sent to confirmed and will start a waiting list. Meal Friday night; Saturday night eating in Breckridge. Snowmobiling around Leadville. If you want to go up for dinner, that is an option. E-mail treasurer@frontrangebears.org.

Summer Campout (Ed McAllister) – August 20-23. No online registration yet. Cabins will be available – information will be posted on FRB website. Hotels in Leadville too. Campsite will be bigger, cooking hut, more private, about 35 parking spots, flush toilets, no showers.

If you have new events – plan it and e-mail events@frontrangebears.org; larger events, check with board@frontrangebears.org.

Levi & Anthony – starting a fantasy baseball league. Announcement will be sent out.
Draft in March.

Steve & Dave – doing Saturday at the Stockshow next weekend. Will provide information.

Discount program – e-mail discountprogram@frontrangebears.org

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION—January 2009

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Date & Time: February 14th ; 1155 Ash Street

Door Prizes – tee shirts and gift cards

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 527pm