

FRONT RANGE BEARS

General Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2008
Address: Back Bar at The Denver Wrangler, 1701 Logan St
303-837-1075
Board Members Present: R. Veatch, B. Sawkins, E. McAllister, H. Meadows,
L. Brekke, J. Martin
Quorum (3 board members): yes
FRB Members Attending: 40 (plus 1 guest)

CALL TO ORDER

Time: 4:08pm

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SWEET: A Gathering of Bears, April 12th back bar of the Denver Wrangler 10pm to close, DJ's and drink specials
- FRB Beer Bust Sunday April 13th
- Juan Sanchez PrideFest Chairman

REPORTS

Minutes

- Online

Secretary

- Membership: 145 (27 new); 139 this time in 2007, 150 this time in 2006

Treasurer

- Accounts
 - FRB reconciled balance (3/31) \$7635.44, \$100 cash
 - OBF reconciled balance (3/31) \$7088.38
- 2008 Budget Approved at 4/10 Board meeting
 - Based on 175 members, conservative revenue assumptions

Beer Bust (Troy)

- April 13th

Mr FRB 2008 (Steve)

- Attended TBRU, helped organize a successful cocktail party with Juan Sanchez involving the promotion of Octobearfest 2008.
- Involved in various outreach/community activities.

Octobearfest (OBF) 2008 (Jeff Stevenson)

- Dates are October 2-5.

- Great hotel this year (Courtyard Marriott – Cherry Creek)
- Day trips: Thursday mountain theme, Friday city theme.
- Registration = \$90 for FRB members through July 5th.
 - ⇒ Current count is tracking ahead of counts from previous years.
- Charity Plan:
 - ⇒ Raffle and silent auction are planned with proceeds going to two charities that will be determined. The OBF committee plans to base selection of charities on suggestions submitted by FRB members.

Grizzette (Charles Vigil)

- Two new contributors for June:
 - ⇒ an IT specialist, re: backing up files/data
 - ⇒ Steve Heyl re: fitness tips
- Also expecting contributions from the new Western Slope Bear Club
- Any FRB member is invited to volunteer as an advertising coordinator, involving ~5 to 10 hours per month. Anyone interested should contact the Bear (FRBwebmaster@fronrangebears.org) or Charles (grizzette@fronrangebears.org).

Publicity/PR (Greg Lindfers)

- Updates – looking into working with Gayzette

Webmaster (Bear)

- Software updates – web-development and Grizzette-editting software
- Yahoo Group Discussion Board

PrideFest 2008 (Juan)

- Volunteers invited!
- Hoping to organize a planning meeting soon.
- Intending to have both park booth and parade float this year.
- Thoughts on theme: looking into doing something to coincide with OBF's theme this year, and perhaps a "Greek" theme for the float. Looking for creative and skilled volunteers for the float.

Summer Picnic

- Volunteers invited!
- Still searching for a chair.

Summer's End Campout (Ed)

- Volunteers invited!
- Planning to have event at same location, using both group sites.
- Also looking for a logo for the "Summer's End Campout". FRB members are invited to submit logo ideas. Winner will be offered a free event admission (~\$25 value).

Holiday Party (James/Joe) report from James

- Format: potluck dinner.

- Date: December 6
- Location: First Unitarian church (13th and Lafayette)
- Plan to formulate a committee end-of-Summer

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance Update/Waiver Policy

- Adopted policy (see Red Book) to avoid annual insurance cost.
- 2008 member fees increase (\$5) have been applied to legal consultations that led to development of event waiver language for non-members and modification of waiver language on FRB membership forms.
- In 2008, members and non-members alike will have to sign event waivers for several upcoming events. In 2009, the event waivers will only be necessary for non-members.

Trademark Registration

- Still planning to proceed with national registration, online.

Bylaws Review Committee (BRC)

- The Bylaws require the board to formulate a committee every 2 years.
- This is a BRC year. Interested members are invited to sign up for the BRC at Bylaws@frontrangebears.org.
 - Ed: the purpose of the BRC is to provide a vehicle for the bylaws to evolve with the membership, reflect contemporary views. The BRC is tasked with reviewing the bylaws and issuing recommendations to the board (e.g., amendments). If you're a detailed-minded person, this in an area where you might find a niche and really help the club.
- Malcolm volunteered to be on the BRC.

Review Committee for Mr FRB Contest

- The board plans to form a committee in late-Summer/early-Fall to revisit intent/purpose of Mr FRB function and event. Interested members will be invited to sign-up late Summer.

Front Range/Western Slope Combined Club Activities

- New club; FRB is looking for ways to interact with this new organization.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Summer Activities**
 - Invite use of Yahoo Groups to announce impromptu activities (e.g., hiking and camping outings, city outings, etc)
 - Ed: would love to have someone come forward and organize a trip. This year is shaping up to be one of the best whitewater years we've had in awhile. Ed can give tips on when/where to plan a trip – he just doesn't have time to organize it.

ACTIVITIES

Bear Coffee Night (Bear)

- Thursday, nights between 6:30 and 8:30 pm at Illegal Grounds, 925 E. 17th Ave in Uptown.
 - ⇒ This Thursday, there will another “kickoff” party with coupons, commemorating the venue change (from Scooter Joe’s, that recently went out of business).

SWEET: A Gathering of Bears

- Saturday, April 12th, 10 pm to close at the Denver Wrangler, Stoli drink specials and every FRB member that presents their membership card at the front door will get a free Margaritaville Margarita (reg, frozen or strawberry). DJ’s and dancing bears!!!

Eagle: Reminder of Card Benefit

- On Saturday night, Eagle charges a \$7 cover (reimbursable for with \$7 drink purchase). Your card permits you entrance without paying that \$7 cover. Card also entitles you to happy hour prices at all times and comes pre-loaded with \$10. See club website for details on Eagle offer.

Dim Sum Brunch

- Sunday, April 20th, 11:00 am at the Empress, 2825 W. Alameda, near Federal. Please RSVP.

Book Club (Bob Murphy)

- April 21st, at 7:00 pm. This month’s title is “Merle’s Door: **Lessons from a Free-Thinking Dog**” by Ted Kerasole. Guests welcome, this meeting will be held at Bruce and Eddie’s. Please RSVP.
- Next month: don’t know...
- For June: “A Spot of Bother”
- If you have questions, email bookclub@frontrangebears.org.

Dining Out (Malcolm)

- Wednesday, April 23rd, at 7:00 pm at Beau Jo’s Pizza (NW), 7805 Wadsworth Blvd, Arvada. Please RSVP by April 21st. Call to members to please support the local Angel Heart efforts this May 1st for Dining Out (breakfast, lunch or dinner).
- Next month: Budapest Bistro on Pearl Street

Movie Club (Levi)

- Tentatively “Forgetting Sarah Marshall”, new Judd Apatow movie.
- Logistics: last Saturday of month, Denver Pavillions (16th Street mall, parking accessible from 15th and Welton, free validation in movie theater), start time closest to 1pm.

Hosted “Murder Mystery” Party during Holiday Season (Malcolm)

- Malcolm and Christian are working to put something together.

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION

Mark	Gonzales	4	3
Norman	Campbell	4	4
Dave	Peterson	4	8
Travis	Gregory	4	16
Donald	Davis	4	20
Mario	Ambroselli	4	23
Steve	Holdren	4	23
Michael	Moore	4	23
Juan	Sanchez	4	25
Tony	Masingale	4	25
B J	Catlin	4	26
John	Griffin	4	28
Michael	Hilliker	4	29

NEXT GENERAL MEETING/ELECTIONS

Date & Time: May 10th, 2008, Potluck at 4:00 pm, Meeting at 5:00pm
Location: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 4:55pm