



## OLD ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

15 November 2010

To: OAEA Membership

Subj: Minutes of General Membership meeting at the 2010 OAEA Reunion in San Antonio, TX, 4 November 2010:

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:33am by Secretary Marty Diller for the President.
2. Address of the President: Jim Heffel
  - A. Introduced outgoing OAEA Director Marty Diller, who now takes over duties as OAEA Secretary for Art Lindberg. Art recently resigned his position as OAEA Secretary.
  - B. Introduced newly elected Vice President, Laura Snow, who has replaced the late Tony Herman in that post.
3. The Minutes of the previous General Membership meeting, held on 6 November 2008 at the Pensacola Beach Reunion, were read by Secretary Marty Diller.
4. Reports of Officers:
  - A. The FY-2010 Financial Report of the OAEA was presented to the membership by Marty Diller on behalf of OAEA Treasurer Cy Buehler, who was unable to attend the Reunion due to health concerns.
5. Reports of Committees:
  - A. Chairman Dave Hazard presented the Merchandise Committee report. In February 2010, the Merchandise Committee established "The Rookery" – the OAEA 'Ship's Store' – with \$533 in member donations and \$1000 from the OAEA General Fund. As of 3 October 2010, a profit of \$577 had been realized and put back into merchandise purchases; with a balance in the OAEA Ship's Store checking account of \$895.
  - B. Chairman Ed Hamblin presented the Scholarship Committee Report, explaining how the Program is administered and that poor investment returns have prevented the award of any Program funds since 2008. The Board will be considering By-Laws changes that could enhance the funds available for scholarship awards for the 2011-12 school year. Members should watch the Explorer's Gazette for a summer 2011 announcement on whether scholarship award applications will be accepted for the upcoming school year.
6. Reports of Special Subjects: none.
7. Unfinished Business: none.

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8. New Business: Jim Heffel

- A. The location of the OAEA Reunions for 2012 and 2014 were discussed. The location of the Reunion 2012 has already been scheduled for California, and has now been set for October 24 – 27 at the ‘Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa’ in San Diego. The OAEA Southwest Group, led by Jim Maddox, will host the 2012 Reunion. At this time, Ed Hamblin volunteered the OAEA Tidewater Group to host the seventh OAEA National Reunion in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach area. With no other persons or groups volunteering to host the 2014 Reunion, the membership unanimously approved a motion by Jim Eblen to schedule that reunion for the Tidewater area.
- B. Donor Recognition Presentation to the Communicators Fund: Substituting for Treasurer Cy Buehler, Marty Diller presented Billy-Ace Baker and the OAEA Communicator Group a plaque for their support of the OAEA. The Group recently donated \$11,435.10 to the OAEA Educational Foundation, and as the first entity to reach the \$10,000 Donor Club Level, that Donor Level will now be known as the OAEA Communicator Group Club.
- C. Open floor to membership.
  - 1. Member Harold Ayers, with reference to earlier mention of declining new member numbers, suggested that OAEA members make use of their extensive Antarctic experience by volunteering to be lecturers on Antarctic tourist cruises. Lecturers can enjoy extensive discounts on the cost of cruise accommodations and are uniquely positioned to promote the OAEA while sharing their knowledge about Antarctica. Harold will investigate opportunities for OAEs to participate in these cruises as a speaker/lecturer, and report the results of his research to the OAEA Membership Committee.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

SUBMITTED:

*Marty Diller*

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Secretary

APPROVED

*James Heffel*

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President