

OPTU Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Dec 22, 2010  
Viscount Suites

Attending

Clay Hernandez  
Dave Combs  
Joe Fagan  
Mickey Fletcher  
Steve Reiter  
Mike Mehrer

The meeting was called to order by Mike Mehrer at 6:00PM

Annual Banquet

Jay and Dave reported that they would prepare a "script" for the role of board members at the banquet. They also informed that Jan 15th would be an evaluation point when contributions and donation would be evaluated for sufficiency to support the auction fundraising requirements. Contributions are beginning to arrive. Jay will be coordinating operation with the Savoy after New Year. An email to e-mail members in early January will remind about contributions/donations. A mailer will go out to all members to urge buying tickets to the banquet.

Bylaws

Mike made a motion to eliminate the phrase "...and no more than 12 members." from article IV, section 2 of the proposed bylaws, thereby opening board membership to all who are interested.. Clay Hernandez seconded. After brief discussion the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Boy Scouts

Jay reported that the Eagle Scout working group is planning to contact the BSA in Tucson to seek guidance in the development of Eagle Scout projects.

Trout in the Classroom

Joe reported that he remains disappointed by the absence of volunteers from OPTU to assist in the project. AZGF is 100% behind the Drachman Montessori project and will also support a second school. However, in the absence of volunteers from OPTU a second school may not be feasible. He suggests that the board discuss whether continuing support of the TIC project is supported by the membership. Mike committed the chapter to a continuing effort in search of volunteers to share the TIC work. He will also question the membership regarding commitment to the project. The question will be brought up at member meetings and the Banquet.

### Fishing Trip and contest

Cullen Murphy has organized a fishing trip and one fly contest at Peña Blanca lake scheduled for Feb 10. It was announced in the recent OPTU Newsletter.

### OPTU Member poll

Mickey will organize a membership telephone poll. Dave Combs will prepare a script and the membership roster will be divided among board members for calls. We will also solicit volunteers at the next members meeting to help in the telephone poll. We will be seeking to fill out the email list and determine interest in our various planned activities and programs.

### Strategic Plan

Mike introduced the following Strategic plan points and moved that it be accepted by the board as the current OPTU strategic plan.

- Develop conservation activities with a 5 year horizon, within a geographic area of approximately 3 hours of Tucson.
- Prepare an annual budget.
- Develop resources and activities for youth.
- Get the ladies involved. Find a feminine activities leader.
- Develop an active fishing trip schedule within the Southwest region, especially in AZ and contiguous states.
- Seek and obtain a larger percentage participation from among OPTU members through participation at member meetings, workdays, fishing trips and special events.

Steve Reiter seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

### Annual budget

The board reviewed the proposed annual budget for the current fiscal year, yes, we are a bit tardy in this regard, made some adjustments, and produced what we and our crystal ball hope is a relatively useful first ever budget for OPTU. Some of the numbers are experience based, some wishful thinking and some pure blindfolded guesses. In the end we hope this is a step toward informed planning. The budget will be distributed to the board and is available to any member through Cathy Hill, Treasurer.

The board unanimously approved a get well motion for our strangely infected Secretary, Stan Vanagunas. Get well Stan.

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Mehrer

