

July 8, 2008
Trader's Coffee and Tea, Grand Junction
Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

In attendance are : Sergio Antillon, Billy Shepherd, Tom Jenkins, Bill Andrews

Minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

Billy went over financials. We must start paying by check, and have contracts in writing, not only to protect us, but those whose services we are purchasing, for example the Pride Party at Mesa Theater and Club.

We have \$348.45 in the account. We have four new members since the last meeting.

Tom suggested that as a bit of a fund-raiser there should be tokens for Bear Nights for drinks, up to the member to use the token or not.

Sergio suggested that maybe we should have a bear get-together before OutFest which is now being held in late October.

The lounge night has been moved to July 19th according to Sergio. Bill will update the websites immediately.

Definitions night was the brought up for discussion.

We need to be looking for alternative locations for the night. Cover charge was brought up again. Sergio suggested approaching Quincy's Bar to see if they would be up to hosting a lounge night.

Suggestions for new name for lounge night so far are Convergence, Spectrum, Suds and Buds, Equilibrium, Bear Down. Tom suggested perhaps we should talk with Dave Praither at Mesa Theater and Club and have it read, "The Western Slope Bears presents Liquid Lounge. Further discussion was tabled.

It was motioned and approved to send Johnny Sanders in Montrose some flowers from the group as he recovers from surgery.

The calendar was then discussed.

Drive in night will probably be the first weekend in August. Saturday, August 2nd at the drive-in in Montrose.

Sergio suggested a possible rafting trip at the end of August. Make it an all day thing. Located by Moab, Utah. Sergio will coordinate and see what equipment and dates are available. Sergio also mentioned that the Front Range Bears are also having a camping trip at the end of August, and possible participation on our part was suggested.

Tuesday, August 5th will be the next board meeting. It will be held at Sergio's place. Regular board meeting will be first for half hour, then a special fundraising meeting will take place.

Bear coffee will be August 17th. School starts August 18th.

Fund-raising will be the main focus for the next few months as we are hosting a cocktail party at Octobearfest in Denver. .

Billy inquired about the store page on the website. Bill had removed it due to the expense and cost of most of the items. Maybe we bring back some select items, search alternative sources for the items. Check out what Front Range Bears have in their store.

Movie night, Bingo night were also suggested.
High Tea at Trader's Coffee. Admission charge.

Email members to canvas what they want to do, what they want to see.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.