

August 5th, 2008
Sergio Antillon's Residence
Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.

In attendance are: Sergio Antillon, Brock Benson, Rick Beaty, Billy Shepherd, Bill Andrews

It was announced that Western Equality's fund raiser, OutFest, is now scheduled for Saturday, October 25th. Bill suggested we check and verify everything with Western Equality so that we can have a manned booth at the event.

The subject of bringing over the Demented Diva's as a fundraiser was then discussed. The event would be sponsored by the Western Slope Bears but would not be advertised or marketed as a "gay" event. WSB would handle everything. Brock said he would do some further inquiries. Bill said he would talk with Dwane Reed at the Double Tree about space for the event, what kind of seating, stage and such. Brock said he would contact the Divas to see if there was an open date in April of 2009.

The September calendar was then brought up by Sergio. Bill suggested that we separate our coffee weekend from the same weekend as our Bear Night. Sergio said that some bear groups have coffee every week. It was then agreed upon to move the bear coffee to the first and third Friday's of September to see how that works.

Brock mentioned the "Take Back the Q Night" would be August 22nd. No bands or dj's.

Sergio then brought up Octobearfest which is hosted by the Front Range Bears in Denver. We would be hosting the Pool Party on Saturday afternoon. Sergio will verify the time and get an attendance estimate. A whole page ad will be \$30.00 in the event program.

Brock announced he will be a guest DJ at The Wrangler in Denver for IGRA Rodeo Finals in October.

Member Mark Mathews and his partner Bruce have offered their home for a movie night in September. Sergio suggested maybe do a potluck dinner then a movie. The date of Saturday, September 20th was suggested. Sergio said he would call and confirm the date with Mark.

In regards to merchandise for the WSB online store, Billy suggested streamlining it and only offering a few items like just shirts. Bill said he was evaluating several sites for merchandise. Run monthly specials online, switch out the merchandise.

The discussion of fundraising continued and it was decided that for Bear nights there would be a \$2.00 cover charge for non-members and \$1.00 cover for regular members. Sergio reminded everyone that membership gets a club that does activities, helps cover cost of website, a calendar of other events.

Since we are already in the second quarter and everyone has a busy schedule with school and other events, Sergio suggested maybe sending out a detailed newsletter/email to inform the membership of what is going on, and include everyone's reports. Bill motioned, Billy seconded.

Discussion for November and December events and calendar was tabled for a future meeting. It was agreed by everyone to get through September first before agreeing to any other events.

Billy reported that the current financial status of the bank account stands at \$378.45

Sergio suggested a yard sale as a quick fund-raiser. Rick and Brock offered to let us use their residence for the yard sale. It will be Saturday morning, September 6th, 2008. Bill will handle the announcement of it. Get it in the Free Press, Craigslist, and Sentinel.

Billy suggested to bring in more coffee. Sergio will order it and Bill will get him a new logo for the label. Post on the website that coffee can be purchased through the board members.

Bill suggested we continue to do small stuff for fundraising, the yard sale should be a booster shot. Just keep in mind the Demented Divas for April of next year.

The next board meeting will be September 2nd at Trader's Coffee at 6:30 pm.

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting, Billy seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

Respectfully,
Bill Andrews