

Minutes of Annual Board Meeting

The 2003 Annual Board Meeting of the Grand Canyon Historical Society began at 10:13AM on Saturday, October 18, 2003, in the upstairs lobby of the Weatherford Hotel in Flagstaff, Arizona.

President Lee Albertson presided over the meeting.

Board members present: John Azar, Vice President; Linda Anderson, Treasurer; Nancy Green, Secretary; and Carolyn Castleman, Mary Hoover, Bob Ribokas, and Tom Myers.

Bouquets were verbally awarded for all that the Society has been able to accomplish this year. A scholarship was awarded, the Hall of Fame was made larger by 2 individuals, and the Pioneer Award was bestowed. Individuals being singled out are:

- ▶ Linda Anderson – for keeping the books in the black
- ▶ Mike Anderson – for his work on documenting trails
- ▶ John Azar – for having a slate of interesting outings, which included North Rim venues
- ▶ Tom Carmony – for working on the Pioneer Award Committee, having the plaques made and making the presentation at the picnic
- ▶ Mike Coltrin – for being a VIP in Grand Canyon National Park at Cottonwood Campground
- ▶ Diane Cassidy – for the hardest job for the Society, putting out the monthly bulletin, with which she does a tremendous job
- ▶ Dan Cassidy – for using Five Quail Books to help distribute information about the Society, and giving out information at book fairs
- ▶ Nancy Green – for doing the write-ups about the Society's monthly outings
- ▶ Julie, Kelley and Rebecca – who are the 3 women who rode river boards from the base of the Glen Canyon Dam to Lake Mead – thus being the first people to see the Colorado River from the eye level of a duck

Outings for 2003

November 13 (Thursday): "A Tribute to George Steck" reception/slideshow hosted by Grand Canyon Association, and his friends.

Time: 4:00 PM Reception

Place: Kolb Studio, Grand Canyon

Time: 7:00 PM slide show by Gary Ladd

Place: Grand Canyon Community Building

George Steck is a long-time backcountry hiker who is widely published and has authored two books. His biggest trip being an 82-day excursion from Lee's Ferry to Pearce Ferry. That trip was one of two trips that covered the entire Grand Canyon. The other was a trip from Lee's Ferry to Lava Falls.

In 1999, George received the GCHS Pioneer Award for: • the significant contributions made as a Volunteer-in-Park (VIP) at Grand Canyon National Park; • cataloging permanent springs and indexing place names; • being an unselfish mentor to numerous backcountry enthusiasts who sought his help and advice on doing off-trail loop hikes and routes to seldom visited areas that harbor some of the most beautiful parts of the Canyon; • his detailed work in documenting the "unknown and unfamiliar" for an enhanced understanding of the Canyon; • informative and humorous lectures, publications and "how-to" articles on handling adversity in the backcountry; and • supporting Grand Canyon restoration projects.

Gary Ladd is a free-lance large format photographer specializing on the wilderness interior of Grand Canyon, the pristine sandstone landscapes surrounding Lake Powell and the slickrock terrain of southern Utah and northern Arizona. His work has appeared in over 60 issues of *Arizona Highways* and many other publications. Gary has rowed his wooden dory through the Grand Canyon several times since 1973 and has completed over 70 backpacking trips into Grand Canyon.

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▶ Aaron Ralston – who won notoriety for being a hiker trapped by a boulder in Blue John canyon and escaped only by amputating his own arm

▶ Al Richmond – for guiding our name through the Arizona Corporation Commission so we're legal, and for working on the scholarship through NAU

▶ Sibyl Suran – for years of dishing out her famous cookies, organizing the outings and drumming up membership - she has earned the title of Outings Coordinator Emeritus and was presented a plaque

▶ Bill Suran – for years was in charge of *The Ol' Pioneer*, writing articles, editing articles, and doing the mailings – he has earned the title of Editor Emeritus and was presented a plaque

The 2002 Minutes were reviewed. Lee Albertson noted a correction that since he was asked to continue as President, he did not work on the Pioneer Award Committee. Tom Myers made a motion that the minutes be approved with this correction noted. John Azar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. John Azar made a motion to accept the report. Tom Myers seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted and discussed from the Treasurer's report that donations to the scholarship fund are down. John Azar will write an article for the bulletin explaining the importance of the scholarship program.

A discussion was held on how to increase membership. Some topics were:

- Changing the fee structure to include an automatic payment to the scholarship fund.
- Exploring how other organizations formulate their fees – Tom Myers will check with Grand Canyon River Guides and the Private Boaters Association

- Institute a life membership option
- Write a special column in the bulletin to recognize donators to the scholarship fund

Linda Anderson will investigate other, possibly more profitable, CD options

A fund raising suggestion was to have a fund-raiser dinner.

Carolyn Castleman agreed to be the Membership Chairperson. Please contact her with any ideas.

A discussion was held on the office of Vice-President/Outings Coordinator. Since this is too much of a job for one person, it should be a shared responsibility. President Lee Albertson submitted an outline for an improved structure for the Outings Coordinator.

MONTHLY OUTINGS

Outing Coordinator Responsibilities

- Advance planning to assure a "mix" of South Rim, North Rim, Colorado Plateau, and Northern Arizona Monthly Outings.
- Select Monthly Outing Leaders and provide direction in planning the Outings.
- Report to the GCHS Board.

Assistant Outing Coordinator Responsibilities

- Actively advertise the Monthly Outings in Northern Arizona Publications.
- Assist the Outing Coordinator.
- Assist the Monthly Outing Leaders to coordinate the Luncheon and Outing.

Monthly Outing Leader Responsibilities

- Organize the Monthly Outing
- Communicate with the Outing Presenter / Leader to provide leadership and resolve issues.
- Organize the Luncheon.
- Provide information to the Assistant Outing Coordinator for advertising the Outing.
- Provide information to the GCHS Bulletin Editor.

John Azar made a motion that the Outings Coordinator be a shared position, per Lee's outline. Nancy Green seconded. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on what to do about a managing editor for *The Ol' Pioneer* quarterly magazine. Lee Albertson volunteered to lead a committee to look for a post Bill Suran direction for *The Ol' Pioneer*. Dan & Diane Cassidy are an integral part of this process and need to be consulted. The Society will continue to need Bill Suran's advice. Nancy Green agreed to help. Society member Todd Berger, Managing Editor for GCA, also agreed to help.

A discussion was held about paid advertisements for *The Ol' Pioneer*. It is quite a production, involving set-up, layout and soliciting. Al Richmond will take this up with some NAU departments.

A discussion was held concerning the direction for the scholarship program. This program should be continued, while looking for different funding possibilities. Tom Myers will look into the Colorado River Fund to see if this program could fall under uses for that money. Grand Canyon Trust might be another funding source.

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A discussion was held concerning the Hall of Fame Award. Al Richmond explained that this award traditionally has been given to community members who contributed to and made a difference in the Grand Canyon community during their time there. One deceased and one living individual are chosen each year.

The results of the board election show that Keith Green, Mike Anderson and Jim Ohlman received the most votes. They will serve a 3-year term during 2004, 2005, 2006.

Lee Albertson noted the resignation of Bill Bishop. After discussion, it was decided not to fill this vacancy. By electing three directors each year the total number of directors during most years will be nine. Past Board action has determined that nine is a workable number for the Board of Directors.

Board Members

ELECTED in 2003 – Term: 2004, 2005, 2006

- Mike Anderson.....MAAnderson@GrandCanyon.org
- Keith Green Keith_Green@nps.gov
- Jim Ohlman JOhlman@peabodygroup.com

ELECTED in 2002 – Term: 2003, 2004, 2005

- Linda Anderson.....LindaA@GrandCanyon.org
- Gale Burak.....N. Woodstock, NH

ELECTED in 2001 – Term: 2002, 2003, 2004

- Nancy Green..... NancyG@GrandCanyonSchool.org
- Mary Hoover928-635-2010
- Dr. Tom Myers GCDOC1@AOL.COM
- Carolyn Castleman.....AZlady2@juno.com

Linda Anderson and Nancy Green agreed to continue with their current positions as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. There was no opposition from the board.

Carolyn Castleman nominated Lee Albertson to continue as President. John seconded. Lee Albertson agreed to serve as the President this next year - IF - if those members and Directors that have made commitments to serve / assist in a number of different areas follow through on those commitments. The board did support this.

Tom Myers nominated Keith Green as Vice President. Linda Anderson seconded. The board did support this.

Officers

President:	Lee Albertson
Vice President:	Keith Green
Treasurer:	Linda Anderson
Secretary:	Nancy Green
Pioneer Award:	Todd Berger, Chairperson
Outings Coordinator:	Keith Green
Assistant Outings Coordinator:	Nancy Green

A tentative agenda for **Outings for 2004** was outlined as follows (with the monthly outing leader shown in italics):

January 17:

Grand Canyon National Park Librarian
Susan Eubanks – *Carolyn Castleman*

February 21:

Fire – *Tom Carmony*

March 20:

something in conjunction with the Guide
Training Seminar at Lee's Ferry – *John Azar*

April 17:

at Phantom Ranch – *Keith Green*

May 15:

Author Craig Childs – *John Azar*

June 19:

Annual picnic at Shoshone Point – *Linda Anderson*

July 17:

Annual campout at Jacob Lake – *John Azar*

August 21:

Annual Community Project (such as the
cemetery clean-up) – *Mike Coltrin*

September 18:

Harvey Butchart book by Tom Myers – *Tom Myers*

October 16:

Annual meeting – *Nancy Green*

November 20:

SARS Director Ken Phillips – *Tom Myers*

December:

No meeting

The monthly bulletin may be available electronically, which would save the Society postage and handling costs, and also save a tree.

Tom Myers will look into getting a logo for the Grand Canyon Historical Society.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 pm.

Submitted by Nancy R. Green,
Secretary, Grand Canyon Historical Society

New Members

Sandra Nevills Reiff – Flagstaff AZ
Ann Reynolds – Prescott AZ

Letter to the Editor

Dear GCHS members:

There was no one in the world more surprised than Sibyl and me last Saturday at the annual Grand Canyon Historical Society Meeting. When Lee Albertson called us up to award both of us plaques thanking us for the work we had done over the years. We were so shocked that I don't remember if I even thanked anyone. In the event we didn't will the board (as well as the entire club) please forgive us both. We are proud of the plaques and they have been hung above the "Pioneers Award" given to me in June 2002.

Thanks from us both.

Sibyl and Bill Suran

Visit <http://www.GrandCanyonHistory.org> for latest information about the outings, and to view *color* photographs that are published in *The Bulletin*.

Submit Grand Canyon stories, reflections, remembrances, comments or suggestions to GCHS at PO Box 10067, Prescott AZ 86304 or Articles@GrandCanyonHistory.org

Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **2003 Outings Coordinator:** John Azar, PO Box 1121, Fredonia AZ 86022; phone 928-643-6423; email: TontoWalk@msn.com.

The Bulletin welcomes comments, stories, or reflections and remembrances. Please send them to Diane Cassidy at PO Box 10067, Prescott, AZ 86304; email: Pioneers@GrandCanyonHistory.org.

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