

AANR-EASTERN REGION, INC.
2014 Regional Assembly
Avalon

President Gloria Waryas called the 2014 AANR-East Regional Assembly to order at 10:15 A.M. Wednesday, June 25, 2014 beginning with the Roll Call of Candidates.

Peg Lane: Present

Larry Deschenes: Present

Sarah Bage: Present

Robin Cohen: Present

Barry Murphy: Disqualified due to absence for Roll Call at the Committee Meetings

INVOCATION:

Gloria Waryas led us in the invocation.

FLAG CEREMONY:

The Assembly rendered respect to the American and Canadian Flags and sang the National Anthems for each nation.

WELCOME:

President Waryas introduced the AANR President, Susan Weaver and Executive Director Bill Schroer.

Bill spoke to the Assembly and introduced his ideas for possible changes for AANR.

- AANR Office changes
 - Automate some of the procedures so personnel can concentrate on customer service.
 - Lock Box banking environment
 - Automated Membership cards
 - Communication between the office and clubs, i.e., standardize club email addresses
- Run AANR on the Carver model
- AANR membership pricing
 - Simplify method, streamline pricing
- Strengthen relationships with other nudist organizations
 - Relationships with local leaders outside of nudism
- Reestablish TANR
 - Let them handle club issues, i.e. background checks
- Categorize or rate clubs to include adult clubs
 - Help the layman understand what kind of club he is walking into
- Sell national office and move to a landed club
- Change name to represent us better
 - Our name implies volleyball and sunbathing

Mary asked if AANR has thought about reducing the rate for advertising in the *Bulletin* and receive our monthly dues check on a timely basis, back to the third week of the month.

Bill explained that the office process update will include membership renewal for club members on line.

Mary also requested an annual report that shows the number of members that AANR-East has in each member category so we have “proof” that we have received all of the membership money due us.

Mac asked if the “Do Not Admit List” will be reinstated as many clubs have requested it. Bill also stated that the office is looking into doing some sort of background check for Direct or non-affiliated members.

Gloria announced that everyone that would like to participate in water aerobics and pictures, it will be at the indoor pool at 1:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Everyone present introduced themselves stating where they were from, what clubs they were members of and a bit about themselves.

CREDENTIALS REPORT:

Mary Williamson presented the report that consisted of a total of eleven (11) votes with six (6) representing a simple majority and eight (8) votes representing a two-thirds (2/3) majority. The total votes represented seven (7) AANR-East Clubs and four (4) direct member delegates. She also gave the delegates voting instructions.

MOTION 1: Moved by James Lane, seconded by Bonnie Talmage to accept the Rules and revised Order of Business as circulated before the meeting.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Parliamentarian: Robert MacGregor

Resolutions: Gloria Waryas, Sarah Bage

Convention Reporter: Leo Bellew

Photographers: Mac Fleck

Tally Committee: Previously done by independent source

Audit Committee: Robert MacGregor (Chair), Linda Deschenes, Chris Morales

MOTION 2: Moved by James Lane, seconded by Robin Cohen to accept the minutes of the August 2013 Regional Assembly as published and posted on the AANR-East Web Site.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

MOTION 3: Moved by James Lane, seconded by Bonnie Talmage to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors since the 2013 Regional Assembly.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable
Motion PASSED unanimously

ALL WRITTEN REPORTS ARE POSTED ON THE AANR-EAST WEB SITE.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President Gloria Waryas stood on her written report.

Vice President Tom Brown stood on his report.

Secretary/Treasurer Mary Williamson stood on her written report adding that the Capital Assets list needs to be updated to add the new projector. Current financials were available to any member via email, secretarytreasurer@aanr-easr.com. If anyone had any questions, they could contact her via e-mail or calling the office.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Member Trustee Fred Van Nest stood on his written report. Fred also reminded everyone that he is our member trustee and Jim Lane is a club trustee and anyone with questions can come to them to get answers regarding the national level.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

KRA Teams

Governance and Reorientation KRA team leader Fred Van Nest stood on his written report.

Finance KRA team member Sandy MacGregor stated that they do not have a written report as their team lead had resigned. Jim Lane stated that the team did have some ideas but they needed to have a conference call to discuss. Peg Lane has temporarily taken the lead on this KRA.

Brand Management (formerly Program) KRA team leader Gloria Waryas stood on her written report.

Advocacy & Alliances KRA team leader Leo Bellew stood on his written report adding that since the report was written we have now acquired the UV detection cards and Robin Cohen will report on the Darkness to Light Program.

AWARDS

Gloria Waryas has picked up this committee since there really are not any award submissions. Robin Cohen, chair of the *GEM* Award team stood on her written report.

The Avalon delegate stated that there are too many folks at her club that “go the extra mile” that it would be almost insulting to signal out one or two individuals. AANR-East should rethink this award.

There were no submissions for any of the AANR-East Honorary awards.

CAPITOL ASSETS reported by Secretary Mary Williamson, stated that the only addition was our new projector.

CLUB REPRESENTATION

Roving Ambassadors, Mary Williamson and Mac Fleck. Mac stated that we would stand on our written report with one exception that the travel itinerary is almost complete.

Robin Cohen, chair of the *Darkness to Light* program stood on her written report.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEB SITE

Communications

Speaking Naturally E-newsletter editor Shannon Lewis did not have a written report. President Waryas stated that if anyone has an article they would like published in the newsletter to email it to newsletter@aanr-east.com.

Club Quarterly Newsletter editor Gloria Waryas stood on her written report.

For *Social Networking, Forums and Blogs* – No report.

For *Feedback, Official Visits* Mary Williamson described the program as a tool for the president to gauge on how any official visit was done.

AANR-East Web Site

For *Web site Management*, Gloria Waryas stood on her written report adding that she is trying to make a few aesthetic changes.

Convention and Facilities

Mary Williamson stated that there is one club bidding for the 2015 convention and the presentation will be made during the Inboard meeting.

Education Grant Committee

Mary Williamson spoke for the committee stating there were no applicants this year for the AANR-East Grant.

Finance, Budget

The team Chair, Robert (Sandy) MacGregor stated that the financial information is on the yellow sheets available on the back table.

Government and Legal Affairs

Team Chair Tom Brown stood on his written report.

Internal Administration

Jim Lane stated that there was only one complaint that was a club, rather than a regional issue.

Legislation

Chair Mary Williamson stated there were no motions to bring forth at this meeting.

Marketing

For the *Marketing Consultant Program*, Barry Murphy stood on his written report.

Membership

Young Nudist Leaders Enhancement Program Liaison Mac Fleck stood on his written report with a one exception that the AANR Education Foundation had granted us \$500 to help send our young adults to the summit in September in California.

MOTION 4: Moved by Jim Lane and seconded by Fred Van Nest to accept the revised roll of delegates hereby submitted to be the official voting members of the Regional Assembly.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Motion PASSED unanimously

With the departure of Barry Murphy, delegate from Sky Farm, the voting totals are as follows: Ten (10) votes with six (6) representing a simple majority and seven (7) votes representing a two thirds (2/3) majority.

Merchandise

Mary Williamson stood on her written report.

Nominations

We had 5 candidates for the Directors' seats.

Public Relations

Chair Mac Fleck stood on his written report adding that he had spent time Saturday with a reporter at the Avalon Fairifest. Also, there are now clubs that have signed up for the Feel the Freedom Initiative.

Strategic and Long Range Planning

Committee team leader Gloria Waryas, stood on her written report.

Youth Camps

Mary Williamson stated that she stood on her written report.

Ad Hoc Committee, Governance of AANR-East

Chair Fred Van Nest stood on his written report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit Committee

Chair Sandy MacGregor reported that they had met and the committee had found everything to be in order.

MOTION 5: Moved by James Lane and seconded by Fred Van Nest to accept the report of the Audit (Financial Review) Committee.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Motion PASSED unanimously

Tally Committee

Mary Williamson reported that we had mailed out 4,808 signifying a decrease of 308 ballots. 900 ballots returned which is a 18.72%, up 4% from last year. 869 votes were needed for the motion to pass, received 'yes' votes were 1,196 and 26 'no' votes. The candidates, in order as they appeared on the ballot, total votes were as follows. Peg Lane 968 votes; Larry Deschenes 705 votes; Sarah Bage 1,118 votes; Robin Cohen 706 votes and Barry Murphy 892 votes.

President Waryas announced that the following individuals will be seated: Peg Lane, Larry Deschenes, Sarah Bage and Robin Cohen. Barry Murphy had been disqualified because he did not answer all mandatory roll calls according to our ruling documents.

NEW BUSINESS:

All of the regions of AANR have been asked to reduce their regional dues for the AANR young adult category membership. After lengthy discussion, the following motion came forward.

MOTION 6: Moved by the Legislation Committee that the AANR-East waive the AANR-East Regional Dues for members in the new AANR Young Adult Membership Category.

PURPOSE: To encourage the increase of young adult participation in nude recreation by decreasing the financial impact for this income limited group. To help young nudists bridge the gap between coverage under their parent's membership and their membership as a young adult.

FISCAL IMPACT: Minimal

Motion PASSED unanimously

Since there was not an effective date on the motion, this will become effective immediately.

MOTION 7: Moved by the Nominations Committee to accept the report of the outside source that carried out the mail ballot tally.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable

Motion PASSED unanimously

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Sandy MacGregor presented the Public Relations award for a non-nudist reporter in a non-nudist publication to Renee Sloan for writing an article about Whispering Pines in the Brunswick Beacon newspaper.

A plaque was presented to Avalon for hosting the 2014 AANR-East Annual convention at the social late in the day.

President Waryas presented the *Meritorious Service Awards*, consisting of a certificate and a medallion to the following individuals:

Sarah Bage, In grateful appreciation for her dedicated service, support and commitment to the American Association for Nude Recreation-Eastern Region, Inc. while she generously gives her time and leadership to the Youth Camp Program and young nudists.

Shannon Lewis, In grateful appreciation for his dedicated service, support and commitment to the American Association for Nude Recreation-Eastern Region, Inc. while he willingly produces our monthly e-newsletter with enthusiasm and reliability.

Leo Bellew, In grateful appreciation for his dedicated service, support and commitment to the American Association for Nude Recreation-Eastern Region, Inc. while diligently effecting our Advocacy and Alliances KRA as we fulfill our Vision.

President Waryas presented the Ellie May Falconer Memorial Award to Pine Tree Associates and also to Juniper Woods as they were tied for the largest number increase of new AANR members in the past year within the AANR-East region. The Bill Falconer Award was not presented to any club this year since the 2 highest percentage increase clubs were still below the minimum required by AANR. These 2 clubs would however, receive a certificate to acknowledge their efforts.

Executive Director Bill Schroer presented the Potomac Rambling Bares with a plaque commemorating their 30 year anniversary.

White Tail Resort will also be presented with a 30th anniversary plaque at Beachfest by President Waryas.

INSTALLATION:

AANR President Susan Weaver administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Directors Larry Deschenes, Sarah Bage, Robin Cohen and Peg Lane. Also included in the installation were previously elected Directors, Mac Fleck and Leo Bellew.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bill commented on the pricing issues and structures on AANR membership. He also thanked everyone for their hospitality.

Sandy spoke on the Foundation and their difficulties on raising funds. He also announced that the SMS would take place in the same location as we are in this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fred thanked everyone for their best wishes on his and Lana's 50th anniversary.

Gloria also thanked Fred for all of his assistance on the strategic plan and the Ad Hoc committee.

MOTION 8: Moved by James Lane, seconded by Fred Van Nest to adjourn the 2014 Regional Assembly.

PURPOSE: Same

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Motion PASSED unanimously

Mary reminded everyone to turn in their voting card before leaving.

The 2014 AANR-East Regional Assembly was adjourned at 4:10 P.M., Wednesday June 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Williamson
AANR-East Secretary/Treasurer