



Upcoming Dates

- Board Meeting
May 2020 TBD
- Camp AG
Workday
May 12th
8:30-11:30AM
- Comedy Night
August 8th

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Weekly Meetings

Thanks to the several of you who responded to my last email. This is the first of a weekly email that may later appear in a newsletter format. Based on those responses, for the month of May, do not expect a weekly meeting, unless things change significantly. One suggestion was to brown bag a lunch at Camp AG. We may consider this if the 10 person rule is relaxed (before the reopening of restaurants) to cover the 25-30 that come to our weekly lunches. Yet the business of the club continues.

Donations

Members have expressed a variety of responses regarding the donations, with some passionate about a Phase 2 and others very much in favor of reserving our funds for a community project later this year. We have heard of some members making individual local donations recently on Giving Tuesday and or with tax refunds or stimulus money.

One factor to consider is even though the club

has considerable funds, with fines not being levied, and Comedy night postponed, there is really no Club income. As far as cash donations go, it seems more information is needed for an informed vote. If you have a responsible contact with any of the Phase 1 organizations, or if you have heard of a need for a community project, or could propose one, let me know. We may also hear more about COVID restrictions relaxing which might influence our votes.

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Board Meeting Options

We can have a May board meeting virtually, possibly using Zoom, if we can enlist a member as a meeting manager to set it up and run it. We should have a trial run with as many members as are interested prior to actually conducting business. address, and really none that cannot be addressed by email,

including decisions needing a vote. Unless there is a consensus of responses in favor of a board meeting, the plan is to put this off until June. The May 1 financials have been sent by email for your review. Alternatively, we could have a meeting of up to 10 people in person, observing distancing rules, possibly at camp. However, there is

little business to address, and really none that cannot be addressed by email, including decisions needing a vote. Unless there is a consensus of responses in favor of a board meeting, the plan is to put this off until June. The May 1 financials have been email to members for review.



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"Men Making a Difference"

Our Mission Statement

The mission statement of the 5 Cities Men's Club is to promote fellowship among our members and to provide service to our community. Our members are guided by the highest ethical standards and that our actions are focused on being fair to all.

Scholarship Committee

Bill Rinehart and the scholarship committee are currently considering applications from 5 Lopez High School graduates for

two \$1000 scholarships. One is held over from last year, and the other is funded by the club - half from our account, and half from

an endowment fund held by the club which was secured by our own Robert Markwith a few years ago. More to follow on this.

BSA Troop 26

Our scout troop continues to meet weekly by Zoom, and last week held a Camp In conjunction with scouts everywhere in the nation. Scouts pitched tents in their backyards and cooked and slept out on Saturday evening.

Scouts continue to work on their rank advancements and merit badges individually as supported by virtual contacts. The troop's plans to attend camp this summer (first week of July) on Catalina Island remain unaffected

at this time by the virus crisis. Their pancake breakfast fundraiser at St. Patrick's Church was cancelled, so there is a bit of a funding crisis. In February, the troop grew by 4 members, who "bridged over" from Cub Scouts.

Camp AG Workday

Dave Ekbohm reported on the status of Camp Arroyo Grande. Camp Kern is not in session, and may not be until possibly this fall, but more likely in January. Also, with the shelter in place stay at home orders, there are no rentals or other events at Camp and this means NO money is coming in for expenses, so help with maintenance is sorely needed.

John Schott is currently mowing the hillsides with a tractor mower, but help

is needed with weed wackers for areas he cannot reach. Many of us have completed our own yard maintenance over the past several weeks so we can pitch in to help at Camp:

**Tuesday, May 12th
8:30 to 11:30 AM**

If you have a weedwacker, please bring it along, if you don't please come anyway. Also please let Dave know if you can come: ekbom2@aol.com or phone (805) 489-2357

Comedy Night

The plan for Comedy Night remains in place. The comedian and the Regional Center are booked for August 8th. The committee will resume meeting when practical and closer to the date. Please continue to acquire auction items and contact Jim Walker for pick up if needed:

jimwalker174@gmail.com
or phone (805)914-4887