

Angeles Chapter
Outings Management Committee

August 1, 2011
Agenda

1. Call to order (7:00 p.m.)
 - Melody Anderson, Chair*
 - Phil Wheeler, Vice Chair & Safety Comm.*
 - Tina Bowman, LTC*
 - David Meltzer, WTC*
 - Barbara Creighton, ICO*
 - Jason Hashimoto, ICO Alt.
 - Donna Specht, Treas. & Outings Rep.*
 - Edd Ruskowitz, Outings Rep.*
 - Bob Draney, Outings Rep.*
 - Silvia Darie, Outings Rep.*
 - Trent Nguyen, Outings Rep.*
 - Marc Hertz, LOSC Liaison
 - Hersh Kelley, Chapter Chair
 - Bill Jackson, Sec. & Ombudsman
 - John Hinz, Conservation Comm. Liaison
 - Joe Young, Rideshare Czar
 - Steve Goldstein, First Aid Coordinator
 - Joel Golberg, Bus Transportation Coordinator
 - Mark Mitchell, Web

*voting members

2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (04/04/11 & 06/06/11)
4. Announcements
 - a. Centennial Celebration Dinner – 11/05/11 – CANCELED
 - b. Outings Assembly – 10/22/11 (more below at item 6.a)
 - c. Deadline for Chapter Awards nominations is 11/01/11
 - d. Chapter Awards Banquet – 05/06/12
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Safety Committee (Phil Wheeler) - written report attached
 - b. LTC (Tina Bowman) - written report attached
 - c. WTC (David Meltzer)

- d. ICO (Barbara Creighton) - written report attached
- e. LOSC (Marc Hertz)
- f. Treasurer/Int'l Trips (Donna Specht)
- g. Conservation (John Hinz)
- h. Ombudsman (Bill Jackson)
- i. Bus Transportation (Joel Goldberg)
- j. First Aid (Steve Goldstein) - written report attached
- k. Diversity (Melody Anderson)
- l. Web (Mark Mitchell)
- m. Rideshare (Joe Young)

6. Old Business

- a. 2011 Outings Assembly – 10/22/11 at Eaton Canyon
 - Nominating Committee report (Anderson)
 - Program Committee report (Specht)
 - Increase OMC reps to six & elect half every two years?
- b. Online Activity Registration System (OARS) Demonstration (Anderson)

7. New Business

- a. OMC Nomination(s) for Chapter Award(s)?

8. Meeting Adjournment (9:00 p.m.)

Next regular OMC meeting is October 3, 2011

For those wanting to call in to the meeting:

Dial-in number: (866) 501-6174
Conf. code: 1000400#

5.a. Safety Committee Report (Phil Wheeler)

A special Safety Committee Meeting was held on July 14 to discuss the implication of OARS use for publishing Angeles outings and other activities on our Committee. We concluded that publishing via OARS is another application of our Quick-Turnaround system, as initiated in the Safety Policy of April 2008 and extended in the Oct 2010 Angeles Chapter Safety Policy; no new Safety Policy will be required. It is likely we will have to add Safety Committee members to augment our outings checking capacity, though perhaps not immediately.

A Safety Committee Activity Management Procedure was presented and discussed. An updated copy is attached to this [report].

5.b. LTC Report (Tina Bowman)

Next seminars are October 1 at Eaton Canyon and April 14 at the Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center. It's a pretty quiet time for LTC during the summer.

5.c. WTC Report (David Meltzer)

WTC purchased 75 new Petzel climbing helmets to replace the old ones at approximately \$4,000. The old ones were destroyed for liability purposes. WTC obtained a property insurance policy to insure its inventory and OCICO's inventory up to a \$10,000 limit which is the deductible for the SC property policy. WTC and OCICO are splitting the \$632 annual premium for the policy.

WTC management is gearing up with publicity and administration for the 2012 course. Registration opens September 15, 2011.

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5.d. ICO Report (Barbara Creighton)

Both LA and OC ICO groups have completed engaging outings programs for 2010-2011. Annual reports, financial and narrative, have been filed with the National ICO Office.

No significant safety issues.

LAICO noted a change in water outings, but it has not yet been adopted as policy:

We (LAICO) have recently decided not to let kids play in water without a lifeguard being present. We will likely add detail to this policy in the future. It's mainly aimed at moving, deep water such as the ocean or fast, deep streams. I'm sure we'll let kids get their tootsies wet in 3" deep, slowly moving streams that are narrow enough to step across.

Giao Tran, an OCICO student leader who turned 18 earlier in the summer, is completing her O2 provisional outing this week. She is doing a five-day backpack/ stewardship (ranger and ICO leader supervised) outing in the San Jacinto area. She was able to finance this outing with a generous grant from National ICO. We are particularly proud of the program at Bolsa Grande High School and would like to recognize the efforts of Dave Fujiyama and Dante Bui in developing environmental stewardship, youth leadership and a commitment to volunteerism. Our other OCICO groups are inactive over the summer, but we expect to resume a full program once school begins next Fall. OCICO continues to face difficulty in getting leaders to become more active - lots of co-leaders, very few active leaders. This limits our growth. It has been very challenging to recruit people to serve in management positions.

5.j. First Aid Report (Steve Goldstein)

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross has reorganized into the Los Angeles Region. The smaller chapters are now part of this new region. The region includes Arcadia, Antelope Valley, Claremont, Glendale, Los Angeles, San Gabriel and Pomona valley, and Santa Monica. The services are still the same except increased costs for processing First Aid/CPR class records and issuing First Aid and CPR cards. They have a new digital system of recording the class records. (SABA)

The American Red Cross has provided a website "Red Cross.Org" to allow students to download all the manuals and information instead of purchasing them as was done in the past. This will be a cost saving to the students. I

have personally purchased American Red Cross practice cards for my students to use during the class instead of the manuals we used previously. After the class the student can download what ever material he or she would like to have from the website.

With the recent changes in the training DVD and materials they have streamlined the DVD sections while continuing to provide the excellent level of current information available. Every 5 years the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association review the current training information and reevaluate and update the classes. One example is with snake bite we can now use a pressure immobilization elastic bandage to slow the spread of venom through the lymphatic system. They have several changes due to this recent reevaluation.

I look forward to continued association with the American Red Cross in Los Angeles to provide current and updated First Aid and CPR information to all my students and Sierra Club members.

Thank you for your continued support for the First Aid/ CPR classes. I really appreciate it.

Supplement to First Aid Report (Melody Anderson)

Steve Goldstein's next CPR/Standard First Aid class will be on Sat., Sept. 17, 2011, from 9am to 3pm at Chapter headquarters. The cost will be \$62.

Steve Schuster reports that his October 2011 Wilderness First Aid Course is full. There is one "victim" space remaining. "Victims" enroll at half-price. He also needs someone with a full size truck or SUV who is available to haul gear on Thursday evening. This person would have to pay full tuition but would be given a spot in the already-full course.

Steve Schuster is also providing a 6-hour Wilderness First Aid class, co-sponsored by HPS, on August 27, 2011, at the home of Diane Dunbar in La Crescenta. Cost is \$50. Last day to sign up was July 27. This will satisfy the Standard/Basic First Aid requirement for outings leaders. It does not qualify as a WFA refresher for those M- and E-rated leaders who need to be current in WFA in order to lead restricted mountaineering outings. However, because it has a wilderness first aid focus, this class is much better for outings leaders than Red Cross-type standard first aid which assumes an emergency response within a short time.