

**Democratic Club of Big Bear Valley
General Meeting Minutes
Discovery Center, Fawnskin
November 2, 2017**

Attendance:

Totaled 34, including 7 guests. (*See the attached list.*)

Call to Order:

Having determined the presence of a quorum, President **Jeff Villepique** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

President **Villepique** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President **Villepique** welcomed guests.

Board Reports:

1. **Secretary's Report**

Secretary **Jeanne Avery** asked for approval of the October 5, 2017, General Meeting Minutes. Moved, seconded and approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

The report for October 1-31, 2017 was prepared by Treasurer **Paul Palmquist**. In his absence, the report was given by President **Villepique**. The Club's bank account began the month with \$1178.46 and ended with \$1,069.02, resulting from the expenditures of \$230.44 and \$121.00 in income, including dues from three new members. President **Villepique** explained that signature expenditures included half of the facility rental for the upcoming Meet & Greet event for Attorney General candidate Dave Jones and recognition for Past-President **David Foltz**. He also advised the Club that the Executive Board had authorized the purchase of a Club banner.

3. **President's Report**

President **Villepique** invited members to participate in voter registration on the upcoming Saturday, November 4, and on Saturday, November 18, outside of Von's Market. He suggested that should interested members direct questions to Voter Registration Co-Chairs **Annie Aldrich** and **Marylyn Shubin** and indicate their intention to participate on the sign-up sheet at the back of the room.

Reports: Committees and Initiatives

1. **Democratic Candidate Support: Meet and Greet for Attorney General Candidate Dave Jones**

Vice President **Brian Conley** explained that the Club is co-sponsoring a candidate forum with the Mountain Bears Democratic Club. Current California Insurance Commissioner **Dave Jones** is the principal invitee, among candidates for other offices. He stated that this

event does not constitute an endorsement by the Club, but is an opportunity to meet and consider endorsing candidate **Jones**. He pointed out that choosing the Attorney General carefully is important, because officeholders often attain higher offices through this position. The event will be held at the Running Springs Senior Center, a central location for both clubs. Vice President **Conley** hoped that everybody would come and said coffee and cookies will be provided.

2. **Social Committee Report**

President **Villepique** and Media Director and Social Committee Co-Chair **Aleksandra Villepique** invited everyone to attend another Club social event, “Liberal Libations,” to be held at the Sonora Cantina. The Club has reserved a room from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15. Social Committee Co-Chair **Villepique** said the Committee is just forming and encouraged members to join. A sign-up sheet was located at the back of the meeting room.

3. **Recognition of David Foltz**

Outgoing President and Past-Vice President **Roger LaPlante** thanked Past-President **David Foltz** for his efforts in re-forming the Democratic Club of Big Bear Valley. He explained that President **Foltz** had long been active in the Democratic Party, having been a delegate to two National Conventions, in both Philadelphia and Charlotte, as well as twice serving as President of the DCBBV. He pointed out that Past-President **David Foltz** was a world traveler and presented him with a solar-powered, glass enameled world globe, inscribed “Thank you for your service to the Democratic Club of Big Bear Valley.”

Past-President **Foltz** expressed his gratitude. He offered a brief history of the Big Bear Valley Democratic Clubs and expressed his gratitude to President **Trump** for only one thing: the impetus that his election has provided to building membership in the current club. Past-President **Foltz** described his top political and social priorities, beginning with concern for the environment. He pointed out that Big Bear Valley’s previous Democratic Club had been instrumental in helping Big Bear Lake to become part of the Cool Cities Consortium. He stated that the effects of that participation are visible today. His second priority is immigration. He explained that he had dedicated his life to helping and teaching Latino immigrants for whom he has great respect and affection. In addition, he is deeply concerned by the prospect of nuclear war and said a diplomatic solution to current and future conflict must be found. Finally, he expressed his support for health care for all Americans, explaining, “There is lots to do!”

New Business and Call for Additional Reports or Motions and Announcements

President **Villepique** asked if there was any new business to be brought before the Club and called for additional reports or motions. There being no answer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. for a potluck dinner and socializing.

Other Notes and Information

Hospitality Chair **Sandy Ybarra** organized a potluck dinner with a roasted chicken main course and many additional delicious dishes provided by the Club membership. She created

a festive mood in the meeting room, including bright red tablecloths and handmade seasonal table decorations.

Hospitality Chair **Ybarra** also conducted an Opportunity Drawing including, among other appealing prizes, an original water color by Vice President **Conley**.

A table providing writing material and suggested topics to raise with elected officials. sign-up sheets for Club Committees, flyers describing the Dave Jones Meet and Greet event, and other information was set up at the back of the room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Avery
Secretary