

## Lookout Bears - General Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2005

Mario Forte, President  
Chuck Hill, Vice President  
Steve Swafford, Secretary (Absent)  
Kenny Griffith, Treasurer  
Position Open, Member at Large

Mario Forte, called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

Mario Forte welcomed the members from Southern Bears and the Big Men's Club of Atlanta along with local guests that attended our membership drive. It was reported that 46 guests total had attended the event. Mario thanked Chuck for providing and cooking all the great food that everyone enjoyed.

Kenny Griffith reported there was \$448.61 in the Club's bank account.

Steve Swafford was absent from the meeting to report on membership, however it was announced that several new applications and renewal forms were submitted to the board at the membership drive.

Mario announced that there was an opening in the Board for Member at Large and invited eligible members of the club to offer their service. (Following the meeting, Jeremy Weldon stated that he would be glad to serve on the Board, should the Board choose to appoint him to the Member at Large position. The Board will take any or all considerations and make a decision at the next Board Meeting, scheduled for June 8th.)

Mario informed the attendance that the Board had met on May 11 and the following topics were addressed:

Web Site - Web Mistress, Lori, attended the Board meeting and discussed how we can make the site more user friendly and provide faster up-dates for on-going events. New links were provided to include the Minutes from our general meetings, so that members that were unable to attend could review what had been discussed and/or voted on in their absence. Another new link will post the latest copy of the club's bylaws. And the opening page for the web site would be adjusted to include the current events and activities for the upcoming month.

Bylaws - Mario reported that the Board would be presenting the general membership copies of the proposed revisions to the bylaws at the June 2005 general meeting. All the changes will be brought up before the assembly for motions to carry towards voting for amendments to the bylaws at the July meeting.

Chuck announced plans for a "Day on the Lake picnic" for June 11 at Booker T. Washington State Park, along with other upcoming events that the club will be planning. More information will be posted on the web site or by e-mail to our members.

Varius guests from Atlanta invited Lookout Bears to join them for the Pride Parade in Atlanta on June 26. Meeting up at the Atlanta Eagle at 9am. There were announcements that there is a free concert on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> at Piedmont Park featuring the Indigo Girls. Lookout Bears were thanked for hosting the day's events and food it was stated that the hope for the future would be that our clubs would do many more events and activities throughout the year - such as a whitewater trip down the ocoee river, which was tentatively scheduled for July 30.

Jeffrey, President of the Big Men's Club of Atlanta, informed the gathering about Convergence 2005 - Big & Easy, set for the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, that they are hosting September 2 - 5, 2005. Information can be found at [www.convergence2005.com](http://www.convergence2005.com).

There was no other business discussed and Mario adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.