FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- Rich Sanford | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN GROUP, INC. [ASPU] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|------------|----------|--|--------------------|--|-----|-------------------------|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended | | | | Other (specify bel | ow) | | | |
| 26 BEACH DRIVE | | | (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2017 | | | | | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) | | | | | |
| DARIEN, CT 06820 | | | | | | | | _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Per | son | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if) any (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or D | isposed (4 and 5) | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Beneficial Ownership | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion | Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Code | 5. Num Derivat Securit Acquire or Disp of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5) | tive ies ed (A) oosed | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | ate Amount of | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Fiscal Year (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.28 | 09/13/2016 | | D4 | | 8,333 | (1) | 09/04/2017 | Common Stock | 8,333 | <u>(1)</u> | 0 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 2.52 | 09/13/2016 | | A4 | 8,333 | | <u>(1)</u> | 12/04/2020 | Common Stock | 8,333 | (1) | 8,333 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Rich Sanford | | | | | | | |
| 26 BEACH DRIVE | X | | | | | | |
| DARIEN, CT 06820 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Sanford Rich | 06/13/2017 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The securities vest in three equal annual increments with the first vesting date being September 4, 2018, subject to continued service as a director on each applicable vesting date.

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