

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1737, by Joe Migliore; pause to serve dinner 1800 to 1810.

**QUORUM (5 Board Members):** Yes

**BOARD MEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Joe Migliore President, Kurt Leuschner VP, Royce Jones Treasurer, Suzanne Tracy Secretary, Phyllis Keys Bookkeeper, Jim Forneris Retail, Dennis Schirmer Science, Maureen McCarty

**MSJ VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Vince Llacer, Carl Maple

**CA DPR REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Allison Barnes Park Interpreter

**ABSENT:** Bob Pellenbarg, Mark Hudgens Sector Superintendent, Todd Friedman Supervisor

**APPROVE MINUTES PRIOR MEETING:** March 13, 2017

**MOTION:** Approve minutes for March 13, 2017

**BY:** Phyllis Keys, **SECONDED BY:** Maureen McCarty, All in Favor and Carried: Yes

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Treasurer's Report,** Royce Jones and Phyllis Keys

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets for March 2017: Report attached to minutes.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Compared to prior year: Gross Profits up 90%, Expenses down 32% (no longer paying for storage), Donations up 24%, Memberships down 40%, Spending same/even on interpretative products. Will report \$8583 on interpretative supplies in May.

Not receiving statements from Heartland credit card service even though NHA address has been changed.

Video monitor purchased by Royce Jones and funded from education grant.

Astronomical telescope purchased by Royce Jones and funded from education grant.

2016 income taxes will be sent to CPA.

#### **State Park Report**

Avalanche training scheduled for April 15, 2018, in Nichols room; starts at 0930.

Trafx counters not installed; will install when trails are snow and ice free.

Trail reconstruction, nothing to report.

Stone Creek Campground: Wood Sales, Safe, Credit Card Reader, Campfire: 400 bundles of firewood purchased; Royce Jones will contact Heartland re credit card reader.

Video monitor installed at LVRS/Long Valley Ranger Station.

Allison Barnes Report:

New cash register installed and instructions for use written. Tapes purchased separately.

Astronomical telescope received; telescope weight 21 pounds; base weight 21 pounds.

Many school groups scheduled; includes working with Tracy Albrecht, BLM/Bureau of Land Management.

Education funds are used for transportation; funding amounts \$512.00 and \$410.00.

Volunteer Report: Five new volunteers in 2017; applications taking approximately 2 1/2 months to process

**Natural Science,** Dennis Schirmer: Nothing to report

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joe Migliore

MSJ Membership Campaign: Nothing to report

Possible wildflower program planned for June 24, 2017; depends on snow in Round Valley.

**WEBSITE:** Joe Migliore

Facebook updates: Royce Jones; getting likes for posted pictures. Will setup Facebook for sign ups to summer program.

**EDUCATION:** Allison Barnes, See State Park Interpreter Report

**RETAIL:** Jim Forneris

Sales are strong. Buying in bulk to reduce cost of goods; this includes free shipping for bulk orders.

Upgrading display cabinets will require cooperation with PSAT/Palm Springs Aerial Tramway.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**STATUS INCOMPLETE:** Review and revise bylaws; board members asked to review and recommend changes with consideration of terms.

**OLD BUSINESS Cont.:**

2017: Photo Contest; requires someone to manage.

NHA Program Planning Proposals for 2017 Updates: Dates setup for Summer Hiking Series program offerings; will confirm availability of Nichols room; working on posters/flyers/MSJNHA website/Facebook page; would like to have a biopic for each presenter. NHA members will receive a 20% discounted tram fare for up to six people. Attendance limited for programs with reservations and contact information required; reservations can be made through NHA website, LVRS/Long Valley Ranger Station, VC/Visitor Center; reservations made by email at [postmaster@msjnha.org](mailto:postmaster@msjnha.org) will automatically be sent to Joe Migliore and Suzanne Tracy.

National Volunteer Appreciation month, April, potluck and mystery hike: Hike scheduled for April 29, 2017. Tram leaves PSAT Valley Station at 0615; nature walk training will follow hike. Potluck postponed for later in season.

Volunteers assisting with some duties for NHA; Continue to seek volunteers for this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Partnership Skill Building: New ideas, remains open.

Weekly Digest from California State Parks: Carl Maple spotlighted.

2015 Cooperating Association Annual Report: Phyllis Keys will handle this.

Preplanning for fall and winter programs discussed.

Phone service is \$70.00 per month; used for phone and credit card reader communications. Dennis Schirmer will look into a potential savings. Suzanne Tracy will provide account information to Dennis.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** May 8, 2017

**REFRESHMENTS** Jim Forneris

**ADJOURNMENT** 1909