

# Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

April 2, 2013

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Iona Scapple at 5:45 PM. Quorum confirmed.

Roll Call: Directors present: Iona Scapple, Kurt Leuschner, Marsha Hansen, Joe Migliore, Maureen McCarty, Bob Pellenberg, Dennis Schirmer, Phyllis Keys, Bookkeeper, and Peter A'Hearn. State Park Representatives: Bart Grant, Supv. Ranger.

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 5, 2013. MPS MM/BP
- II. Museum Project, Kurt Leuschner  
Kurt has several species of birds ready to mount for the museum. They are: Clarks Nutcracker, Pine Siskin, Steller's Jay, Whited-headed Woodpecker, Western Bluebird, American Robin, Townsend's Solitaire and Rufous Hummingbird. All birds are local to our State Park. Kurt would like approval for five more species to be mounted for a total of fifteen new birds to be on display in the museum. Additional cost to be \$1500. Motion Approved. KL/MM  
Wish list of mammals for future acquisition will be in the hands of a committee of Rob Howard, SP Interpreter, Kurt, and Bart Grant. They will meet to plan the displays in the museum.
- III. STATE PARK REPORT, Bart Grant, Supv. Ranger
  - A. SP Memo of March 8 for Co-operating Agencies has instructions for annual report due May 31. Phyllis will prepare report.
  - B. PSAT Gen. Manger, Rob Parkins, was recently injured in an auto accident. Walt Madison Opr. VP will assume his duties.
  - C. A funeral was recently held in Joshua Tree for Pat the Operations Supv. of the Mtn. Station. Sympathy cards will be sent.
  - D. Ranger Robert Peek recently saved a person from a burning house in Idyllwild. Article in Idyllwild Town Crier.
  - E. John Beringer reports that March sales were over \$10,000! John also reports volunteer recruitment is very high; a safe was purchased for Long Valley (LV) Ranger Station; Jr. Ranger materials are low & on order; Visitors are requesting more female style clothing in the VC.
  - F. A Chinese delegation on a U.S.A. tour visited our SP. Bart gave them a tour of our wilderness and showed them how we are making wilderness more ADA accessible.
  - G. A zip line was discussed in the Winter Park Authority (WPA) meeting. It was suggested that it be kept in Chino Canyon near Valley Station.
  - H. April 20- Earth Day at the Living Desert. April 20- Palm Springs 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at O'Donnell CC 3-9pm. Bob P. will represent Board. May 13 - Amgen Tour of California Race, Stage 2 of eight day race will end day at Valley Station. Tram road will be closed.
  - I. Ranger Aaron, assigned to LV; Sr. Park Aide Rick Hansen, assigned to Little Round Valley; Park Aide Diane Santiago in Round Valley. Need for NHA Volunteers to be camp hosts in Round Valley. Board Members are welcome to do Campfire Talks in Round Valley from 7- 7:45pm. Pete A'Hearn volunteered to do a talk.
  - J. Trail crews will be starting in mid-April. Crews from SLO California Conservation Corp (CCC) will be starting in May. Work on Hidden Lake Trail may be completed by June 30. There will be a permit quota system to visit Hidden Lake. NHA Volunteers will be needed for 16 hours a week to monitor Hidden Lake visitors as required by the USFWS. Santa Barbara CCC trail crews will work Round Valley on the west side.
  - K. Three cabins may be built at Idyllwild SP, along with seven campsites to have electrical hookups installed.
- IV. STANDING REPORTS
  - A. Treasurer's Report Phyllis Keys  
There is a balance of \$78,666.69 through Feb. 28. See attached Financial Report for latest report.
  - B. Science Collaborator, Dennis Schirmer  
No report this month.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Retail Bart Grant

See above SP report for retail details.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Peaks** will be published three times a year (Jan 1, May 1, Oct1). The following features need new articles: 1) President's Notes, **Iona**. 2) Natural History articles, **Rob**. 3) State Park Report, **Bart** 4) Treasury Report, **Bob**. 5) Visitor Center/Retail Report, **John**. 6) Special features, i.e. Photo contest, **Joe**. 7) Calendar of Events; summer Picnic and Holiday Party. 8) Tram News; Tram closure dates and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv. articles are to be submitted to Joe by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. Elize will edit them and send them back to the Publisher, Joe Migliore. Next edition to be published May 1.
- B. Geology series will be introduced in the May Peaks. Joe is rewriting the geological history on our website.
- C. WEBMASTER     Maureen McCarty

1) Photos have been updated. Our web host is very slow. Maureen would like to explore a faster web host.

VII. New Business

- A. Maureen will host a light meal for our next meeting.

VIII. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14 5:30pm

IX. Adjournment 7:44pm

Respectively Submitted by Marsha Hansen