

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Emergency Board Meeting

Feb.11, 2014

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Iona Scapple at 5:40 pm.

Directors present: Iona Scapple, Kurt Leuschner, Duane Bambusch, Marsha Hansen, Joe Migliore, Maureen McCarty, Dennis Schirmer, Robert Pellenbarg, and Jan Welch. Absent: Elize Van Zandt, & Peter A'Hearn.

CSP Representatives: Kelly Elliott, District Superintendent, Inland Empire District and Paul Reisman, SP Sector Superintendent.

Topic of discussion: The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (PSAT) General Manager, Rob Parkins, has directed the State Park (SP) to move the MSJ State Park Visitors Center from its present location to a small outside enclosed porch. Mr. Parkins has asked the State Park to stop selling apparel and other items that he feels are in competition with the PSAT gift shops.

Our NHA Board of Directors are adamant that we continue to operate in our established location; continue to sell our educational and interpretive items and apparel which carry unique natural, cultural and historic themes about Mt. San Jacinto State Park.

Since 1996 the State Park has had a contractual agreement with the Winter Park Authority (WPA) that authorizes the State Park to operate a Visitors Center in order to offer public services, information and guidance, as well as educational and interpretive programs and to offer for sale such items to the public.

Our State Park Visitors Center provides critical visitor services: State Park information on programs, advice on suitable hiking trails, maps, directions, weather conditions, safety guidelines, as well as to disseminate educational and interpretive information on the flora, fauna found uniquely in our park. Our State Park Volunteers provide personal and friendly services to all PSAT guests who come into our State Park Visitor Center.

Our NHA Board, which oversees the funds generated from the State Park Visitors Center, wishes to cooperate with the PSAT as it has for the past 30 years. We will continue to operate in harmony and support the MSJ State Park for the benefit of the park and its visitors.

Kelly Elliott, SP District Supt. and Paul Reisman, Sector Supt. will attend the next WPA meeting and discuss some of the above issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marsha Hansen