

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2012

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, Bob Pellenbarg, Marsha Hansen, Joe Migliore, Gene Rojek, Maureen McCarty, Dennis Schimer, Elize Van Zandt.

State Park Representatives: Garratt Aitchison, John Beringer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 13, 2012. MPS MC/JM. Two corrections: omit the amount of \$1 million from SP Report, & Rojek spelling.

I. STATE PARK REPORT, Garratt Aitchison, Sector Superintendent

- A. Bart recently completed the Project Evaluation Form (PEF) for the Trail Class – new trail in Long Valley near bridge may be funded in the amount of \$450,000 to pull Nature Trail out of the meadow, adding some new trail, and re-routing some of the trail system in Long Valley. Garratt will review PEF, then request money to start this project.
- B. Check to be issued to Garratt for Idyllwild interpreter position.
- C. Ranger Sue requested \$162 for patches for the Volunteers in the PSAR. **MPS KL/GR Approved**
- D. Saws for work projects need to be sharpened. After checking into prices, it is just as cost effective to buy new saws. New saws will cost about \$400 for one saw in Idyllwild and two new crosscut saws. **MPS KL/BP Approved**
- E. A volunteer scheduling software program– RotundaSoftware.com –is being requested by Ranger Sue at a cost of about \$400 per year. This would include Idyllwild, PSAR and MSJSP volunteers to go on-line and schedule their time. It appears to be user friendly. Sue and Garratt will research more and report back.
- F. Mtn. Station Interpretive Panels to cost in the range of \$70,000 may be placed at: Grubbs View, two on the back patio, and some on the upper patio. Interior hands-on activity panels and three panels near the murals with wilderness quotations would be included.
- G. Coachella Valley Hiking Club (CVHC) and its President Larry Liguori, approved \$1800 for 2 Interpretive Panels at the Hidden Divide Trail and Overlook.

II. STANDING REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report Bob Pellenbarg
No Financial report this month. IRS has not been paid. Board approved the hiring of accountant Kris Stefferud of Palm Desert to provide for our bookkeeping services for \$300 a month, and \$400 per year for annual reports which include, Return of Organization Exempt of Income Tax forms 990 and 199. Bob will notify Kris of her hiring and direct her to get all the information she may require from Russ Anderson our former accountant. **MPS MM/GR Approved**
- B. Science Collaborator, Dennis Schirmer
No report this month.

III. Committee Reports

- A. Retail John Beringer
 - 1) John requests \$747 to order field bags (\$20) & string backpacks (\$8) for sale in Visitors Center. **MPS GR/KL Approved**
 - 2) Purchase of gun to attach PLU labels for price tags on shirts, hats & stuffed animals at cost of \$50-70. Approved
 - 3) There are new volunteers; 5 newly trained, more in-training, and more applicants yet being processed by John.
 - 4) Last year there were only 55 volunteers on the list of which only 25 met the minimum 96 hrs. required. March had only one shift not covered. April has all shifts covered. Visitor Center volunteer staffing is looking great.
 - 5) Live Scan finger prints are done free of charge at Riverside Co. Sheriff Station with an appointment. Otherwise, MSJNHA will reimburse up to \$20 if Live Scan is done elsewhere.

6) John proposed giving a 10-15% off purchase if they join NHA. Also, could hand out bookmarks with 'Thanks for Purchase', with information on joining NHA and/ or information on becoming a SP Volunteer. Another idea was to sell bookmarks for a donation of \$5 to the NHA. Joe will look into print costs for these types of bookmarks.

- B. Membership Maureen McCarty
Maureen will report next meeting on raising membership numbers and status of record keeping.

 - C. Webmaster
Board is considering the hiring of a new web designer and finding a volunteer to maintain website.

 - D. Education Dennis Schirmer
No report.
- IV. Old Business
- A. Peaks will be published three times a year (Jan 1, May 1, Oct1). There is a need for a new format that features; 1) President's Notes, 2) Natural History articles, 3) State Park Report, 4) Treasury Report, 5) Visitor Center/Retail Report, 6) Special features, i.e. Photo contest, 7) Calendar of Events, 8) Tram News. Articles are to be submitted to Elize by the 20th of the month and she will send them on to the Publisher, Joe .
 - B. Discussion of short and long term goals voted on earlier this year will be tabled until next meeting.
 - C. The Draft NHA Brochure needs a new email address and additional editing. Joe is working on this and will send an edited addition to all Board Members when completed.
 - D. Search for new Web Designer underway. Will discuss next meeting.
- V. New Business
- A. Annual Events will be as follows: Holiday Party Dec. 8, 2012 at Mtn. Station. Garratt will find a speaker for this event. Kurt and Joe to work on menu with Kaitlyn, and Frances Crocker room with Gaby. Summer Picnic and General Meeting at Idyllwild set for August 25, 2012.

 - B. Elize will host a light meal for our next meeting.
- VI. Next meeting 5:30pm, Monday, May 14, 2012 at Joe's Home
- VII. Adjournment 7:30pm