

# Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

January 7, 2013

### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Iona Scapple at 6:00 PM. Quorum confirmed.

**Roll Call:** Directors present: Iona Scapple, Kurt Leuschner, Marsha Hansen, Joe Migliore, Maureen McCarty, Dennis Schimer, Elize Van Zandt, Peter A'Hearn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Nov. 5, 2012 MM/EV. Corrections: I.A. check from NHA; I.D. cancelled, but may be revived; I.G. North side of Round Valley & w/ goal of completion in 2 more years. I. H. campsite signage; I.I. work on Fuller Ridge, PCT are on going w/ 3 more years to completion.

**Planning Calendar** for 2013 Kurt L. : Holiday Party set for Sat., Dec.7; Annual Picnic Idyllwild Sat. August 31; Tram closure Aug. 10—30.

#### I. STATE PARK REPORT, Bart Grant, Supv. Ranger

- A. Idyllwild Visitors Center improvement project waiting for funding. NHA wishes to contribute to a capital fund raising project approaching corporations like Stater Bros. or fund raising groups such as Idyllwild Recreation District.
- B. Tramway to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> anniv. on Sept. 12, 2013 and will be closed for private party of 200 guests with Governor & politicians invited. Public opening was Sept 14, 1963.
- C. Ranger Todd Freidman is writing a grant for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) for wheelchairs on Long Valley trails.
- D. Gold-spotted wood boring oak beetle (from SE AZ) was introduced 5 yrs. ago to San Diego County. 90,000 trees infested. After 5 yrs. trees can die. Black Oak, Canyon Oak and Coastal Oaks are threatened. Two trees in Idyllwild infested and were cut down. Wood boring oak beetles may be transported through cut fire wood and is spreading through campgrounds. Campers will be stopped & questioned if they have Oak firewood.
- E. Todd Freidman is the new law enforcement ranger for Long Valley. Sue Neary transferred to the Santa Cruz District.
- F. California League of Park Associations membership renewal for \$50 was approved. KL/MM
- G. Six hundred Girls Scouts participated at an event at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The SP & PS Tramway co-sponsored a craft booth and \$200 of NHA supplies were used at the event. At next year's event the SP wants to sponsor a booth to attract more Girl Scouts to appreciate and utilize our State Park.
- H. PSAT and SP are reviewing security upgrades.
- I. SP staff funding is being considered. The NHA requests an amount consideration from the SP to continue funding the Park Aide position for our annual budget.

#### II. STANDING REPORTS

- A. **Treasurer's Report** Bob Pellenbarg  
No Financial report this month. Treasurer absent. See January Financial Statement submitted by bookkeeper Phyllis Keyes.  
A special Budget Meeting is set for later in the month.

- B. **Science Collaborator** Dennis Schirmer  
No report this month.

**II. Committee Reports**

- A. **Retail** John Beringer

- B. **Membership** Maureen McCarty  
Maureen encouraged Board Members to review the web pages and report any errors and give suggestions for improvement.

- C. **Education** Dennis Schirmer  
No report.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. **Peaks** Joe Migliore

The winter volume of the Peaks was published & presented at the meeting. It is 9 beautiful pages of colored photos and great articles by SP staff and Board Members. Some of the articles included the photo contest, 2012 Trail work season by Ranger Bart Grant, Natural History Corner by Park Interpreter Rob Howard, Membership by Maureen encouraging Board Members to recruit new members, and a report on our well attended NHA Holiday Banquet held in the Crocker Room at the Mountain Station on Dec.8.

**V. New Business**

- A. **Slate of New Officers**

President: Iona Scapple, Vice-President: Kurt Leuschner, Treasurer: Bob Pellenbarg, Secretary: Marsha Hansen, Science Director: Dennis Schirmer, Peaks Publisher & Director: Joe Migliore, Peaks Editor & Director: Elize Van Zandt, Membership Director: Maureen McCarty, and Peter A'Hearn, Education Liaison.

- B. **Refreshments:** Dennis will host a light meal for our next meeting.

**VI. Next meeting** 5:30 pm Tuesday, February 5, 2012 at Joe's Home

**VII. Adjournment** 7:30 pm