

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting

May 14, 2013

MINUTES

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

Roll Call: Directors present: Kurt Leuschner, Duane Bambusch, Marsha Hansen, Maureen McCarty, Bob Pellenbarg, Iona Scapple, Dennis Schimer, and Elize Van Zandt. Phyllis Keys, Bookkeeper. Absent: Peter A'Hearn, Joe Migliore.

State Park Representatives: Ina, SP Aide, Idyllwild. John Beringer, Sr. SP Aide/Visitor Center Manger. Guest: Paul Reisman, SP Supervising Ranger, Salton Sea Sector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 2, 2013. MC/KL.

- I. STATE PARK REPORT, Ina, State Park Aide, Idyllwild
 - A. A permanent display board is needed. She needs new ideas. Elize volunteered to work with Ina on this project.
 - B. A botanist visiting from Vancouver, BC brought to her attention that the pocket pamphlet on MSJ SP (2006) plants was inaccurate. The later edition, 2011, has corrected those errors. It was decided to gather up the old remaining 2006 pamphlets and give them to Kurt who will use them with his students at COD.
 - C. Our SP guest, Paul Reisman presented a Partnership Donation and Matching Fund Agreement signed into law by Gov. Brown for up to \$10 million for maintenance projects in our SP. He encouraged our board to apply for this partnership. He explained that our time as volunteers could be counted as \$24.18 hour as an in-kind match. Time period counted would be June 2012 to June 2013. Also, MSJNHA funds contributed to the SP would be counted as matching funds. Marsha will compile hours and matching funds and turn over to Bart Grant at our next Board Meeting on June 4. Our volunteer hours could include our drive time portal to portal for meetings and other activities, phone time, computer time, meeting time, volunteer time at VC, and any work we do on behalf of the MSJSP. Marsha asks all Board Members to compile their hours and return the total hours to her by June 1.

- II. STANDING REPORTS
 - A. Treasurer's Report Phyllis Keys
 - 1) As of March 31, 2013 there is a balance \$89,139.49 in the bank. Our net income for the month was \$7,082.56. Visitor Center Sales for March was \$11,107.77, over budget by \$2,707.77. The Co-operating Agency Report is done and Phyllis will forward to Bart Grant.
 - 2) Bob reports that he is in the process of changing the auto pay VC phone account from Bank of America to US Bank. Bob collected \$900 from the LV Ranger Station. LVRS has a new safe attached to the wall to hold small amounts of money.
 - B. Science Collaborator, Dennis Schirmer
 - 1) Dennis will go to Idyllwild Ranger Station to collect money and give Ina MSJNHA Brochures. Fire wood needs to be ordered for the camping season. 2) The USFS, SP & the NHA needs to know that the wood sold at the SP campground is not diseased. This must be checked before it is ordered.

- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Retail John Beringer
 - 1) John is working with Sandy Swan on a new T-shirt design that Regina Laundry offered with a design of lake & trees and quote from John Muir, "The mountains are calling and I must go".
 - 2) There are presently 160 PLU items. John needs another storage cabinet as he has a hard time keeping enough stock on hand. The cabinet will be place under the stairs. He asks for approval of up to **\$400 for a cabinet. MPS KL/RP**
 - 3) John will come up with a plan for a small safe in storage cabinet to keep keys, & small change; ones, fives & quarters.
 - B. Membership Maureen McCarty

1) Maureen has MSJNHA brochures for Dennis to take up to Idyllwild.

2) Maureen will send an email to all members to renew their annual membership.

C. Education Peter A'Hearn
No report.

IV. 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 50th Anniv. Articles are to be submitted to Joe by the 20th of the month prior to publication. Then Elize will edit them and send them back to the Publisher, Joe Migliore.

B. WEBMASTER Maureen McCarty

1) Cost to have a faster response time on our webpage (such as "Go-Daddy") is about \$400. Maureen states that this is too much for the few hits (abt. 20) we get each month. She feels we should wait until we do a capital fund raising event to spend the money to speed up the website.

VI. New Business

A. New business tag "Supporting our State Park since 1979" could be used to make MSJNHA more recognizable. CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS 150 YEARS 1864-2014. Board needs to come up with ideas on an event/ celebration for this anniversary. These items were tabled until next meeting.

VII. **Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 5:30pm at Joe's home. Duane will provide refreshments.**

VIII. Adjournment: 7:20 pm