

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 13, 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

Directors not present: Elize Van Zandt

State Park Representatives: Garratt Aitchison.

Guest: Larry Liguori of Coachella Valley Hiking Club (CVHC)

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Feb. 19, 2012. MPS/MC/JM. After addition of Iona Scapple's signature for checking account.

II. STATE PARK REPORT, Garratt Aitchison, Sector Superintendent

Long Valley Management Plan will be signed soon. Some of the short term projects will include directional signs, interpretive panels (\$500- \$1000per panel) and benches at four of the overlooks on the Desert View Trail. Some of the funds for these projects will come from Bond money voted in on Prop 84 for the Long Valley Management Plan.

Long term plans include ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility for the Nature Trail and vehicular devices...i. e. mono-rail type device for concrete ramp.

Access to Hidden Lake would possibly be by permit to keep the numbers low to minimize impact to this sensitive area. Projects for this area would include Interpretive and Regulatory signs and a raised path leading out to the overlook. An access trail from the Willow Creek Trail into the Preserve is still undecided.

This project could start as early as July 2012.

Sponsorships for CCC trail projects are always welcome for groups interested in supporting MSJSP.

The Board discussed, along with our guest, Larry Liguori, of the CVHC, various projects that his organization might be interested in donating money for State Park (SP) projects. CVHC is especially interested in supporting the Hidden Divide Trail to the Valley Overlook.

III. STANDING REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Bob Pellenbarg

No Financial report this month. He is investigating hiring an accountant to handle our financial affairs for \$300 a month.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Retail Kurt Leuschner

No report this month.

B. Membership Maureen McCarty

There are 143 members and 1/3 are Life Members. There is a great need to raise our membership's numbers.

C. Webmaster

No report.

D. Education Dennis Schirmer

No report.

V. Old Business

A. Goals Discussed in the Planning Retreat

The Board discussed and voted on two short range goals:

1) Support the SP in the Volunteer recruitment program.

Maureen said there was no information on how to apply to be a volunteer on our website. We need to make it clear with a contact phone number and email. Garratt will help with is contact.

2) Identify short & long term range SP capital projects

- a. Signs for the overlook
 - b. Access to Hidden Divide
 - c. Interpretive panels
- B. Photo contest will continue. It will remain on our website. Prizes could be Dine and Ride, free passes, \$25 gift certificates.
- C. Money will continue to be collected at Mtn. Station twice a month by Gene Rejek.
- VI. New Business
- A. Webmaster will continue to be Russ Anderson
 - B. CPA – Bob is working on finding a new CPA.
 - C. Plan annual events. Tabled until next month.
- VII. Next meeting Monday, April 9, 2012 at Joe's Home
- VIII. Adjournment 7:30pm