

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 31, 2013

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice president Kurt Leuschner at the San Jacinto State Park Headquarters camp ground in Idyllwild at 10:30 a.m. preceding annual NHA Picnic.

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

State Park representative: Paul Reisman

Approval of Minutes: July 9 minutes read and approved. Approval of June 4 minutes again postponed until October Board meeting.

I. STATE PARK REPORT: Paul Reisman

Mountain fire: 1000 acres above Skunk Cabbage Meadow burned and trails severely eroded by rains will be closed for a long time due to erosion. Tahquitz Valley is OK with only about 20 to 30 acres of canopy burned while most of burn was like controlled burn of understory. Only effect of Silver Fire was some trail closures.

The fire burning to the north just barely got to Hidden Divide. Hidden Divide Trail: No decision yet about management. The Willow Creek Trail is closed until further notice at the High Trail junction. Ina needs easel for display and software for photo editing, etc. It was suggested that Photoshop Elements, a free application, would do the job.

Skip ? of the Desert Sun will do an article about the "Bridge to Nowhere" in response to earlier Op-Ed erroneously criticizing the building of the bridge. It was also suggested that Paul R. may write about the bridge and trail plans.

II. STANDING REPORTS

A. WEB MASTER REPORT: Maureen McCarty

Plant species list for the park has been compiled by Elize van Zandt and put on the NHA website by Maureen.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Pellenbarg and Phyllis Keys

The account with Bank of American has been closed out.

Phyllis reports total cash on hand with US Bank as of July 2013 in the amount of \$102,644.41 plus \$100 remaining with B of A.

No sales for Long Valley Ranger Station or Idyllwild in July.

Net income, year to date July 31, 2013, \$18,727.28 Mountain Station V.C. and Idyllwild.

Bob Pellenbarg will pick up money from Idyllwild.

C. EDUCATION REPORT: PETE A'HEARN

Pete and his wife Rochelle attended a meeting of the Winter Park Authority to petition for lowering tram fares for school children when participating in school programs. A letter to the WPA from the Superintendent of Palm Springs Unified was requested.

The fares for students participating in school programs is now \$10.25. Parking fees may be added.

It is reported that Aramark has been deficient in attending to the students.

California Science Teacher's Association Conference is Oct. 25-27 with 1500 - 2000 teachers attending. Nature walk in Long Valley on the 26th with 20 teachers conducted by Joe Migliore, Tracy Albrecht (and others?).

K.D. Fleming, UCR Center for Conservation Biology. Transects in state Whitewater, SJSP, Pipes Canyon, Mission Creek, population studies for 20 year data. Students to do collecting data on field trips, not just I.P (?)

Next meeting October 1 changed to Oct. 8. Food by Bob Pellenbarg

Meeting Adjourned at 11:14

Respectfully submitted by Joe Migliore substituting for Marsha Hansen, Secretary.