

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, November 5, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Iona Scapple at 5:45 PM. Quorum confirmed.

Roll Call: Directors present: Kurt Leuschner, Marsha Hansen, Joe Migliore, Maureen McCarty, Robert Pellenbarg, Elize Van Zandt, Iona Scapple and Dennis Schirmer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for September 10, 2012. MPS MM/RP

- I. STATE PARK REPORT Bart Grant MSJ State Park Ranger
 - A. State Park (SP) has received a \$16,000 check from MSJNHA for John Beringer's position of Senior Park Aide - Visitors Services.
 - B. Garratt has been temporarily reassigned to the San Diego Office.
 - C. On Dec. 15 there will be a large Girl Scout event at the Palm Springs Convention Center. The SP will host an Arts & Craft activity. They are requesting some funding for the project. An amount of up to \$200 was approved by the Board. MPS KL/ JM
 - D. The planned Idyllwild Office and Visitor Center improvement project has been cancelled, but maybe revived in the near future.
 - E. Trail Crews have been hard at work with a new bridge in Long Valley. The Nature Trail and the Desert View Trail will be constructed for Americans w/ Disability Act accessibility, ADA.
 - F. The PS Tram operation is looking into the possibility of a Funicular to transport those who come under the ADA guidelines down to Long Valley.
 - G. Trail Crews plan to finish an access trail to Hidden Lake late next summer. Access will be by a guided permit system. Round Valley & north side of Meadow Trails are completed. The south side of the wilderness campsite trails will be completed w/ a goal of 2 years.
 - H. Little Round Valley & Strawberry Jct. campsite signage are complete.
 - I. Fuller Ridge, PCT & the horse trails are on going w/a completion date of more 3 years.
 - J. Information panels will describe features seen in the SP; Mountain Heritage, mining, wilderness wisdom, Leave No Trace, CCC, Grubs View, & Stone Creek Campground.
 - K. The portable banner was located at Idyllwild.

- II. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
 - A. Treasurer's Report Bob Pellenbarg
 - 1) US Bank stated we can only have a checking account, because we were listed as a private corporation and not a non-profit! Bob is changing our status to a non-profit.
 - 2) See the full financial Statement prepared by our Bookkeeper Phyllis Keys.

 - B. Science Collaborator, Dennis Schirmer
Dennis will bring the portable display down from Idyllwild SP for the Photo Contest.

III. Committee Reports

A. Membership Maureen McCarty

- 1) We received one new membership from the website. We have received a few returned letters due to death and no forwarding addresses.
- 2) Maureen will change our Pay Pal username and password for our website.

B. Webmaster Maureen McCarty

- 1) There is a new tab for Jr. Rangers. Children can print nature activities from the website. Maureen would like to design a new Jr. Ranger Activity Book similar to the one used by Montana de Oro SP.
- 2) Maureen has asked the Board to review the Natural History categories to proof for her. She needs pictures of flowers & plants and would like feedback.

C. Education Rob Howard

1. Education Day at the Living Desert will be Nov. 7. Joe will attend.

IV. Old Business

A. PEAKS Joe Migliore Peaks Publisher

- 1) The next Peaks will be January; deadline to submit will be December 1.

B. Holiday Dinner will feature guest speaker Greg Hill of the BLM with the topic of 200 years, 1812-2012, of the General Land Office to the Bureau of Land Management. Iona & Marsha will check in guests at Valley Station. Kurt will be our MC. Our guests will be the full-time SP staff, John Beringer + 1 guest each. Park Aides only as our guests. Other guests are Mary Wilson and Russ Anderson for all of their service to the SP.

V. New Business

A. Elections

- 1) Slate of Names for elections: Larry Liguori of the Coachella Hiking Club, Peter A'Hearn of PSUSD. Board will use email to approve slate of all names submitted.

VI. Next Meeting: Monday, January 7, 2012 5:30 pm at Joe's home.

VII. Adjournment 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Marsha Hansen, NHA Board Secretary

