

MOUNT SAN JACINTO NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
DATE: February 8, 2016

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Call to order: Time 1740PM, By Joe Migliore

Quorum: Yes

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS: Jim Migliore President, Kurt Leuschner VP, Suzanne Tracy Secretary, Royce Jones Treasurer

DIRECTORS: Glenn Flood, Jim Forneris Retail, Bob Pellenbarg, Dennis Schirmer Science, Elize Van Zandt Education

MEMBERS: Phyllis Keys Bookkeeper, Carl Maples

CA DPR REPRESENTATIVES: Todd Friedman Supervisor

GUESTS: Tracy Albrecht

ABSENT: Iona Scapple, Vince Llacer, Jan Welch

APPROVE MINUTES: From January 11, 2016

MOTION BY: Royce Jones

SECONDED BY: Bob Pellenbarg

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report, Royce Jones and Phyllis Keys

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets to December 31, 2015:

Report attached to minutes and includes following:

Total Assets \$146,967.37,

US Bank Checking Account \$34,657.59 and includes Louis L Borick first grant and the Fuller Ridge funds, Louis L Borick second grant of \$10,000 not included in 2015 report

December 31, 2015: Gross Profits \$1462.76, Net Profit \$2009.22 with a loss of \$400.00

Income for January to December 2015 \$8267.93

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

2016 Budget prepared based on historical data; attached to minutes.

California Resale Certificate is required, this will be done online.

Business Registration Renewal Notice will be sent; no monies required.

MOTION: Approve 2016 budget

BY: Kurt Leuschner

SECONDED BY: Bob Pellenbarg

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

Natural Science, Dennis Schirmer: Nothing to report

State Park Report, Todd Friedman

Trafx Trail Counter: Letter received from Kelly Elliott, District Superintendent, Inland Empire District, California State Parks, thanking MSJNHA for approving purchase, letter attached. TrafX system has been received; it will be placed in a lock box and software will be installed.

Router update on purchase: NHA members will travel to Los Angeles area for demonstration of router. Travel will be worked out by members.

Trail maps: Todd has approved pictures. Maps are ready to print. Joe Migliore will follow up with printer re status of printing process.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION:

New Park Interpreter will start by end of March.

California requirements for K through 8: Park meets the criteria, plan to visit schools with discussions on what park can offer and how this meets the criteria.

State Park Report Cont.:

Will talk to Palm Springs Aerial Tram management to discuss reductions in fare for school groups.

There are no day or time restrictions for when field trips can occur.

Parking is free to Coachella Valley residents; present driver license at tram entrance.

PRESENTATION by Tracy Albrecht, BLM Interpretative Specialist with SRSJ:

Credentials: Worked for BLM for 12 years, has a teaching credential, worked at tram and involved in special events.

During school year programs are geared to ages six through 13 years, most programs involve funding, with funding for tram tickets ideal to allay costs to child and family.

Junior high programs are oriented to careers and include forest survey activities and meeting with state park rangers.

Summer programs are geared to boys and girls clubs, youth groups.

Programs are set up to be cost effective utilizing reusable products, buying in bulk, and seeking donations. Works with Joanna Stark, Natural Science Collaborative.

Handouts reviewed by NHA board and include; Mountain HIKE Program (Healthy Initiative for Kids in the Environment), and a program with Species List, Sound Map, Geology and many other activities geared to children. Both handouts are attached.

Transportation costs vary widely among the school districts, discussion involves schools providing transportation with NHA funding tram fares.

Would like to offer programs before the end of this school term to work out inconsistencies.

MOTION: \$1000 for five trips over the spring break to cover tram fees; check will be issued to the Natural Science Collaborative.

BY: Kurt Leuschner

SECONDED BY: Royce Jones

IN FAVOR: All with one abstention

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: Bob Pellenbarg

MEMBERSHIP: Joe Migliore

Nothing new to report.

Paypal Transfer was done and sent to bookkeeper with a request to confirm.

WEBSITE: Joe Migliore

PEAKS Newsletter: Discussion to rejuvenate or discontinue, requires someone with knowledge to set up a newsletter. The Peaks newsletter is tabled for now.

Facebook link on MSJNHA website update by Royce Jones:

MSJNHA business address was not acceptable, will use MSJSP.NHA@gmail.com, MSJNHA is partnered with California State Parks.

Anyone can post but posting is screened and requires approval by Royce Jones and Joe Migliore.

Likes have already been received; board and liaison are encouraged to "like us on Facebook".

EDUCATION: Elize Van Zandt

See State Park Report for presentation by Tracy Albrecht

RETAIL: Jim Forneris

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Ordering in larger quantities, shipping costs are same.

Shirts cannot be sold, these will be transferred to Idyllwild.

Usborn bat book will be ordered; a visitor request; bats are present at MSJ.

Emergency Survival-A Pocket Guide: One book ordered; this will be reviewed by Todd Friedman with a decision on whether or not it complies with current safety recommendations.

Retail Cont.:

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Cloth map of MSJ requested. Map is still available with a minimum order of 144 at a cost of \$6.95 each, storage could be a problem. Sample of map reviewed by board.

MOTION: Approve purchase of maps for resale at MSJ Visitor Center

BY: Kurt Leuschner

SECONDED BY: Royce Jones

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

VC: Additional heater, telephone replacement, Royce Jones will purchase both and contact George Raymond for transfer to VC.

MOTION: Approve \$200 for purchase of heater and telephone

BY: Joe Migliore

SECONDED BY: Kurt Leuschner

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

OLD BUSINESS:

STATUS COMPLETE: VC jackets-zipper repair, Sharon Mattern has been paid for this

STATUS COMPLETE: New chairs at VC and Park Interpreter office, Thanks George Raymond & Royce Jones, cost was reduced to \$345 through research online.

STATUS COMPLETE: Partnership Skill Building, deadline for registration February 15, 2016

Participants: Todd Friedman and Royce Jones; they will travel together in state car with gas provided by state; \$350 approved for Royce Jones to attend.

STATUS COMPLETE: Volunteer recognition plaques and pins: This will be done in spring, possibly on a Saturday in April. A notice will be sent in advance of meeting. A request will be sent to Palm Springs Aerial Tram reserving Nichols room for event.

STATUS COMPLETE: Post volunteer activities on MSJNHA website. This has been discussed at previous NHA meetings

STATUS INCOMPLETE: Louis L Borick grants, see State Park report for presentation by Tracy Albrecht with ideas to utilize grant. A thank you letter will be sent after events have occurred. Letter will be sent to Steven Borick. Kurt Leuschner will prepare thank you letter and Joe Migliore will provide MSJNHA letterhead.

STATUS INCOMPLETE: Park Interpreter's office-telephone postponed until new park interpreter is on site.

STATUS INCOMPLETE: Planning upcoming activities postponed to spring at January 11, 2016, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARK VOLUNTEERS: New volunteer Mark Leggett status reviewed by Bill Solylo; Mr Leggett will need to reapply as a volunteer.

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: Ralphs/Kroger Not discussed.

Dinner for NHA Board and liaison provided by Jim Forneris. Thanks Jim.

Food and drinks are paid for by NHA; please provide receipts for purchases.

PS Aerial Tram DVD malfunctioning with many complaints from visitors. Visitors are urged to report this to tram personnel for resolution.

Idyllwild seasonal park interpreter is a paid position by State of California.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Location Joe Migliore's residence, Date March 14, 2016 at 1730pm

Refreshment Assignment: Suzanne Tracy for drinks

ADJOURNMENT: 1940pm by Royce Jones, Seconded by Bob Pellenbarg, with all in favor.

SYMBOLS:

A=Absent

AIF=All in favor

O=Opposed

P=Present

Transcribed from original notes on February 14, 2016

Original notes attached

Suzanne Tracy