

**MOUNT SAN JACINTO NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
DATE: March 14, 2016**

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CALL TO ORDER: Time 1748pm, By Joe Migliore

QUORUM: Yes

ROLL CALL:

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

DIRECTORS: Jim Forneris Retail, Dennis Schirmer Science

MEMBERS: Phyllis Keys Bookkeeper, Vince Llacer

CA DPR REPRESENTATIVES: Todd Friedman Supervisor, Allison Barnes Park Interpreter

GUESTS: Tracy Albrecht BLM Interpretative Specialist with SRSJ, Joanna Stark Director Natural Science Collaborative

ABSENT: Glenn Flood, Carl Maples, Bob Pellenbarg, Iona Scapple

APPROVE MINUTES PRIOR MEETING February 8, 2016: Motion by Royce Jones, Seconded by Kurt Leuschner, All in Favor, Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report, Royce Jones and Phyllis Keys

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets:

Report attached to minutes and includes following:

Total Assets Checking at US Bank: \$34,433.26

Total Current Assets (Includes CDs, Education Grant, Cash at All Locations): \$156,843.78

Total Liabilities & Equity \$156,843.78

Net Income January, 2016: -\$123.59

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

January, 2016, gross of \$2585.50 was surpassed by February 22, 2016.

Donations are increased.

Lifetime membership received.

Discretionary spending included chairs and phone for Visitor's Center.

Tax preparation time is approaching; CPA rate is the same as 2015.

MOTION: Approve \$500.00 for tax preparation

BY: Kurt Leuschner

SECONDED: Jim Forneris

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

Petty cash from Visitor Center in amount of \$89.00 stolen from blue bag stored in closet #1, \$11.00 in quarters was left in bag. Discussion on how to secure the petty cash included a lock box, a safe with resettable code, and relocating the keys used to access the closet. A safe from Harbor Freight with resettable code costs around \$35.00. Recommendations for changing code included time frames of every 2 weeks, every month and once a year; it was decided once a year would work best. Discussion also included how to transfer the code to the Visitor Center volunteers; the Long Valley Rangers and Park Interpreter will keep the code and communicate this information to volunteers. The incident is assigned to Park Ranger Jed Reghanti for investigation; the Palm Springs Aerial Tram will supply the video monitoring tape for this purpose.

MOTION: Approve \$50.00 for purchase of safe

BY: Kurt Leuschner

SECONDED: Royce Jones

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IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

Natural Science, Dennis Schirmer

PRESENTATION: Tracy Albrecht introduced Joanna Stark.

Joanna Stark has been on two year hiatus writing a book, working on a video documentary for the Malki museum (this can be viewed at malki.com), and bird singing festival, also a trailer for Joe Migliore.

Tracy Albrecht passed out fliers for the mountain hike; flier attached.

Tracy has reviewed various programs with Allison Barnes, Park Interpreter.

Looking into career talk; Todd Friedman will handle career talks.

Principal expense for school children is the tram fare; this is discounted to \$10.50. Discounts are not available for non-school participants (ie James O Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center).

Todd Friedman met with Nancy Nichols, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway; a written description of the program is required and offering must be a structured educational program; a copy of California Common Core curriculum for Grade 4 is attached.

State Park Report, Todd Friedman

Todd Friedman introduced new park interpreter Allison Barnes.

Allison (aka Aly) will be at Mountain Station on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday; schedule will vary depending on school programs.

Allison majored in geology and has an interest in astronomy. She started career with the National Park Service in 2009 and worked winters in the California State Park system, including Ocotillo Wells and Anza Borrego; time off was spent at Mount San Jacinto.

Allison's direct phone line: 760-325-4970

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Rescues reported include rescues from the Peak, Skyline trail, and snow activity injuries.

Request invoice for Sparkletts water via email to Todd Friedman

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RETAIL: Jim Forneris

Jim was out for several weeks but has placed an order for VC supplies.

Looking for a California State Park multicolored pin.

Looking for 140 Hikes; tried Friends of the Desert Mountains, possibly go directly to Phillip Ferranti, author.

Twenty-four Tram Bouldering books ordered; this will be a new edition. Recommend considering a larger order as these move fast during rock climbing season.

USFS buys maps from MSJNHA. Will contact Francine _____ from Idyllwild to clarify procedure.

Out of black and white topographical maps, a few maps found at the Idyllwild Ranger Station

MOTION: Reorder maps and sell for \$3.00

BY: Kurt Leuschner

SECONDED: Royce Jones

IN FAVOR: All

OPPOSED: None

Storage inventory to Idyllwild: Royce Jones, Joe Migliore, Jim Forneris

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Royce Jones will transport selected inventory from storage to VC and Idyllwild; includes discarding display cases, printer cartridges, paint cans, etc.; Allison Barnes will assist with this. Khaki shirts can be sold to new volunteers.

Duane Bambusch treasurer records are stored at VC storage closet #2. These records will be stored for seven years as required for tax purposes.

RETAIL Cont.:

T-shirts for volunteers: These are sold at the Idyllwild Visitor Center. Two t-shirts have moved slowly. Price reduction requested from \$16.25; it was decided to reduce the cost to \$10.00.

Wildflower brochure was reviewed. Decision made to keep this on the agenda. Allison Barnes will take this on as a possible project utilizing contacts in other parks as inspiration.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Idyllwild Stone Creek Camp Hosts have purchased supplies such as toothpaste, sunscreen, insect repellent and miscellaneous. These supplies are sold to visitors who have forgotten supplies. Discussion about most appropriate process to accomplish this with decision made to have retail order supplies, bill to NHA, and ship to Idyllwild Ranger Station.

MEMBERSHIP: Joe Migliore

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE: Joe Migliore

Nothing to report

EDUCATION: New appointment

Elize Van Zandt, Director of Education, has tendered her resignation from MSJNHA board. Not addressed at this meeting, will move to next months agenda

OLD BUSINESS:

STATUS COMPLETE: Royce Jones Partnership Skill Building Fee \$350 approved

STATUS COMPLETE: Usborn bat book approved for sale at VC; Jim Forneris will order.

STATUS COMPLETE: PEAKS Newsletter tabled.

STATUS COMPLETE: VC: Additional heater, telephone replacement. Thanks Royce for purchase and George for installation. New phone does not have voice mail; consider having voice mail through phone company. This bears further discussion next time. We should have voice mail, with a proper outgoing message. This phone line is available to the public, or should be.

STATUS COMPLETE: TRAFx counter system-update on placement in park
Todd Friedman reports this is installed and operational.

STATUS COMPLETE: Louis L Borick grants, awaiting completion of programs prior to sending a thank you letter. Kurt Leuschner has composed a letter of thanks. Letter will be sent to Steven Borick.

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STATUS COMPLETE: Park Interpreter's office-telephone-postponed until new park interpreter begins position: Todd Friedman states phone will be replaced by State of California

STATUS INCOMPLETE: Router-update on demonstration prior to purchase
Todd Friedman reports meeting has been set up several times and cancelled because of work commitments by person who operates router. Todd will continue to pursue a demonstration before purchase.

OLD BUSINESS Cont.:

STATUS INCOMPLETE: Trail maps-status update from printer: Joe Migliore
Joe Migliore talked with printer who sent a scanned copy of map for Todd Friedman review. Discussion on graphics, this does not represent Mount San Jacinto well. Photo presented to board; this photo was also sent to printer. Photo consists of desert in foreground and Mount San Jacinto in background. Printer will work on changing picture. Quantity for print will be decided at a later date.

STATUS INCOMPLETE: New book requests: Emergency Survival-A Pocket Guide-update
Jim Forneris may have the book and will turn over to Todd Friedman for ranger review.

STATUS INCOMPLETE: Volunteer recognition plaques located in VC-update-per Bill Solylo
volunteer meeting April 23, 10 a.m. Culver Nichols rm. volunteer awards/recognition. Allison Barnes will assist with this. NHA will provide coffee and donuts. State Park Passes are needed for board.

STATUS INCOMPLETE POSTPONED: Planning upcoming activities-postponed to spring.
This will be discussed at next meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Location Joe Migliore's, Date April 11, 2016, Time 5:30pm

REFRESHMENTS: Suzanne Tracy

ADJOURNMENT: Time 7:25pm By Joe Migliore, Motion by Kurt Leuschner, Seconded by Jim Forneris

Transcribed from original notes on Date March 16, 2016

Original notes attached

Suzanne Tracy