

CALL TO ORDER: 1744, by Joe Migliore

QUORUM (5 Board Members): Yes

BOARD MEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT: Joe Migliore President, Kurt Leuschner VP, Royce Jones Treasurer, Phyllis Keys Bookkeeper, Suzanne Tracy Secretary, Jim Forneris Retail, Dennis Schirmer Science, Bob Pellenbarg

MSJ VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Vince Llacer, Carl Maple

CA DPR REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Mark Hudgens Sector Superintendent, Todd Friedman Supervisor, Allison Barnes Park Interpreter

ABSENT: Maureen McCarty

APPROVE MINUTES PRIOR MEETING: April 10, 2017

MOTION: Approve minutes for April 10, 2017

BY: Phyllis Keys, **SECONDED BY:** Jim Forneris, All in Favor and Carried: Yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report, Royce Jones and Phyllis Keys

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets for April 2017: Report attached to minutes.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Compared to prior year: Sales up 29%, Gross Profits up 88.7%, Expenses down 22%, Donations up 26%, Memberships down 46%, Spending interpretative products up 39%.

Tax returns are complete.

Stone Creek Campground: Credit Card Reader

Reader not received at present. Cost is \$60.00 per reader; total for both readers \$120.00 per month plus a percentage of the charges. Working with Heartland on fees and looking for alternative credit card services.

State Park Report, Mark Hudgens Sector Superintendent, Todd Friedman Supervising Ranger

Park Interpreter Report, Allison Barnes

Mark Hudgens and Todd Friedman Report:

Avalanche Training: Nothing to report

Trafx Counters: Two installed at Mt San Jacinto, one installed at Deer Springs.

Trail Reconstruction:

Crew will complete trail to Hidden Lake. Limited number of permits will be issued for Hidden Lake hike with groups led by either a ranger or a volunteer.

Long Valley trails will be reconstructed in a loop and include bridge behind the LVRS.

Discovery trail will be moved and widened.

Fuller Ridge trail work planned for July, 2017.

PCT hiker volume doubled for 2017 when compared to 2016 volume.

Recycle Program: Ca SP Park Aide for maintenance no longer available. NHA will assume responsibility for recycle products. Degradation of recycle bags and final destination of recycle products discussed.

Stone Creek Campground: Open with bathroom facilities redone. Camp hosts start on May 15, 2017, with Park Aides working Fridays and Saturdays. Firewood will be sold.

Weekend rescued hiker plans to make a donation to the NHA.

Allison Barnes Report:

Astronomical telescope received.

Additional Report: Education grant has provided funding for 200 to 210 students and teachers with expectation of another 100 to 120 students and teachers by the end of 2017.

Nature walk training planned for June 10, 2017, for volunteers.

Junior Ranger Day planned for Memorial Day weekend.

Patio Talks planned. Patio umbrella will be purchased.

Allison Barnes Report Cont.:

Christina Miramontes requests \$700.00 funding for transportation and PSAT tickets. PSAT will invoice NHA.

Motion: Approve funding of \$700.00 for school program.

BY: Kurt Leuschner, SECONDED BY: Jim Forneris, All in Favor and Carried: Yes

Five new volunteers processed with five volunteers pending for 2017.

Natural Science, Dennis Schirmer: Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Joe Migliore

MSJ Membership Campaign: Generating new members related to GITWN.

WEBSITE: Joe Migliore: Art Davis revising website to include GITWN programs.

Facebook updates: Royce Jones: Continues to post new items and will include GITWN in posts.

EDUCATION: Allison Barnes, See State Park Interpreter Report

RETAIL: Jim Forneris: Backup inventory is good with exception of backorders. Sales are up. Would like to consider adding California State Park branded supplies for sale; further discussion needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

TABLED: STATUS INCOMPLETE: Review and revise bylaws: Will remove from future agendas.

NHA Program Planning Proposals for 2017 Updates:

Joe Migliore Report: Low response for programs at this time. Planning for fall and winter programs suggested with alternative activities dependent on weather. Working with PSAT for advertisement; very cooperative. Working on a Release of Liability.

Allison Barnes Astronomy: Email Attached (to Secretary's notes).

Kurt Leuschner Birding

Carl Maple and Royce Jones Backcountry Essentials: Email Attached (to Secretary's notes).

Bob Pellenbarg Geology

National Volunteer Appreciation month: Will plan an activity for June.

Volunteers assisting with some duties for NHA web site development: Remains open.

NEW BUSINESS:

Partnership Skill Building: New ideas, remains open.

2016 Cooperating Association Annual Report: Completed and turned over to Mark Hudgens.

Frontier Service Charge, Dennis Schirmer: Researched and many fees are state and federal charges. Compared with personal service and charges are nearly the same. Will continue with same service.

PSAT closure scheduled from September 11, 2017, to September 29, 2017.

Annual Picnic scheduled for September 16, 2017, in Idyllwild with MSJNHA board meeting at 1100 and picnic at 1200.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 12, 2017

REFRESHMENTS: Royce Jones

ADJOURNMENT: 1931