

# Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

February 4, 2014

### Minutes

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

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

State Park Representatives: Paul Reisman, Sector Superintendent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Jan. 7, 2014. MPS MC/EV.

#### I. STANDING REPORTS

##### A. Treasurers Report Duane Bambusch

- a. Consistency is required for reporting our income on the last day of each month. Idyllwild and Long Valley also need to report on the last day of the month.
- b. COGS: Cost of Goods for Sale were high – 65% for the month of December, 2013.
- c. Jan.-Dec. '13 –COGS was 67%. This is too high- Do we find other vendors or do we ask our vendors to lower their prices?
- d. Net income for 2013 was \$29,116.
- e. We need to look at the costs of items before we raise our prices.
- f. A Retail Committee consisting of John Beringer & Jan Welch will address the above issue of pricing.
- g. The cost of NHA insurance - \$882 in 2013 was changed in the new budget to a cost of \$900.
- h. An Interpretive Staff budget is needed from Paul Reisman.
- i. The IRS is refunding our tax preparer for the penalty that was originally paid + interest.
- j. Al Johnson, our new tax preparer, will do our 2013 taxes for \$500.
- k. Interest for our checking account was \$4.79 for December.

#### II. STATE PARK REPORT, Paul Reisman, Sector Superintendent

- A. Paul has a meeting with Rob Parkins, General Manager of PSAT, concerning his issues with the merchandise for sale in the SP Visitors Center.
- B. Paul gave the Board a list of vital equipment needed for Search & Rescue Operations in our SP. The sum of the equipment costs totaled \$7600. After much discussion the **Board APPROVED the request of \$7600. MPS KL/MC.**
- C. Bart's position has been advertised and there were 5 applicants. A decision will be announced soon.
- D. CALPA training announced; Partnership Training in Guerneville, CA, April 22-25. Paul & Iona will attend. Asilomar - Skills Building, April 2-5. Duane and Jan volunteered to attend this workshop in Pacific Grove, CA.

#### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Retail – John Beringer, absent.
  1. Paul demonstrated a rescue knife that could be sold in the SPVC.
  2. Jr. Ranger hats, backpacks, approved and ordered.
- B. Membership – Joe Migliore
  1. Joe asked the Board to approve a new membership application form to address new membership fees of \$20 for student/senior, \$25 – individual, \$35 – family, \$50- supporting, \$200 Lifetime; Various Credit Cards info will be included.
- C. Education - Peter A'Hearn absent.  
New Science Collaboration starting up again soon.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. PEAKS – Joe Migliore

1. PEAKS reports are to be sent to Joe by **March 1** for April issue and **August 1** for September issue.

Peaks Departments would include:

1. Presidents Message - Iona
2. Treasurer Report - Duane
3. Membership & Promotions - Maureen
4. Social Events – Picnic & Holiday Dinner Party - Joe
5. PSAT News - Lena
6. “State Park Beat” – CALPA – News from Sacramento - Paul
7. Idyllwild “The other side of the Mountain” - Ina
8. Report from SP Sector Superintendent Paul Reisman
9. Interpretive Center, i.e. Girl Scouts, Family Days – Paul Reisman
10. Science and Education - Robert
11. Natural History - Elize
12. Retail Report – John & Jan

V. New Business

A. 2014 Calendar set as follows:

1. May 18 - VIP Volunteer Luncheon at SRSJ National Monument - Awards
2. August 23 - NHA Idyllwild Picnic
3. December 9 - NHA Holiday Banquet at Sun City Palm Desert Resort - Ventanna Room

VI **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at Joe’s Home 5:30pm.** Light refreshments **MAUREEN**

VII. Adjournment: 7:50 pm