

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting

June 4, 2013 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Iona Scapple at 6:00 PM. Quorum confirmed.

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

State Park Representatives: Bart Grant, SP Ranger, Diane Santiago, SP Wilderness Ranger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 14, 2013. BP/MM

I. STATE PARK REPORT, Bart Grant

A. The new MJS SP Supervising Ranger is Paul Reisman, hired on June 16, 2013. He was a guest at our last meeting.

- 1) District Supervisor Ron Krueper retires July 31, 2013.
- 2) Jerry Fuetes will retire his annuity position. There will an invitation barbeque in LV for him.
- 3) John Beringer is on leave for June and July. He will return in August.
- 4) Diane Santiago SP Wilderness Ranger will work the VC until John's return.

B. Lake Perris SP & MJS SP will have activities for disadvantaged kids June 21 and the following week –W-Th-F in LV.

C. A group of college kids with Ameri-Corp/CCC will finish their work in Hidden Valley by the end of June. A group from Santa Barbara CCC is presently working on trails to the wilderness campsites in Round Valley.

D. The 50th Anniversary of the PSAT will be held on Sept. 12, 2013. Joe and Kurt will represent the MSJNHA. Tram plans to remodel Valley Station and Entrance. There may be a charge for parking.

E. Mtn. Station-Kurt has more bird specimens for the museum. We need more glass cases. PSAT will display our extra bird mounts around the Mtn. Station until we have more display cases.

- 1) New educational panels about the SP will be installed next week in the museum.
- 2) CVWD wants to install educational panels on back patio to inform public about water sources and sustainability.
- 3) SP & astronomy: Program by Robert Victor, astronomer from MI, planning program about the alignment of the planets.
- 4) New SP brochure with map will be published this summer.
- 5) Diane Santiago, LVRS, will design new Jr. Ranger T-shirts for sale at VC, LVRS, Idyllwild CG and Stone Creek CG.
- 6) Ina Lengyel does campfire and Jr. Ranger programs in Idyllwild.

II. STANDING REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report Phyllis Keys

1) Our net profit for the period of Jan. to April 13, 2013 was \$22,903.10. Our April gross for VC is \$10,047. Our Idyllwild receipts are low due to the winter months. See full financial statements for further details.

2) Bob reports that the auto pay VC phone account has not yet changed from Bank of America to US Bank. Our biggest seller in Idyllwild is fire wood. Fruit wood is supplied from a vendor in N. San Diego Co. No oak wood is sold.

B. Science Collaborator, Dennis Schirmer No Report

III. Committee Reports

A. Retail John Beringer No Report

B. Membership Maureen McCarty

1) Maureen has e-mail addresses for all lifetime members.

2) Maureen states renewal memberships coming in.

C. Education Peter A'Hearn

- 1) California Science Teachers Conference is Oct. 25-27. Tram is on for a field trip for 20 teachers. Subjects will cover birds, geology, trees, engineering of tram operations and more.
- 2) Discussion on finding grant money for school children to ride tram for school science programs.
- 3) Duane & Peter may go to WPA meeting on June 18 to approach board on grant \$\$ for school children.

IV. Old Business

- A. Peaks. Joe looking for a new e-newsletter with scrolling/template capabilities to do Peaks. 'Constant Contacts' can handle Peaks, membership renewals, photo-contest, holiday & event invitations and more for a fee of about \$200 a year. There is no file to download; the program automatically opens in your email.
- B. **Peaks** will be published three times a year (Jan 1, May 1, Oct1). The following features need new articles: 1) President's Notes, **Iona**. 2) Natural History articles, **Rob + others**. 3) State Park Report, **Paul**. 4) Treasury Report, **Bob**. 5) Visitor Center/Retail Report, **John**. 6) Special features, i.e. Photo contest, **Joe**. 7) Calendar of Events: summer Picnic and Holiday Party. 8) Tram News. 9) New category: SP statewide news, **Bart**. Articles are to be submitted to Joe by the 20th of the month prior to publication. Elize will edit items and send them back Joe.
- C. WEBMASTER Maureen McCarty
 - 1) Cost to have a faster response time on our webpage with 'Go-Daddy' is about \$400. Maureen states this will make it much faster to input and update the website. It will also make it speedier for the public to use. Board approved up to \$500 for new web-host. KL/EV

VI. New Business

- A. New business tag "Supporting our State Park since 1979" could be used to make MSJNHA more recognizable. **CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS 150 YEARS 1864-2014**. Board needs to come up with ideas on an event/celebration for this anniversary. These items were tabled until next meeting.
- B. Our annual Picnic and General Meeting will be held August 31, 2013 at Idyllwild CG. Invitations will be sent by email.

VII. **Next meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 5:30pm at Joe's home. Phyllis will provide refreshments.**

VIII. Adjournment: 7:20 pm