

Mt. San Jacinto Natural History Association

Board of Directors Meeting

October 1, 2012 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Iona Scapple at 5:48 PM. Quorum confirmed.

Roll Call: Directors present: Kurt Leuschner, Marsha Hansen, Joe Migliore, Maureen McCarty, Bob Pellenberg, Dennis Schirmer, and Elize Van Zandt.

State Park Representatives: John Beringer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Sept 10, 2012. **MPS MC/JM.**

I. STATE PARK REPORT

No report this month.

II. STANDING REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report Bob Pellenberg

1) New checks in for U.S. Bank. Bank of America account to be closed.

2) Kurt and Bob to transfer \$90,000 to an interest bearing account at U.S. Bank.

3) August's year to date showed a loss of 12457.54, there were a few months of sales received from Idllywild Sales in this month. There was not any huge expenditure for August. September's year to date shows a loss of 6861.03, sales were up in September in comparison to the budget, this was after being closed for a couple of weeks. The Sales and Expenses are much closed to being in line with the budget. Donations are up \$2,375.00 for the year and the reason I see that you are showing a loss is that \$15,000.00 you paid in April to the Mt. San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness. This was paid all at once, instead of spreading it out through the year to compare against the budget. Last year (2011) a total of \$1, 0590.00 were paid out for the MSJ Parks for staffing, this year \$15000.00, 3750.00, 7500.00 and 6840.00 was paid out. This was before I took over the bookkeeping so I am not sure the logistics on these monies. All were paid to MSJ Parks except the \$6840.00 was paid to the California State Parks. I may have these in the wrong account.

Also, a new interest bearing checking account was opened at US Bank. The Interest maximizer and the Endowment account from Bank of America went into this checking. It appears to me that there are no separate accounts set up like before. I don't know if this needs to be done to keep these funds separate from the operating funds. Checks are being written out of that account and deposits of sales into it as well, and the Bank of American account is where the credit card sales are being deposited. That is all I have, if you have any questions, you can email me, I will be at another meeting tonight.

Phyllis Keys, Bookkeeper

B. Science Collaborator, Dennis Schirmer

No report this month.

III. Committee Reports

A. Retail John Beringer

1) Khaki volunteer shirts by Dickey are available for volunteers to purchase for \$16 SS, \$18 LS.

2) Shirt and two SP patches will be paid for if new volunteers join the NHA. MPS MM/JM

3) Idyllwild State Park (SP) will be closed on Tue. Wed. Thur. due to State cut backs for the winter months.

B. Membership Maureen McCarty

Five new members this past month. All are SP volunteers.

C. Webmaster Maureen McCarty & Joe Migliore

1) NHA dues can be paid on website using Pay Pal.

2) Garratt submitted corrected SP information for website.

3) Maureen wants to go "live" with our new website after the board members make comments and suggestions.

4) It was suggested that Board Members choose a topic for website to champion & contribute their time & expertise.

5) Elize chose plants & flowers. Kurt will support birds, & mammals. Rob Howard will advocate reptiles.

6) Kurt will contact local Native American Tribe to contribute to our website.

D. Education Dennis Schirmer No Report

IV. Old Business

A. Speakers for Holiday Dinner: Joe reported potential speaker Graham MacKintosh was not available. He will contact Joe Zarki of JTNP, Greg Hill of the BLM and Eric Scott a Paleontologist to be possible speakers on Dec. 8.

- B. Other speakers mentioned were author of book "Hwy 74" & Chaparral Institute speaker.
- C. Peaks- Deadline for publication is December 1. Regular items to be featured will be 1) Birds by Kurt, 2) Natural History column by Rob Howard, 3) Geology item by Joe Migliore, 4) Climate Change by Bob P. 5) Retail by John. 6) Membership Report by Maureen.
- D. Holiday Dinner - Develop Flyer with speakers name, buffet menu, cost, where to send reservation & money. Kurt will MC our Holiday Party.
- E. Joe will make up black & white brochures for SP mailings. Dennis will take brochures to Idyllwild.
- F. John will ask Rob to bring portable display banner to meeting. Dennis will try to locate banner in Idyllwild.

V. New Business

- A. Election Committee
 - 1) Committee: Maureen, Joe & Kurt will establish a slate of names. Iona Scapple, Marsha Hansen, and Joe Migliore are up for re-election. They will submit a short statement for re-election.
- B. Photo Contest
 - 1) Judges will be Joe, Rob and Tim from the Tram staff.
- C. Park Aide Position – Salary raise
 - 1) MSJ SP petitioned the Board to raise the salary of John Beringer to \$11 ph. Approved. MPS BP/JM
- D. Board Member, Gene Rojek gave his resignation to President Iona Scapple last week.

VI. Next meeting: 5:30pm, Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 at Joe's Home. Bob to provide refreshments.

VII. Adjournment 7:15 pm