

MT. SAN JACINTO NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2012

MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Kurt Leuschner at 5:40 pm. Quorum confirmed.

Roll Call: Directors present: Kurt Leuschner
Joe Miligore
Gene Rojek
Bob Pellenbarg
Elize Van Zandt

Directors not present:
Iona Scapple
Marsha Hansen
Dennis Schimer

State Park Representatives: Bart Grant, Rob Howard, Aleta Walther, John Beringer
Others present: Russ Andersen

I. Election of Corporate Officers.

The following directors have volunteered to serve as officers of the NHA for 2012:

President.....Iona Scapple
Vice President.....Kurt Leuschner
Treasurer.....Bob Pellenbarg

The above were appointed by unanimous acclamation of the board. The secretary position remains open.

II.

III. Motion to reimburse Rob Howard for the following expenditures:

\$135.00 for "Sharing Nature With Children" Workshop
\$264.30 for Rattlesnake Skin & Deer Hide
\$281.35 for a Viper Skull Replica MSP/EV/KL

IV. Motion to revise the amount authorized in January 2011 for bulletin boards from \$1,232 to 1,328. Overage is due to sales tax. MSP/EV/KL

V. Motion to revise the amount authorized in December 2010 for a band saw and a miter saw from \$700 to \$730. Overage is due to sales tax. MSP/EV/KL

VI. Motion to appoint Maureen McCarty to the vacant position on the NHA Board.
MSP/JM/KL

VII. Bart Grant gave the State Park Report: Mt. San Jacinto State Park and NHA are teaming up to participate in a Girl Scout convention, Jan. 13 in Palm Springs. Park staff will man the booth. 3,500 to 5,000 girls and their parents are expected to attend. There will also be about

80 exhibitors. Bart said the event will build awareness about the park. He is also going to encourage the girl scouts to consider the park for community service projects. Our exhibit will offer the girl scouts the opportunity to make poppies using paper plates and pipe cleaners.

Motion to approve \$200.00 to participate in the Girl Scout convention. MSP/KL/JM

State Park's Partnership Training Retreat will be in Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove in March. If any NHA member would like to attend, the NHA will pay the expenses for the seminar and trip.

- VIII. Motion to approve \$6,840 for the Interpretive Aide position in Idyllwild. Amount is included in budget for 2012. MSP/KL/JM
- IX. John Beringer and Rob Howard will be sending or emailing the "Calendar Notes" to volunteers on a monthly basis. Elize Van Zandt has volunteered to edit PEAKS.
- X. The board decided they would continue the annual photo contest in 2012. The contest would be essentially the same as the prior years.
- XI. It was proposed the NHA Board have a retreat/braining storming session on February 5th at Coco's in Palm Springs. In addition, a regular board meeting would be held prior to the session. Joe Migliore will make the arrangements.

Kurt Leuschner left the meeting at this point, so there was no longer a quorum. The meeting continued with reports. No further board action was taken.

- XII. John Beringer gave the Retail Report: He is:
 - a. Building inventory and restocking the gift shop. The shop inventory is back to where it should be. He will monitor inventory so that the shop does not run low on stock.
 - b. Adding PLU labels on all retail items and reorganizing the PLU Price List to make it easier for the volunteers to use.
 - c. Updating the Volunteer Handbook.
 - d. Currently training two new volunteers.
 - e. Going to put back up in the gift shop the volunteer "honors" plaque that recognizes volunteers who work beyond the required hours.
 - f. John and Rob are developing a slide program for volunteer recruitment events.
- XIII. Aleta Walther presented her rewrite of the NHA brochure for board consideration. Board Members to review brochure and provide feedback to Aleta to make revisions, or designate someone to make the revision to the Publisher file. Aleta also presented an idea of a road show to showcase the NHA photo contest winners. She will provide an outline of the road show before the February meeting.
- XIV. In accordance with a motion passed at the November 2011 NHA Board meeting, newly elected/appointed board members drew lots to determine whether they would serve a 2 or 3 year term. The following was the outcome:
 - 2 Year Term: Elize Van Zandt, Maureen McCarty, Kurt Leuschner
 - 3 Year Term: Dennis Schirmer Bob Pellenbarg, Gene Rojek
- XV. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.