

Las Posadas Five County Board
December 11, 2023
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Matt Torrance at 7:09 PM

David Putnam asked Matt to record the meeting.

Secretary's Report

David moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Bennett reported a balance of \$56,550.33 in the checking account, and a balance of \$85,565.62 in the money market account.

Michelle Machado moved to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business.

Insurance

Dion Hock cancelled our liability insurance after a majority of board members voted to cancel it in an email vote.

Matt brought up discussion regarding our currently lapsed Officers and Directors insurance.

Dion said the broker he works with feels that we don't need the expense at this time because we are not exposed to any liability since we are not physically maintaining the camp. Others felt we should reinstate the insurance to protect the money we have in the bank.

Following discussion, Dion agreed to talk to the broker and get a quote. He suggested board members check with other insurers and get quotes. The decision of whether we will reinstate the insurance was tabled until the January meeting.

We discussed board member terms as defined in our by-laws, and whether they should be extended. Michelle suggested we review the bylaws in terms of our goals at the January meeting.

Matt reported that he has submitted the required forms to UC but he is still concerned about our 4-H Support Group status. Lisa Westin volunteered to make sure we are a recognized support group.

New Business

Las Posadas 4-H Camp Website.

David asked that missing minutes and a current list of board members be added to the website. Matt will put Dion and William Wagner in touch to discuss the website.

We discussed the possible need to remove '4-H' from the name of the board if we move ahead with the campaign to save Las Posadas.

Jim Bennet asked about the \$50,000 donated by the Alameda County supervisors for kitchen repairs. He said that if it is not going to be used for that purpose, the supervisors would like to have it returned.

Lisa Westin suggested we may need to form a separate 501C-4 group for lobbying purposes. She will also check to see how the money can be returned to the supervisors.

Elections

David announced the nominations for executive board:

President – Michelle Machado

Vice-President – Tom Baldocchi

Secretary – David Putnam

Treasurer – Lisa Westin

Matt asked for nominations from the floor. After none were made, Tom moved to close the nominations. Jim Richards seconded the motion and it was passed.

Matt shared an on-line ballot and all nominees were elected.

David suggested that the board schedule a face-to-face meeting soon, as well as a tour of the camp facility.

David moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09. The motion was seconded and passed.

Submitted by

Margaret Close

Attendance

Alameda – Jim Bennett, Jim Richards, Dion Hock

Contra Costa – Kerry Dolphin, Tom Baldocchi, Devon Baldocchi

Marin – Glenn Parks, Duncan McAndrews, Matt Torrance, Denise Parks Lisa Westin Allison

Brandenburg

Napa – David Putnam

Sonoma – Lisa Bianchi, Michelle Machado, Margaret Close