

Las Posadas Camp Board

May 16, 2022

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by David Firestone at 7:00.

Tara Camgros moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as emailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Bennett reported a balance of \$85,259.29 in the money market account and \$ 57,027.58 in the checking account.

CEQA

David, Matt, and Steven Worker met with Napa County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht last week. He will do what he can to get Kevin Conway or Peter Leuzinger to respond to messages from the board regarding the walk through at camp. Brad has already had informal discussions with Cal Fire. He said he could also reach out to State Senator Dodd for additional support.

Jim Richards reminded Matt to keep track of all phone and email conversations between the board and Cal Fire so Brad and other supporters can cite the history of our interactions.

David said Peter has recently started to contact him by phone, but David has recapped those conversations by email to maintain a record.

David has shared our nature study report with Brad.

Supply Collection

Counties need to let Matt and David know the dates they would like to go to camp. One- or two-weeks' notice is needed.

Elections

The following board members ran for office:

President	Matt Torrance
Vice-President	David Firestone
Treasurer	Jim Bennett
Secretary	Margaret Close

Jim Bennet moved that we accept all candidates. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Insurance

Matt reported that UC has referred us to an insurance carrier to cover the sexual harassment rider required by Peter.

Jim said we are currently paying between \$6,000 and \$8,000 per year for insurance. He has not gotten a quote for the additional cost for this rider. He is checking with others to see what insurance is being required for 4-H run facilities.

Matt asked Jim to let Peter know that all adults at camp are fingerprinted and required to take sexual harassment training.

Other Business

Matt asked who installed the bridge on the road. Jim Bennett said it had to be replaced by Cal Fire after it was damaged during one of their training exercises.

In answer to another question from Matt, Jim said that Cal Fire does sometimes burn the grass on the ballfield. Peter has said he has successfully completed his program of clearing and burning the forest for fire protection.

Matt asked whether counties have asked Cal Fire to provide education sessions at camp and several have. He reminded us that we need to work on rebuilding a positive relationship with Cal Fire.

Matt would like to schedule a board meeting for June.

Jim Bennett acknowledged David Firestone for his work as president. Board members joined in to thank David for his hard work and leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by

Margaret Close

Attendance:

Alameda – David Firestone, Jim Richards, Jim Bennett.

Contra Costa –

Marin – Denise Parks, Glenn Parks, Matt Torrance

Napa

Sonoma – Tara Camgros, Dan Lavell, Margaret Close