

Las Posadas Camp Board

October 19, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September meeting were emailed but not received by all members. Margaret will resend.

Treasure's Report: Jim Bennett reported a balance of \$80,950.86 in the checking account and 85,078.87 in the money market account. There have been a few automated withdrawals for routine expenses like PG&E.

Dion Hock is working with Weldon Financial Consultants on current taxes and regaining 501 status. He will contact Gullickson, the previous accountant, to see if our 2019 taxes are complete. If they are not, Weldon will do them. Dion will add Weldon to our website to facilitate contact with the IRS and other agencies.

Vice President's Report – Kerry Dolphin had nothing to report.

Glen Parks is still the contact person for PG&E. He asked if we wanted to update contacts with them. He will remain the contact at this time.

Unfinished

David will finish the nature education report packet and forward to us for review and feed back before sending it to Cal Fire. When he has sent the packet, he will talk to Cal Fire about less restricted board access to camp and camp dates.

Jim will email Peter Leuzinger to get David Vane in to collect the water sample for testing.

Camp Dates:

After discussion, Dion Hock moved that we accept the agreed upon camp dates. The motion was seconded and passed.

Contra Costa: June 19 – June 26

Sonoma 1: June 26 -July 3

Marin: July 3 – July 10

Napa 1: July 10 – July 17

Sonoma 2: July 17 – July 24

Napa 2: July 24 – July 31

Alameda: July 31- August 7

We discussed the extended school year and the need for some counties to make concessions on their preferences to accommodate the group. We should take this into consideration next year when choosing camp dates.

David asked Marin to let him know if they decide to take the August 7 to 14 dates to add a second session.

New Business:

We discussed scheduling a November camp walk through. David will ask for permission to visit on November 15. This does not give Peter 30 days-notice as he has required, but higher-ups have indicated that those restrictions could be eased.

Nominations:

Kerry Dolphin asked if David is willing to continue as president and he agreed. Nominations are open for vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

We will not have a Christmas dinner meeting this year. Margaret reminded counties that Sonoma has not received payment of \$25 per person from counties for the dinner last year. Contra Costa has paid. She will send reminders and an address for payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by

Margaret Close.

Attendance

Alameda: David Firestone, Jim Bennett, Jim Richards, Dion Hock (guest)

Contra Costa: Devon Baldocchi, Kerry Dolphin

Marin: Denise Meyers, Glenn Parks

Napa: Sarah Macy, Chris Tinley

Sonoma: Brian Seekins, Dan Lavell, Margaret Close, Heidi Lavell (guest)

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September 14, 2020

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

There was no secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bennett reported a checking account balance of \$82,950.88, and a money market account balance of \$85,278.17.

There was no Vice-President's report.

Old Business

David has met a few times with Cal Fire. Tobias Halvarson, Deputy Director of Legislation and Assemblyman Jim Fraser have also attended. Cal Fire continues to be concerned about the nature study requirements in the deed. Our board has asked why this concern is resurfacing now.

We will submit a packet to Cal Fire outlining what counties are doing for nature study during their camp sessions. Steven Worker suggests we submit one document compiling all county efforts, rather than 5 separate reports.

The board asked about our ongoing need for access to camp for maintenance without having to have a signed use agreement each time. We do not have any use agreement

in place. Cal Fire said they are working on getting us interim access. The board reps were told that we can anticipate having easier access soon.

New Business

Jim Richards reported that a group of adults and kids walked and updated the camp maintenance list. Fire hoses need to be covered or put away soon. Fire extinguishers are in the kitchen but should be locked up. We will receive copies of the complete list to discuss in October.

Jim Bennett will ask David Vane to go to camp after 10/1 to collect a water sample. He is familiar with the winterizing routine and can make sure other jobs are done.

Dion suggested emailing Peter Leuzinger and cc Toby asking for easier access to camp to do needed maintenance and repairs.

Jim Bennett will ask for permission for the board to have a low-profile meeting at camp in October for a maintenance walk through. We agreed to invite Peter to the meeting.

After discussion of applicable covid meeting restrictions (4-H, State, Napa County, we agreed to schedule the meeting. We will cancel if needed.

Jim Bennett collected the water sample in August. He turned in the application for a new certificate. He will make sure the next sample is collected within a few days of the start of the next quarter.

Safety and Health

David asked each county to make sure county guidebooks are up to date. They must include new regulations: A ratio of one adult certified in CPR and First Aid to ten youth must be maintained.

We discussed camp dates. The school year will end late this year in some counties. Napa will not be able to use the first week. Marin may consider adding a second week. David asked all counties to send their top three choices to him. He will try to make a draft schedule to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Margaret Close

Attendance:

Alameda: Jim Richardson, Jim Bennett, David Firestone, Dion Hock, guest

Contra Costa: Devon Baldocchi, Kerry Dolphin,

Marin: Glenn Parks, Denise Myers

Napa: Tammy Hill, Sarah Macy

Sonoma: Dan Lavell, Margaret Close, Heidi Lavell, guest

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