

Association of National Park Rangers Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

September 28, 2021

Time of BOD Meeting – 530pm PT, 630pm MT, 730pm CT, 830pm ET

ZOOM link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97720779489?pwd=TFY5ZU9VWnBMR3JGbjFLOHA5eDRQUT09>

Attendance (Secretary)

- Members Present: Lauren K., Rebecca, Bill, Tim, Jeanette, Reghan, Jonathan, Tom, Elsa, Lauren D.
- Members Absent: Paul, Jan
- Others: Melissa

Approval of Minutes from the previous BoD meeting(s) (President):

- [Aug 24 Minutes](#)
 - Tim Motion to Approve, Reghan Seconds - passes unanimously
- [Amending Vote Sept. 5 Minutes](#)
 - Bill Motion to Approve, Rebecca Seconds - passes unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

- Financials were distributed. An updated budget was also distributed (no questions or reactions).
- Investment Account: The new account has been established with Fidelity Investments, but as of this morning the transfer of funds from Vanguard has not been completed.
- The Harry Yount award fund has raised just under \$20,000 in donations to date. Thanks primarily to Dick and Mary Martin and Dennis Burnett for their efforts.
- Account balances as of September 28:
 - Vanguard: \$198,855.03
 - First Internet Bank (Savings): 37,708.86
 - Wells Fargo (Checking): \$27,088.63

Old Business (President):

- (Jonathan) Alternative RR gatherings
 - 5 scheduled "Regional Rendezvous" at Asheville, Moab, D.C., Minneapolis, Tucson
 - Proposed \$150 budget per site to cover some hosting costs
 - Email Bill receipts for reimbursement
 - QR code available for attendees to link to ANPR Join/Donate page
 - Extra ANPR Newsletter going out including all Regional event info

- (Jeanette) Dr. Will Moreto's research team at UCF is still looking for people to interview for their study of rangers and ranger associations. If you all want to participate or help spread the word, I think they'd appreciate it.
 - Can include contact/link in newsletter again

New Business (President):

- None

Reports:

- President:
 - Nothing reported.
- Secretary:
 - Nothing additional to report.
- Treasurer:
 - Relative to the super raffle: as of this morning, 2200 tickets have been obtained by 65 people for total revenue of \$5530.00
- Past President:
 - Nothing reported.
- Business Manager:
 - Wells Fargo accounts getting worked out.
 - Looking for climate-related articles for the next Ranger.
 - Will be at Tucson Regional Rendezvous.
- RR45 Manager:
 - No new report.
- Education and Training:
 - Continuing mentorship program work. Always looking for mentors or those that can answer questions about early career.
- Fundraising:
 - Provided an interview to Dr. Will Moreto from UCF and his two research assistants on my experience with ANPR and being a park ranger.
 - Scouted several breweries in Asheville to find a spot for the Oct. 16 mini Rendezvous. Contacted some by email and some in person; decided on Forestry Camp (an old CCC camp used during construction of Blue Ridge Parkway, now owned by Burial Brewing Co.).
 - Sent thank you letters signed by Paul to donors who contributed over \$250 to the Harry Yount Fund.
 - Did not have a fundraising committee call in September.

- Reached out to a few people to ask if they'd be interested in running for fundraising position.
- Internal Communications:
 - Photo Contest: 11 participants so far. A good variety of photos.
 - Regional Rendezvous: Created social media posts, mailed out stickers to hosts.
- Membership Services:
 - Sent out annual member renewal emails
 - Assisted Jeanette in Asheville mini Rendezvous site selection; planning ongoing
 - Connected three members to prodeals
 - Updated annual member spreadsheet when renewals came in
- Professional Issues:
 - Met with Election Committee multiple times to identify candidates
 - Responded to questions from a prospective employee
- Seasonal Perspectives:
 - Invited people to the MN mini Rendezvous; planning to follow up and send an email to members in the area.
- Government Affairs:
 - Represented ANPR on a Zoom call with former House Representatives Dennis Ross (FL) and Donna Edwards (MD); both enthusiastic supporters of our national parks. They are reaching out to a variety of national park support organizations trying to encourage more private investments into our national parks to decrease the infrastructure backlog. Having worked in Congress, both know that federal funding will never be enough to overcome this huge backlog even with the GAOA. They feel the NPS is missing an opportunity by not encouraging these private investments. While this is outside of our normal ANPR mission, I encouraged them to contact the new incoming Director whenever he is confirmed and also NPCA. I also passed on this information to some of my contacts in the Service for follow-up if they chose.
- Strategic Planning:
 - Sending prompt email to BOD for Work Plan/State of ANPR presentation.
- IRF Liaison:
 - Nothing reported.

Adjourn: 7:30PM

Next meeting: RR Business Meeting Oct. 16, 2021 1pm ET
 ZOOM Link in ANPR Newsletter