

Association of National Park Rangers Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

June 28, 2022

Time of BOD Meeting – 4:30pm AKT, 5:30pm PT, 6:30pm MT, 7:30pm CT, 8:30pm ET

ZOOM link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97720779489?pwd=TFY5ZU9VWnBMR3JGbjFLOHA5eDRQUT09>

Attendance (Secretary)

- Members Present: Bill, Lauren K., Lauren D., Tim, Rebecca, Elsa, Jeanette, Jonathan
- Members Absent: Paul/Tom/Rick/Shannon (excused)
- Others: Melissa and Meg

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

- Rebecca and Tim second- motion passes unanimously to approve previous minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial reports for May distributed to the BOD.
- Completed and submitted the FY2022 IRS 990 forms. Copies are in the FY22 Tax Documents folder on Google Drive.
- On June 7, a check was received for \$10,000.00 as an unrestricted donation to ANPR with the stipulation that the donor remain anonymous. The donor stated, "I make this gift without any strings. Use it as you may to better the organization any way you want."
 - Suggestion to comp their Rendezvous if they register as thank you
 - Overall good shape for donations, including unrestricted/international fund

Old Business (President):

- Discussion from Previous Meeting: (1) Offering digital memberships to new employees; (2) providing quarterly webinars/training sessions, previous presentations (?) on website as part of member only portal
 - (1) Discussion: good idea vs seasonal info overload so maybe better for new permanent employees for better retention; need involvement of some NPS management level to get the word out, help provide directory versus advertising and making it available instead of tracking new employees down; more discussion and proposal among a committee under Membership services
 - Table until Membership Services can chair/delegate initiative discussion and bring proposal back to BOD (Jonathan cc'ing Jeanette and Prof. Services)
 - (2) Discussion: [Tom's email input]I'd prefer to see anyone advertise these on their own, via our occasional e-news. Any who want to put these on would provide the Zoom link in

the newsletter, and then members would be able to join in. I think that any Board member could "vet" these presentation ideas before they're listed in the newsletter: it's a member service. The topics could be wide-ranging.

- Member portal will be built into website but further webinar content Tabled for Training committee to oversee/propose to BOD
- Status of Lost, But Found project and next steps.
 - Life-saving material. Bill will revise the downloadable documents that go along with the video, but the next step is to advertise and get it out to members and the general public.
 - Suggest sending release to education program managers and to the public directly like summer camps - any organization that deals with school age children could benefit.
 - Financial benefit only available if you put information to donate on the website and possibly in any release documentation sent.
 - Jonathan will draft a press release that can be used/ submitted for approval by BOD. Bill/Tom will ensure website updated.
- Status of Harry Yount Lifetime Achievement Award Committee

New Business (President):

- (Wade/DeVaughn) Include "classifieds" (for a fee) in ANPR Newsletters?
 - Idea to generate revenue, but also a member benefit to be able to post for moving/selling, etc.
 - Would need to advertise the new option - in Ranger and in newsletters
 - Discussion: good idea, better for newsletter rather than Ranger due to the transient nature of the ads not staying up to date in print
 - Rebecca motions for Bill and Melissa to implement and report back, Jeanette seconds motion
 - Motion passes unanimously to begin classifieds in Newsletters
- (Jeanette) Do we want to send a card or gift to Reghan Tank Hendrick, due to have her first baby next month?
 - Bill motions to purchase card and reasonably priced gift bought by Jeanette, Rebecca seconds motion
 - Discussion: ANPR funds used should be on behalf of ANPR, not just BOD - which agreed is appropriate for Reghan's helpful service both while on board and off with fundraising
 - Motion passes unanimously

Reports:

- President:
 - On the road in Alaska. Visited Denali, Wrangell, and Keanu Fjords NP's.
- President Elect:
 - Nothing reported.
- Secretary:

- Nothing additional to minutes.
- Treasurer:
 - See above.
- Business Manager:
 - Website work - let Melissa know if any website bugs need fixing.
- RR44 Manager:
 - Ranger Rendezvous registrations opened on the website on June 1.
 - We now have two paid “exhibitors - booths” (NPS uniform supplier and Western National Parks Association) and several paid tables for the “exhibition.”
 - Super raffle opened May 28. Many great prizes already and more can be added at any time. JUST ASK!!
- Education and Training:
 - “Lost But Found, Safe and Sound” video has been updated. I’ve asked for two copies of the revised DVD for our records. We’ll need to make payment for \$670 for the project.
 - Training registration page for RR45 has been updated by Melissa.
- Fundraising:
 - Wrapped up the spring 2022 fundraising drive; mailed REI gift card to member/donor Nancy Ward who won the drawing for donating during the final push
 - sent thank you letter to Frank Dean/Yosemite Conservancy for \$5,000 donation
 - reached out to and send reminders to people about possible super raffle prizes
 - Corresponded with Asheville REI and Butch Farabee about swag to donate to RR in Tucson - might get some ball caps from REI. Got a contact for an REI national person if ANPR wants to put an item with their logo on it for REI to sell. Sent an initial email.
- Internal Communications:
 - Working on communications plan for Ranger Rendezvous for social media posts. Taking info from monthly newsletters. First post starts June 28. Let me know if you have items I may not be aware of to be shared.
 - Making a NPS uniform rug for RR auction
- Membership Services:
 - Nothing reported.
- Professional Issues:
 - Nothing additional.
- Seasonal Perspectives:
 - Distributing the Supernaugh Scholarship application
 - One applicant so far, but they have until August 1st to apply

- link to apply: <https://forms.gle/KHiD2MQLRbyh9DvD7>
- Government Affairs:
 - Continue to work on getting a Night Sky speaker for RR; have several leads.
 - Nothing new to report on pending legislation, but additional co-sponsors have signed on to several bills we are following. (I'm traveling so don't have specifics.)
- Strategic Planning:
 - Nothing to report.
- IRF Liaison:
 - Any park with plans for celebrating World Ranger Day on July 31 is encouraged to contact us, so we can track and publicize activities. There will be a limited attendance celebration at Balboa Park in San Diego. This is sponsored by PRAC (Park Rangers Association of California), a member association of IRF. Balboa Park restricts any public events during summer, so no more 49 people can attend, but they wanted to have the celebration in the international cottages at Balboa Park.
 - I participated in the semi-annual North American IRF Forum on June 14. There were 9 participants, representing several of the NAmerican ranger associations. Jeff Ohlfs and others are working on the annual Role of Honour, in preparation for WRD. Several associations will be hosting conferences over the winter slow season, and I invited all to attend our Ranger Rendezvous in Tucson in October.
 - I attended part of the online seminar on the IRF's new Code of Conduct document on the morning of June 28. This was one of several sessions that will be held for rangers around the world to bring attention to the new Code of Conduct. It can be viewed on the IRF website, internationalrangers.org. There are 10 sections, including professionalism, integrity and transparency, human rights and dignity, legality, safety, confidentiality, response to violations of the code of conduct, use of force, protection of persons, and firearms. It is intended to be a fluid document with modifications for specific countries and localities and changes over time.
 - I finally got details about paying \$200 IRF annual dues using PayPal. I will communicate with Bill.

Adjourn: 7:40 pm MT

Next meeting: July 26, 2022