

Association of National Park Rangers Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES

Nov. 22, 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/83537927586>

Attendance (Secretary)

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

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

- [Oct 26 2022 Minutes \(RR 45\)](#)
- [RR 45 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)
- Shannon motion to approve, Rebecca seconds - motion passes for both minutes unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

- October financial reports distributed. Budget vs. Actual report will be provided for December BOD meeting after all RR revenues and expenses are reconciled
 - Balance Sheet - \$5000 from NPCA, description misleading

Old Business (President):

- [Decision: Paul] Should ANPR establish a Natural Resources Disaster Assistance Account for our members, as NPS employees apparently cannot accept assistance from the Ranger Foundation. Need members for a small working group to explore and propose a process for this benefit.
 - Suggested Members- Jamie Richards, Rebecca Harriet (tentative chair), Fundraising Member, Professional Issues Member, Dawn (NCR)
 - Need to work with Ranger Foundation, how to channel funds through ANPR
 - Possible first meeting after New Year
- [Decision: Paul] Need members for a small working group to explore feasibility of fundraising to support Rehabilitation of the Museum of the National Park Ranger in YELL.
 - NPS Maintenance - most work on exterior structure?, Cam Sholly suggested containing Asst. Supt. Mike at YELL and head of Yellowstone Forever; Priority - need NPS cost estimate/project proposal

- Suggested Members - Fundraising Member, Shannon Wilson (tentative chair), Jeanette, Paul, Dick Martin?, Nancy Ward?

New Business (President):

- No New Business

Reports:

- President:
 - Attended RR 45 in Tucson. It was excellent! Presented a number of awards to ANPR Members, to the Yosemite Conservancy, and two Harry Yount Lifetime Achievement Awards. The Yount award winners were William Yazzie, and Thelma Schrank.
 - [Decision]: Corresponded with John Garder, NPCA, and Mike Murray, CPANP, to establish a working group on Housing Issues. Still need to identify the Board Member to sit on this group.
 - Demmy Vigil also volunteered. Rebecca can make some initial contact then hand over to new Gov Affairs member.
- President Elect:
 - JT Townsend will work on Harry Yount criteria
- Secretary:
 - Nothing additional to minutes.
- Treasurer:
 - No additional report.
- Business Manager:
 - The website opened just in time to list our board member candidates. I sent out instructions for logging on to the member/board sites. Elections are open through Dec. 9.
 - I still need updated bios and photos for those board members who have not already responded.
- RR44 Manager:
 - Still reconciling expenses and revenues to get final results of RR. All indications are that it was a success. We had 140 registrations, a full program, two well-attended field trips and a well-attended training program.
 - Work will start in December to locate a venue for RR46 in 2024.
- Education and Training:
 - Assembling trainers for RR46
 - Evaluating way forward with Bill Pierce, etc., for quarterly training seminars via Zoom
 - In conversation with Returned Peace Corps Volunteer reps re: legislation renewal, benefits for federal employment

- Fundraising:
 - Attended Rendezvous, and took the pre-conference NAI Certified Interpretive Guide course
 - Wrote a few thank you letters after Rendezvous - if members solicited items from RR it would be great if they could send a thank you note
- Internal Communications:
 - Nothing additional to report.
- Membership Services:
 - Nothing additional to report.
- Professional Issues:
 - Attended RR 45 including informal coaching of younger members
 - Provided insight to the candidates for my position
- Seasonal Perspectives:
 - Nothing additional to report.
- Government Affairs:
 - Attended RR 45 in Tucson participating in BOD & membership meetings. Helped with the Dark Sky programs. Thanks to Bill, Jamie, Shannon and all the others on the planning committee for coordinating such a fantastic program/event. So wonderful to see everyone in person again!
 - Sent thank you notes to people/organizations that I contacted that contributed items to the Super Raffle and Silent Auction.
 - Responded to an e:mail from Jon Muchin, GAO who is conducting a study of veterans who work with the NPS.
 - Drafted an article for RANGER on the status of pending legislation that ANPR is tracking and supports.
- Strategic Planning:
 - Will be in touch with Rick for Work Planning.
- IRF Liaison:
 - Nothing additional to report.

Adjourn: 7:45pm MT

Next meeting: moved to Dec. 20, 2022 (usual time and Zoom)