

ANPR Business Meeting
Monday, April 29, 2013

Starts at: 8:30 pm Eastern / 7:30 pm Central / 6:30 pm Mountain / 5:30 pm Pacific

Board Members Attending: Stacy Allen, Alison Steiner, Paula Alexander, Jamie Bertram, Jeremy Kaufman, Erika Jostad, Gannon Frain, Seth Tinkham

Board Members Not Attending: Jason Allen, Jessica Korhut, Amy Gilbert,

Other Attendees: Teresa Ford, Tim Pagano, Mark Christiano, Roberta D'Amico, Ken Bigley

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 Central Time

Approval of previous meeting minutes; motion passed

Old Business

Rendezvous XXVI 2013 program/agenda planning, needs, with program coordinators Mark Christiano and Tim Pagano (~10+ minutes)

Mark Christiano:

- What is in the works and where to go over the next few months
- Getting a team together. Having a meeting on Google Hangout every Tuesday. Attendees so far: Colleen, Seth, Jamie, and Wendy.
- Vendors and special events: Targeting VF Imagewear – they cover \$5000 in food and drink. Other ideas are Eastern National and National Park Conservation Association and Google. May get Google to sponsor the conference, provide keynote speaker and cover internet access as well as a vendor table.
- Logo: still in draft form. Working with Allison Barnes and bouncing around rough sketches. Concept is to bring natural, cultural and historical objectives together in one graphic. Ideas for graphics: Arch, Louis and Clark, Mississippi River and Dred Scott.
- Getting out letters to Director, Regional Director and Superintendent at the Arch. Wendy sent heads up email to Regional Director and Superintendent at the Arch earlier this week.
- Kickstarter: Kickstarter is a platform for launching projects and is a reputable way of raising money. Looking into this fundraiser as a way to help rangers do their jobs and come to St. Louis for Ranger Rendezvous.
- 5-6 rangers from East and Central Africa are planning on attending Ranger Rendezvous and having a panel discussion.
- Next up: Focus will be on presentations and field trips.

- Teresa: Deadline for *Ranger* magazine is April 30th. Need to assign identity for this Ranger Rendezvous. Need a logo and identity. Get article and logo to Teresa no later than May 10th.

ANPR Mentoring Program Update (~5-7 minutes) Roberta D'Amico
Mentoring Program: Roberta and Ken Bigley

See attached

ANPR Membership Drive (~5-7 minutes) Gannon Frain, et. al.
 Membership Drive (now until June 30) – Gannon

Working on a strategy for the membership drive and making sure information is up to date. Will be focusing on calling previous members from now until the next meeting. Since many don't go to Ranger Rendezvous Gannon has been talking with Alison, Erika and Seth about the possibility of organizing regional gatherings. Working on setting a location first and then go from there.

- National Capitol Region
- Central California and West Coast
- Arizona and Utah – mid August.

Plan on using YouTube to generate interest in ANPR. Gannon needs technical assistance. Will be getting with Tim Moore and others who have expressed interest.

Teresa: As of April 1, 14 new members
 8 additional new members since April 14. Three people have one new member credited to them.

Erika: Contacted several non-renewals and asked them why they did not renew. Many had joined for the health insurance but have since sought insurance elsewhere. There seems to be a misunderstanding about benefits. Ours is a limited benefits health care program and is meant to be a transition bridge especially for seasonal employees.

Teresa: Total membership: 56 new members, 403 annual members and 484 life members – total of 943 members. Some new members are permanents.

Business Update (RANGER – future issue themes & current and upcoming needs and issues; treasury matters) (~10 minutes) Jamie, Teresa, et. al.

Ranger deadline is tomorrow. This issue is about water issues in national parks. Kendall Thompson has done a great job. For the next Ranger we would like the theme to be *Public Harvest*, i.e. heritage farming, concession, food on the fireline, civil war, first thanksgiving meal from Jamestown, green waste, Michelle Obama's garden. Will try to

get an interview with the White House chef. Seth expressed interest in helping. He works at the President's Park at the White House.

Additional business (~7-10 minutes)

Alison Steiner – Oral History

Two interviews have been transcribed. An excerpt of the J.D. Swed interview will be in the Summer 2013 issue of Ranger.

The Hastings transcription is done. It is split into three parts.

Alison is currently working on crafting together a viable time frame for submittal of total hours of work. Trying to stretch the payments out. Although there is an existing fund (the Rick Gale Memorial Fund) to support this effort, the coffers will diminish rapidly – need a campaign for future support of this program. We need to start a fund drive right now as we deplete the fund. Plan on including a short blurb in Ranger magazine and also post on our ANPR website and on our Facebook page. Moving forward with the Spring fund drive.

New Business

1. Planning for 2016 World Ranger Congress
 - George Wright Society - contracting their conferencing services for the World Ranger Congress. GWS will need to make a formal bid for the cost. (future board issue)
 - On-line registration.
 - Crafting letter to those who want to be a part of the organizing committee.
 - Establishing open conference call in June. Will discuss this business relationship/partnership with GWS.
 - Need assistance with registration and standalone websites geared to accommodate information, outreach and registration.
 - Link international agenda item into Ranger Rendezvous in St. Louis. Ranger contingent from Africa planned to coincide with our Ranger Rendezvous - will bring attention to our international program and commitment to the World Ranger Congress in 2016.
2. Possible dates for next BOD meeting: June 17-21 and August 19-23
3. Board Position for Education and Training is still vacant. Contact Stacy with possible interested candidates. Demy Vigil has expressed interest in serving as an advisor to anyone who holds that position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 Central Time.