



California State Park Rangers Association

Draft Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 23, 2019, Conference Call

I. Call to Order

President Lynch called the Board Meeting Conference Call to order at 6:02 pm. Secretary Price conducted a roll call. Present: President Mike Lynch, Vice President Ann Meneguzzi, Treasurer Tom Bernardo, Secretary Jeff Price, and Directors Miles Standish, Kim Preston, Neill Fogarty, and Joanne Kerbavaz. Absent: Directors Frank Padilla, Jr. and Steve Ptomey. A quorum was established.

Non-board members present for part of the meeting: *Wave* Editor Brian Cahill and Honorary California State Park Ranger Committee Chairman Carl Chavez.

II. September 27, 2018, Minutes

Suggestion that the September 27, 2018, Minutes be amended as follows: Amend action item V (A)(b) *New Business*, to read, "Tom made a motion that three Ranger Foundation donors of \$1,000 or more, Rodi Lee, Kathleen Franklin and Miles Standish, be approved as CSPRA Benefactor members." Motion by Standish, seconded by Bernardo, *That the September 27, 2018, Minutes regarding the specified names shown in the approval motion be so amended.* **Motion passed.**

Motion by Standish, seconded by Bernardo, *That the Minutes of the September 27, 2018, Board Meeting in Lee Vining be approved as amended.* **Motion passed.**

III. Reports of Officers, Committees and Staff

A. Officers

1. President

a. Committee Reappointments. President Lynch stated he wanted to reappoint all current committee chairs to continue for 2019. Motion Kerbavaz, seconded by Preston, *That the President's committee reappointment recommendations be accepted.* **Motion passed.**

b. Committee Vacancy Appointment. President Lynch said he wanted to appoint a Board member soon to fill Ben Fenkell's vacancy as a committee chair.

c. Parks California Involvement. President Lynch asked for comments regarding this new group established to implement the department's Transformation recommendations. The Board was generally unfamiliar with this new group. Lynch said he would seek more information for future discussion on the group's formation, purpose, goals, and CSPRA's potential involvement.

d. President Lynch commended member Jeff Price for his efforts in coordinating the 2018 "Woolsey" and "Camp" Fire Relief efforts for 37 identified state park employee and retiree victims by GrayBears, CSPRA, and developing the donations process to Ranger Foundation with help from Tom Bernardo to receive \$23,715 from 93 donors, as well as synchronizing that relief effort with state park field level officials, donors and affected families. He also noted that a Page 1 article by Price and Bernardo summarizing the activity is in the first quarter 2019 *CSPRA Wave* Newsletter.

2. Vice-President. No report.

3. Treasurer. Bernardo gave a financial status summary. The budget is on track.

4. Secretary. Has several items to report on Agenda. No written report.

5. Past President. No report.
- B. Executive Committee. No meetings last quarter.
- C. Director Vacancy Appointment

Price reported he had a firm commitment to serve if appointed from member Sandy von Herrmann to fill the unexpired term of deceased member Ben Fenkell.

Motion Kerbavaz, seconded by Price, *That member Sandy von Herrmann be appointed to fill an unexpired term as Director through December 31, 2019.* **Motion passed.**

D. Staff Contractor Reports

1. WAVE Newsletter.

Written report presented and questions taken by Editor Brian Cahill.

2. CSPRAnet/GrayBears/CSPRA Website/Elections

Jeff Price presented a written report for all areas including 2018 website statistics.

President Lynch requested that Price work with Kim Preston and Betsy Anderson to develop a comprehensive CSPRA member list which includes all types of membership (annual payers, Controller and CalPERS payroll deduction payers, Benefactor Life Members, and Honorary Members).

Price presented 2018 election results. Motion Preston, seconded Standish, *That the Board accept and certify the 2018 election results report as submitted.* **Motion passed.**

3. Bookkeeper/Member Services Contractor. Written report from Betsy Anderson.

E. Committee Reports

1. Annual Membership Meeting & Retirees Rendezvous Organizing Committees

- a. 2019 Conference Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Latest 2019 Conference information appeared in a recent issue of the *Wave*. Additional details to follow on the website soon, including schedule of events and registration. No written report.

- b. 2020 Joint conference with Park Rangers Association of California (PRAC)

President Lynch reported after a discussion with their president, the PRAC Board is not receptive to working on a joint conference for 2020.

2. Legislative & Advocacy

Chairman Mott unable to attend but submitted an extensive written report including a draft CSPRA Partnership Statement which he encouraged the board to adopt, and a request that the Board be available to fast track positions on pending legislation, if CSPRA wants to be a player in the legislative process.

Motion Fogarty, seconded by Kerbavaz, *That a working title of Legislative Director be used by the Legislative Committee Chairman.* **Motion passed.**

3. Vacant Committee Chairman: Professional Training & Scholarship Committee

President Lynch will solicit a volunteer replacement from the membership.

4. 2019 Honorary Ranger Nomination

Chairman Carl Chavez presented his committee recommendation of Borrego Springs resident Delores Lukina and answered Board questions. A complete written report is included in attachments. Motion Price, seconded by Preston, *That the CSPRA Board of Directors select Delores Lukina as Honorary California State Park Ranger for 2019.* **Motion**

passed.

Chavez will inform his committee members and President Lynch will inform the Nominee.

5. Bylaws Committee. No report.

6. Historian. No report.

7. Member Recruitment

Verbal update provided by Preston. No written report.

8. Park Threats Committee

No report. This committee was been dissolved in 2018 and replaced by the Partnership Committee. A final report appeared as an article in the WAVE Newsletter. Former Park Threats Chairman Price is currently working with President Lynch to make relevant committee inquiry and inspection documents available to CSPRA members and the public. This anticipated website resource posting may include documentation of prior bad acts and criminal violations by park partners, failure to provide reasonable oversight by the state, indictment letters from the state, crime reports with supporting photographs, internal e-mails, alleged violations of Department policy, local state and federal laws, other agency criminal investigations and conclusions, CSPRA's internal investigation findings and other pertinent materials collected over the 3 years.

9. Partnership Committee. No report.

10. Approval of Benefactors. Taken up under item 3 (E)(12).

11. Ranger Foundation

a. Financial report submitted by Treasurer Bernardo.

b. Motion Preston, seconded by Kerbavaz, *That the Board approve a submitted list of eight (8) donors [Tom Bernardo, Jeff Price, John Mott, Carl Chavez, Donna Pozzi, Rodi Lee, Kathleen Franklin and Miles Standish] who made donations in 2018 of \$1,000 or more to the Ranger Foundation, as CSPRA Lifetime Benefactor Members. Motion Passed*

12. Social Media. No report.

13. World Ranger Day

President Lynch and VP Meneguzzi are developing a location and program for 2019. No written report.

14. Friends of California State Parks First Fire Truck. No report.

F. CSPRA Liaison Reports

1. California State Parks Foundation. No report.

2. Park Rangers Association of California & Valor Awards. No report.

3. International Ranger Foundation & 2019 World Ranger Congress

a. President Lynch reported that the 9th World Ranger Congress will be held in the village of Sauraha (bordering Chitwan National Park), Nepal between Nov 11-17, 2019 (with potential add-on trip to Bhutan after WRC).

b. CSPRA and Ranger Foundation are providing support for 3 Latin American rangers to attend World Ranger Congress in Nepal in 2019. \$5,000 in support from CSPRA's Lane

Fund was approved by members at the 2018 annual meeting.

4. Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Liaison Meneguzzi reports that the FWOC 2019 Conference Committee has not yet selected a location, date, theme, or registration cost for a 2019 event. She will relay pertinent information when and if 2019 Conference choices are made. No written report.

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Cling type CSPRA decals. VP Meneguzzi is serving as the lead on this effort.
- B. "Sunrise & Sunset" 2018 Retirees Photo Contest

Price asked that the status and results of the 2018 Sunrise & Sunset contest be made public. He feels that CSPRA went to an extraordinary effort last year to promote and encourage retiree participation, however no final report was ever delivered, or contest winners announced.

Motion Kerbavaz, seconded by Price, *That President Lynch contact Steve Ptomey and get a final 2018 "Sunrise & Sunset" Retirees Photo Contest report, and that CSPRA not sponsor such a contest in 2019.* **Motion passed.**

- C. Pink Patch Program Update

President Lynch presented a final report on details of this highly successful and much appreciated Breast Cancer Awareness effort for 2018. Over \$5,800 was raised from member donations and pin/patch sales and after expenses, \$3,442 was donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Lynch also gave a preview of a similar effort planned for 2019. Board gave kudos to Lynch for his primary effort to get this off the ground and process all those purchases and shipping chores.

V. New Business

- A. Policy recommendation.

A suggested CSPRA policy position was presented by President Lynch on renewal of non-profit state park operations. He suggests that CSPRA adopt the policy positions that:

1) California State Parks (the department) should directly operate the recent "nonprofit" operated park units, continuing the park partnerships with the corresponding nonprofit groups. [CA Pub Res Code § 5080.42 (2017)]

2) If the department does not directly operate these non-profit operations, then the department should enter into "Co-management" agreements that include department responsibility for environmental review, resource management & protection, and for public safety services.

Motion Price, seconded by Bernardo, *That the position statement be referred back for additional detail and a legal citation supporting item 2 as is provided for item 1.* **Motion passed.**

- B. Parks & Recreation Commission Representative. President Lynch is seeking a CSPRA representative to see that we are recognized at Commission meetings and provide recommendations or comment on relevant items under review.
- C. State Park Fire Relief Effort Summary. Price provided an overview of the Fire Relief efforts to help state park employees who were affected. It was a joint effort between GrayBears (where the idea originated), CSPRA, Ranger Foundation and field level management staff.
- D. California League of Park Associations. Motion Standish, seconded by Preston, *That*

CSPRA apply for 2019 annual membership in the California League of Park Associations <<http://www.calparksleague.org/>>. **Motion passed.**

- E. Recommended Defensive Tactics Anniversary support. See draft letter. Motion Standish, seconded by Bernardo, *That CSPRA supports recognition of the 40th Anniversary of California State Park's Defensive Tactics training program in 2019.* **Motion passed.**
- F. 2019 Baker to Vegas State Park Team (B2V). Motion Bernardo, seconded by Preston, *That CSPRA support the 2019 state park B2V relay race team effort by donating \$500 to the event program.* **Motion passed.**
- G. Kerbavaz wants action on Annual Meeting member support for staffing at Mono Lake. President Lynch asked Kerbavaz, and she agreed to investigate the issues and present a recommended action to the Board.

VI. Announcements/Other Items

None

VII. Scheduled Board and Executive Committee Meetings

❖ Board Meetings

- April 7, 2019 - In person meeting at the California Alpine Club Lodge at Mt. Tamalpais. We will have the lodge April 6-8 for overnights. More details to follow from Ann Meneguzzi as we get closer to the meeting. Call in may be possible.
- June 19, 2019 - Conference call meeting 6-7:30 pm.
- October 24, 2019 - In person meeting at conference in Borrego Springs.

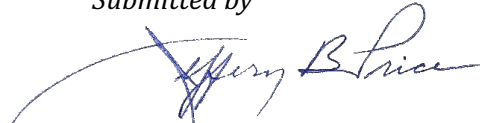
❖ Executive Committee Meetings

- Officers plan to meet during the PRAC Conference, March 4 to March 7, 2019, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ventura. Secretary Price was asked to represent CSPRA.

VIII. Adjournment

Without objection, President Lynch adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by



Jeffery B. Price, Board Secretary
January 23, 2019

Attachments

Approved Board Minutes September 27, 2018, Financial Reports, Election Results 2019-20, Honorary Ranger 2019 Nomination, Wave Newsletter Report, Wave Contract, Internet 2018 Year Report, Web Contract, Motion on non-profit position, Pink Patch Report, Legislative Report, Ranger Foundation Report, and Defensive Tactics Anniversary Report.