



California State Park Rangers Association

Board of Directors ~ Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2017 – Conference Call

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board attending: President Mike Lynch, Treasurer Tom Bernardo, Secretary Pat Clark-Gray, Directors Ann Meneguzzi, Liz Steller, Carl Chavez, and Frank Padilla.

Members attending: Ben Fenkell, Brian Cahill, Victor Bjelajac and Jeff Price

Absent: Vice President Sue Neary, Miles Standish, and Kim Preston

II. Minutes

Motion by Ann Meneguzzi, seconded by Carl Chavez, that the attached Minutes of the March 26, 2017, Board Meeting conference call be approved as submitted by Secretary Clark-Gray. Motion passed.

III. Reports

A. Officers

1. President Lynch submitted a written report **(Packet Page 4)**.
 - a. Vacant Board position. *Frank made the motion to approve Ben Fenkell as our new board member. Ann Meneguzzi seconded. Motion passed.*
 - b. Meeting with Director – did not take place.
2. Vice-President Sue Neary had no report.
3. Treasurer Tom Bernardo stated the budget had been passed at the last meeting.
4. Secretary – no report
5. Advisor (past-president) - Victor Bjelajac reported on meeting with Kathy Amann. The department will be getting 80 million in SPERF through SB1. Allocations will come through regular budget process. Transformation Initiative is completed and in the department's hands. Districts have been working on SBB. The Reorganization Plan should be done in the next month. Districts have been given budgets for Interpretation and Education, Cultural, and Visitor Services. We have new systems: KRONUS, R2S2, Fi\$cal. The new Reserve California will start August 1st.

B. Executive Committee – (Packet Pages 5-6)

C. Executive Manager – Lynch – No Report

D. Staff Contractors

1. Newsletter (*WAVE*) Editor – Brian Cahill sent out newsletter. **(Packet Page 7)**
2. **Bookkeeping & Membership Services**– Betsy Anderson - No monthly report.
3. **Webmaster/Electronic Communications Coordinator** – Jeff Price gave a verbal report and submitted a written report **(Attachment Page)**. There are 357 members of Graybears. Jeff asked if we should add Park History from the anniversary website (www.parkanniversary.org) to the CSPRA website. *Ann Meneguzzi made a motion to add to the website and Carl seconded. The motion passed.*

E. Committee Reports

- 1. Annual Membership Meeting & Retirees Rendezvous Organizing Committee**
 - a. 2017 Fort Tejon – See website for details – Board members Lynch, Meneguzzi, Bernardo, Standish, Chavez, Padilla and Clark-Gray will be attending. Stellar will not be attending. The hike is set and the Hungry Valley Tour is still working being worked on. Mike and Frank are working on the Fort Tejon reunion.
 - b. 2018 Mono Lake/Bodie – Janet Carle, Brad Sturdivant, Ann Meneguzzi, Dave Carle, Terri Geissing (Bodie Foundation) and Mike Lynch
 - c. 2019 Joint conference with the Park Ranger Association of California (PRAC)
- 2. Awards Committee - Honorary Ranger – Chavez & Neary – No Report**
 - a. Joseph H. Engbeck Jr. presentation – Lynch
 - b. Mike presented the Kim Baker retirement plaque.
- 3. Bylaws Committee – Lynch – No Report**
- 4. Historian – Schimandle – No Report**
- 5. Member Recruitment Committee – Carl Chavez and Kim Preston for retired and Sue will seek active member. A written report was submitted (Packet Page 9)**
- 6. Park Threats Committee – Jeff Price that he had no member threats.**
- 7. Professional Training & Scholarship – Ben Fenkell & Frank Padilla**

Two members were recruited at the Cadet Graduation.
- 8. Ranger Foundation Committee – Lynch, Bernardo & Standish reported they are working on setting up the Ranger Foundation and they need by-laws. They have IRS letter of non-profit. Appointed from the CSPRA board: Mike Lynch, Miles Standish, Tom Bernardo, Jeff Ohls, and Ann Meneguzzi.**
- 9. Social Media – Ptomey – No Report**
- 10. World Ranger Day Committee – Lynch, Meneguzzi, Standish & Neary – No Report**
- 11. Friends of California State Parks First Fire Truck Committee – Davis, Lynch, Padilla & M. Whitehead – The Department acquired and it was at Angel Island. Phase I will be to restore. Phase II will be to get engine and use in a parade. The fire truck is in the State Collections and they are working with Ross McGuire, the head of the collections unit.**

F. Liaisons

- 1. CSPF Legislative/ Advocacy/ SPAN Liaison – Liz Stellar, Chair: Members: Miles Standish, Ann Meneguzzi and Sue Near.** Park Advocacy took place at the State Capitol on June 20th. About 100 people from various organizations came to advocate for parks. Ann Meneguzzi, John Mott and Cindi Whitehead went as CSPRA delegates. Heidi Doyle attended for her organization.
- 2. Park Ranger Association of California (PRAC) Liaison (& Valor Awards Committee) – No report.**
- 3. International Ranger Federation (IRF) – Lynch reported that the 2019 IRF World Ranger Congress will be in Nepal. No report.**
- 4. Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) Liaison**
 - a. Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs (FWOC) Liaison – Meneguzzi**

Annual FWOC conference takes place in Selma, Oregon. Mike Lynch will be the CSPRA voting delegate. *Ann made a motion to pay actual expenses up to \$300. Pat seconded. The motion passed*
 - b. 2018 FWOC Conference, hosted by CSPRA and CAC -** It will be at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos and will be \$180 per person. The rooms will have their own bathrooms. They are working on themes and speakers.
- 5. Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) – Mike Lynch, Frank Padilla and Jeff Ohls – No report.**

IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Charles Mehlert Memorial Tree Designation at Tomales Bay SP** – Jeff Price & Mike Lynch reported that it is the department’s policy that a tree cannot be named. So they are working on a possible interpretive panel.
- B. Decals, cling type** – Meneguzzi in progress
- C. Development of a CSPRA grant program for professional development** – Chair needed
- D. Damage to Plumas Eureka stamp mill** – Chavez – No report
- E. Endorsement of Jeff Ohls (Benefactor/Life Member) for California State Park and Recreation Commission Update** (Packet Page 10-11) Approved last meeting.
- F. Support for AB 18 Clean Water and Parks Bond Bill** – Mike sent letter.
- G. Support for OHV renewal legislation – SB 249 Enviro bill for reauthorization – Bernardo** (Packet Page 12)
- H. The Chinese Door at Columbia** – Sherrin Grout

V. New Business

- A. National Monuments – CSPRA opposition to rescinding or reducing the size of existing U.S. National Monuments. Proposed Motion:**

Motion: CSPRA opposes the reduction in size or rescinding of existing U.S. Monuments and the CSPRA President is authorized to communicate this position as appropriate. Frank made the motion and Carl seconded. The motion passed.

- B. Big Basin Museum – CSPRA support.** (Packet Pages 13-14) There was a discussion about having some sort of CSPRA display as part of the Big Basin Project. *Liz made a motion to explore the possibility of a Ranger display. Frank seconded. The motion passed.*

VI. Announcements/Other Items

Pat: Fort Ord Dunes State Parks will be putting in a campground, campfire center and multi-purpose building in the future. The coastal commission approved the permit.

Ben: The PORTS Program and the Boating and Waterways had a display at the State Fair.

VII. Board and Executive Committee (EC) Meetings upcoming for 2017

- 08/24/17 - EC conference call meetings
- 09/28/17 - Board meeting, In-person at Ft. Tejon Annual Membership Meeting and Retiree Rendezvous
- 11/02/17 - EC conference call meeting at 6pm

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.