

Desert Survivors Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2016

Location
6466 Vallejo Street, Emeryville

Attending by call-in: Charlene, Ron, Kevin, Nick

Attending in person: Martina, Deirdre, Norma

Absent with notice: Jerry, Marisa, Dave, Bob

- I President's Report - Deirdre Cerkanowicz
 - A. Deirdre announces we have quorum, meeting start time is 6:40p.
 - B. Deirdre mentions promoting Geoglyph via the DS website and through Facebook, and will follow up with Peter. Nick plans to send a member announcement: thanks for renewal plus reminder to keep in touch via Facebook and Geoglyph.
 - C. In response to mention of Board insurance, the consensus is to leave as is.
 - D. To Deirdre's question about possible organizations and publications with which DS should connect on issues, a number of suggestions were provided and Kevin will email Deirdre the list of "activist/agency" contacts on the DS Member list.
 - E. Deirdre will distribute her notes from the retreat after the meeting, with apologies for lateness, at some point.
 - F. In discussion (started at the retreat) about Board Expectations, there is general agreement that attending 4 of the 6 board meetings required by bylaws is reasonable. To the question of what a Board Retreat might cover, Norma shares some concepts and requests board members send their ideas to her.
 - G. Deirdre comments on "great turnout" of DS members (22) at the recent Sierra Club Desert Committee meeting in Shoshone, and wonders about business cards and letterhead. Nick is to send Deirdre the DS logo; Deirdre may, by board consensus, investigate and obtain a minimum order of business cards for general use.
 - H. As a follow-up Retreat agenda item, Deirdre asks board members who did not attend the retreat to share how they got involved with DS. Kevin, Ron, Nick and Martina shared their backstories.
 - I. Outreach - "think about"
 - J. Based on past activities, Deirdre asks about the Issues group, its history and whether a director of Issues would be relevant. After minimal discussion, the group agreed it was not needed.
- II Secretary's Report - Norma Wallace

At 7:26 Norma reports the minutes were distributed in advance. Charlene moved and Nick seconded accepting the minutes, which passed by unanimous vote.

- III Managing Director's Report - Jerry Goss
In Jerry's absence, Norma confirms the financial report was distributed earlier in the week. She passed along Jerry's request volunteers for a June budget committee meeting. Deirdre and Ron volunteered. A question arose about the status of mail retrieval from the PO Box related to membership renewals.
- IV Activity Director's Report- Robert Lyon
At 7:30 in Bob's absence, Norma read the trip report he had emailed earlier in the week. An update to the back page of the Trip Schedule needs to be made for DS President. The number of and specific social events were discussed: Holiday, Ground Hog Day, Summer Picnic, AGM.
- V Volunteer Director's Report - Martina Konietzny
At 7:35 pm Martina reports having picked up the Survivor from the printer, and leaving a number plus Trip Schedules at REI. She and Kevin attended the Berkeley Bay Festival on April 16, 11a to 3 or 4pm, bringing issues of the Survivor. She is signing up on 4/16 for the 9/11 scheduled Solano Stroll. Regarding the Storage Unit, Martina will try to remove the shelving. Some water damage has occurred due to bathroom flooding.
- VI Communications Director Report - Nick Blake
At 7:46p Nick reports needing 5 copies of each Survivor issue; he does not have the most recent issue so Martina will mail him copies of this current issue -- or she will mail to the international addresses Nick usually mails to two. The next Survivor issue deadline is early August. Nick asks whether any board member wants to take over the website? He reports that the renewal email includes quotes without attribution. This will be remedied in the second email later in the month.
- VII At Large Director Reports
A. At 8:02p Kevin reports 466 current members, with some discussion about the definition of current and member. Discussion ensues regarding how, whether and when DS acknowledges memberships and member donations above the member fee, including indications of tax deductibility.

B. Marisa reported via email about her AGM research and proposal for Oct 21-23 at Arroyo Seco. Nick moved and Ron seconded the motion, unanimously passed.

C. Ron requests reminding about the Letter Home concept, which relates to Trips and trip reports. He may follow up on a talk at Sports Basement.

D. Charlene reports the 3/24 REI outreach event in Sacramento went very well: 18 people signed up; 8 people attended. There was lots of interest including by the REI IT employee. Charlene comments how important it is to share personal experiences of the desert during the presentation.

VIII The meeting adjourned by decree at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wallace

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