

Desert Survivors Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2016

Attending by call-in: Charlene, Nick, Marisa

Attending in person: Jerry, Deirdre, Norma

Absent with notice: Dave

Absent without notice: Kevin, Bob

I President

A. Deirdre announces we have quorum, meeting start time is 6:34pm

B. Deirdre received activist/agency list from Kevin.

C. Deirdre will distribute her notes from the retreat after the meeting.

D. Regarding business cards, Deirdre has obtained the DS graphic, and will have cards printed.

E. Deirdre suggests appointing Norma vice president. Jerry moves Norma is appointed as VP. Charlene seconds.

II Secretary's Report - Norma Wallace

At 6:50 pm Norma reports the minutes were distributed in advance. Nick moved and Jerry seconded accepting the minutes, which passed by unanimous vote. Norma announced the idea of the operations manual and requested input on each director's responsibilities.

III 6:50 Jerry indicates financial reports not due for another month. Current highlights include

some surprise: renewals up, at 114% of budgeted renewals. Renewal donations are up. Some expenses are higher than anticipated: satellite phone service increased by more than \$200/year. Marisa offers to investigate better rates. Storage increased by \$150.

Budget committee of Ron, Norma, Deirdre and Jerry met at his home. Norma forwarded the budget to all (before this board meeting). Some board members are unable to locate. Jerry will email the spreadsheet direct to everyone. Deirdre moves we approve budget. Nick seconds. Concerns that board members have not seen the budget. 5 ayes, 1 abstention, motion passes.

IV 7:05 In Bob's absence, Nick shares there are 3 summer trips, and trip announcement goes out soon. Nick said instructions to the Summer Picnic received from Steve Perry; will send out two announcements.

V 7:07 For Martina, Deirdre reports Martina signed up for Solano Stroll. Deirdre submitted

request to Center for Biological Diversity for Endangered Species Condoms re population control and environmental education (“horny toad” etc) to distribute there. Still need a group to clean up the storage unit. Nick will forward LA contact to DC for this.

VI 7:12p Nick reports Survivor went out. Working on Fall issue soon. Generally more difficult

to do. Please submit articles by 1st Monday in August. Website is going fine; he updates it regularly. During renewal drive, created emails and campaigns and sent via Constant Contact, and seems there was a good return. The PayPal button is working. Nick is sending thank-you emails to members. He will accept articles for reprint on a case by case basis. Nick will be including the description of website coordinator in his volunteer description to Norma.

[correction/addition]Nick received letter from Betty who asked what was needed to get Henry reinstated in DS. Then he went back and forth with them with a letter Nick had drafted on the subject.

VII At Large Director Reports:

Reporting on plans for the AGM, Marisa said she has submitted payment for \$159. She will work with Jerry on donating the reimbursed expense back to the group. Deirdre indicates an AGM announcement needs to go into the Survivor; Nick said he will create this. Deirdre put a “save the date” announcement on Facebook today, and will create email content to be sent. Deirdre asks for speaker ideas, and will discuss with Charlene sharing the slideshow, outside the board meeting discussion.

VIII Deirdre announces that 6 meetings per year are required. She proposes July 14, August 11 and September 8. An alternative to one meeting is to meet at the AGM, in advance of the AGM. After discussion and review of records, only the now scheduled August 11 is required. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11. Charlene will be in Yosemite and unlikely to be able to call in.

IX The meeting adjourned at 7:46p.

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Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wallace
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