

# Desert Survivors Board Meeting

## Minutes / September 9, 2014

Location  
1516 Franklin St, Berkeley

Attending (sign-in order): Norma Wallace, Kevin Pope (host of call-in), Michelle Bashin, Martina Konietzney, Gerry Goss, Bob Lyon (call-in), Darrell Hunger, Judy Kendall, Nicolas Blake (call-in)

Absent: Barbara Bane (scheduled), Rich Spelker (scheduled), Peter Geoghan (scheduled)

Welcome 6:26 pm

Gerry called the meeting to order upon confirming the presence of a quorum, welcomed board members present by call-in, and confirmed the agenda.

### I President- Gerry Goss

A. Gerry reported that initial solicitations on the Film project had been made. See attached email of 8/3/14.

B. Gerry brought email correspondence from the BLM related to the Notice of Proposed Withdrawal of lands from mining. See attached email correspondence of 8/28/14.

### II Secretary

The minutes were provided via email in advance of the meeting. Michelle moved and Kevin seconded the minutes to be Approved As Corrected. Members request the Agenda and meeting reminder go out one week prior to scheduled board meetings.

### III Managing Director

Michelle reported the budget committee of Michelle, Nick and Gerry were hosted by Gerry hosted 8/10. They reviewed expenses and revenue, resulting in rescinding prior line item for reimbursement of scouting and monitoring expenses due to lack of funds. The proposed annual budget is \$17K with a target fundraising goal of \$3,000 for the FY 2014-2015.

- They plan a presentation at the AGM.

### IV Activities Director including AGM discussion (7:03 pm)

The Fall's trip schedule includes 6 carcamps, 2 backpacks, a beach outing and the AGM. Most new leaders offer trips this time.

- Martina offered to pick up and bring trip schedules to the AGM, along with t-shirts. Chuck McGinn will bring hats.
- Send Nick details of Activities to include in the 2nd AGM invite/alert.
- Michelle to reserve site #129, sponsored by Gerry.
- Nick will send a follow up AGM email to include itinerary, dogs ok on leash (see IX)

There was a discussion and general agreement to invite and add links to trip descriptions so make it easy for potential participants to learn about trip locations - supporting the *Education* aspect of our mission.

- Trip leaders will discuss this at the Trip Leader Form at AGM.
- V     Volunteers Director (7:15pm)  
Needs for the AGM are unknown. Discussion of Solano Stroll needs.
- Gerry offered to bring a strong padlock to use on the storage unit.
  - Martina will contact Barb regarding a possible speaker about condors at AGM.
- VI     The Survivor (7:45)  
Nick advised The Survivor went to the printer today ! This issue includes many contributors, including a number of women. The quality of articles is increasing as well.
- VII    Communications Director  
Nick will be updating the website shortly.
- VIII   At Large (7:49 pm)  
Judy reported Google Groups is established !
- Some settings need to be researched,
  - Send Kevin a description about Google Groups for him to send out via Constant Contact
- At 8 pm Darrel reported the test of his newly completed promotional presentation went well before Martina and Kevin.
- He will make it available for New Member events; and,
  - will send a copy to the Board.
- Kevin reported 304 total members; this number includes 20 or so honorary (nonpaying and nonvoting) members.
- IX     AGM Discussion
- Norma to bring minimal copies of DS documents: Bylaws, Mission Statement, Objectives & Goals
  - Norma will create and bring Agenda, and provide to Nick for website
  - Michelle to bring Financials
  - In the 2nd AGM reminder, Nick will include links to the DS website to review DS documents in advance of the AGM
  - Bob inquired about DS brochures remaining, and the group discussed an updated 2014-2015 version. Martina will check storage.
  - Judy to bring slide screen
  - Judy to email photos to Darrel to include
  - Judy to re-issue Google Group invites to Gerry, Martina, Kevin, Michelle, Darrel and...?
- IX     The next board meeting is confirmed for Sunday, October 12, immediately following the AGM.  
The primary agenda item is to schedule the next meeting date, time and place.
- X     At 8:18pm, Kevin moved and Martina seconded a motion to adjourn, agree to unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wallace, Board Secretary, 9/16/2014, finalized 1/13/2015