

DESERT SURVIVORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING

MERCEY HOT SPRINGS, FIREBAUGH, CA

OCTOBER 20, 2013

The meeting was previously announced in accordance with the Bylaws.

9:12 AM: A quorum being present ,the meeting was called to order by the president Gerry Goss.

I The first order of business was approval of the September 10, 2012 minutes. Gerry Goss entertained motion to approve. Sam Mormon seconded. All approved.

II The second order of business. Karen Rusiniak made a motion to accept 3 proposed bylaw revisions. Gerry Fait seconded. A quorum would consist of at least 10 regular memberships for the AGM. 27 members present, needed 18 votes to pass. All approved by more than two-thirds of those present.

III The third order of business. Bob Lyon announced his Oct.25th trip. Called for more trip leaders and more trips. Next call for trips is the end of November to schedule trips January through March. He recommended the 16 hour training for car camp leaders with Bobbie Foster and Steve Donlon through the Sierra Club.

IV Fourth order of business: Reports and discussion, board nominations and voting.

- a. Nick Blake changes the DS website monthly. Has done 3 issues of Survivor so far : 1 Fall 2012, 1 Spring 2013,1 Fall 2013. Requested pictures and articles for 2014. Magazines were sent to lapsed members in one mailing. 340 magazines were sent. (200 minimum for one mailing.) Free copies are sent to environmental groups. Suggestion to send copies to BLM service trip leaders and libraries. Volunteers needed to print and distribute paper trip schedules. Desert Newsflash position open which involves collecting articles about deserts for DS site.
- b. Michelle Bashin(not present) took over from Loretta Bauer as managing director. She wants to continue doing budget reports and managing DS business. DS now has a financial cushion and is solvent for the next year. The April 2013 renewal drive was successful. DS will move storage to a cheaper space. The biggest expenses are the Survivor and liability insurance. Now DS is considering setting up to receive endowments and bequests. Change form of balance sheet for greater accuracy. New draft needs to be sent to the board for approval of bequest notification. Board meetings now open to the membership. Constant Contact is suggested for meeting notifications. DSOL still up and running, separate from DSEM.
- c. Janet Schraer asked for Meetup point person to put DS on Meetup site. A stipulation that participants coming to DS through Meetup must buy memberships.
- d. Judy Kendall wants to manage DSOL.
- e. Barbara Bane wants to remain on Board. Spoke of the issue of DS needing to reach members in areas underserved by internet.
- f. Kevin Pope manages Contant Contact for emailing to membership. It keeps good records. He will manage membership lists. Trip leaders need to be able to verify membership of participants.

- g. Karen Rusiniak assisted with mailing, membership and renewals, and proofread the Survivor. Compiled DS accomplishment list. Wrote Bylaw revisions. Arranged BLM service trip for 2013 AGM.
- h. Gerry Goss runs the board meetings. He worked on issues: Alegodones Dunes; Bodie Hills. Involved in ongoing lawsuit along with Center for Biological Diversity regarding western Mojave .CBD suing BLM. Toured western Mojave near Barstow and Ridgecrest with CBD and BLM and the judge on the case to educate the judge on the issues.

He wants to train each board member on procedure. He agreed train Rich Spelker for the president's position and the board will select Vice President at next board meeting.

- i. Rich Spelker did 2 monitoring trips. Will work on DS Facebook page after hiatus. Page from March 2013 still gets 2 likes a week. Requisition of satellite phone has been a success.
- j. Martina Konietzny continues doing ongoing recruitment and publicity for DS. Supervised child volunteers writing thank you notes to donors.

V Fifth order of business: Elections. Nominations:

President: Rich Spelker; Gerry Goss. Elected: Gerry.

Activities Director. Duties include supervising education activities and trip planning. Gerry Goss entertained the motion. Nick Blake nominated Bob Lyon. Martina Konietzny seconded. All approved.

VI Sixth order of business: Nominating Communications Director. Survivor/web. Dave Macmullen nominated Nick Blake. Martina Konietzny seconded. Unanimous.

VII Seventh order of business: Nominating Managing Director. Michelle Bashin was nominated. Barb Bane seconded. Unanimous.

VIII Eighth Order of business: Secretary. Rachel De Carlo . Keeps membership reports, distributes agenda, takes board meeting minutes. .Norma Wallace (not present) nominated by Sherry Goss. Rachel De Carlo re-elected.

IX Ninth order of business. Volunteer Director. Nick Blake nominated Martina Konietzny. Martina re-elected.

X Tenth order of business. Directors at Large nominated.

- a. Barbara Bane
- b. Rich Spelker
- c. Pete Geogahan
- d. Kevin Pope
- e. Darrell Hunger
- f. Judy Kendall

Gerry Goss asked if all were in favor. All approved the slate

XI Eleventh order of business: Adjourned at 11:30 am.