

# Friends of the High Lakes

## Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting – January 26, 2016

An open meeting of the Board of Directors of FRIENDS OF THE HIGH LAKES, INC., a California public benefit corporation, was held on January 26, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. at Barney O' Rourke's, 740 Elliott Road, Paradise, California. The meeting was called to order by Louis Johnson, Chairman. It was then moved, seconded and unanimously resolved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting.

### **Members:**

**Attendees:** Louis Johnson (Chair), Nick Repanich (Vice Chair), Traci Brenneman (Secretary/Treasurer), Torey Feldhaus, Jim Earl, David Phelps, and Jeremy Wilson.

**Absent:** Gary Gambill and Gary McElroy,

### **General Public:**

**Attendees:** Aleece Feldhaus, Pete and Peggy Moak, Elvie Cobb, Chris Moritz, Jeff Blewett, Dallas Chappell, and Jay Lowe.

1. Fall Cleanup Logo/Date/Fundraiser (Louis Johnson)
  - a. This year is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall cleanup. It has been proposed that merchandise celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary be developed. Aleece Feldhaus volunteered to come up with a special design for merchandise to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Design must be submitted timely so that we can obtain bids to potential merchandise suppliers. Traci Brenneman will follow up with Aleece.
  - b. Date of 2016 event will once again fall on opening day of rifle season. Moving the date earlier would conflict with end of summer camping. Event has been held on National Public Lands day for the last 9 years. Moving the event to later date has strong possibility of bad weather and shorter daylight hours. No alternate date that seemed to work for all could be derived. Jim Earl made a motion to have this

year's event continue to coincide with National Public Lands day (Saturday, September 24, 2016). David Phelps seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: 6

Nays: 1 (Wilson)

- c. Fund raiser (donation coordinator) : At 2015 Fall Cleanup Gavin Favors volunteered for the position, however, Gavin is unable to take the lead as he got a new job. One new volunteer was in attendance at tonight's meeting (Dallas Chappell). Traci Brenneman made a motion to nominate Dallas Chappell as this year's donation coordinator. Jeremy Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

## 2. PHS Senior Project Status (Jeremy Wilson)

- a. Jeremy will continue to work with the student on his senior project. Additional participation hours are needed to complete the project and Jeremy will ensure that the student earns full participate credits.
- b. Jeremy proposed improvements for FOTHL's participation with the senior projects moving forward including:
  - i. Establishing a contact at the High School earlier in the project year (Dallas will provide the name of the contact he uses for ROP);
  - ii. Making a presentation during the first week of school so that students are aware we are available to assist with a project;
  - iii. Outlining opportunities for participation, including:
    - 1. National Public Lands Day;
    - 2. Johnny Appleseed Days;
    - 3. Gold Nugget Days;
    - 4. Board of Director's Meetings.
  - iv. Outlining possible projects, including:
    - 1. Special Projects:
      - a. Within the High Lakes area;
      - b. Outreach.
    - 2. Educational Videos with topics such as:

- a. Pack it in/Pack it out;
    - b. Human waste considerations;
    - c. Tread Lightly;
    - d. Travel preparedness/Search and Rescue efforts
  - c. Jeremy volunteered to continue to take the lead on the senior project effort.
- 3. 2015 Financial Report (Traci Brenneman)
  - a. Net Income for 2015 = \$4,841.84. Total Expenses for 2015 = \$2,656.10. Nearly half of annual expense was for replacement of batteries for the HAM Radio Repeater. Total cash property on hand as of December 31, 2015 = \$14,766.11.
  - b. A full copy of the annual accounting will be posted to the website.
- 4. Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (Nick Repanich)
  - a. There is a growing concern about Forest Service projects that occurred/will occur without end-user input (e.g. Hazardous Tree Removal Project, the new 611 trail, use of heavy equipment out toward Ben Lomond for clean up after the fires, etc.)
  - b. Nick has drafted a letter for submission to FS to address our concerns about the havoc being wreaked and the lack of guidelines for said projects. Nick will submit a draft to the BOD for input. Amongst other items, the letter shall address the following:
    - i. Designation of the High Lakes OHV area as Semi Primitive and the guidelines for responsibility and maintenance as such.
    - ii. The use of heavy equipment and lack of input/oversight from FOTHL.
  - c. In addition to obtaining signatures of all BOD members, Nick will forward the finalized letter to Peggy Moak of the Butte County Forest Advisory Committee for signatures.
- 5. Cal 4 Wheel (David Phelps)
  - a. Cal 4 Wheel is looking for a Northern California club to host the Northern District meeting on April 9, 2016. The meeting typically consists of 30-40 members of Cal 4 Wheel and will be open to the general public.
  - b. Nick Repanich made a motion that FOTHL host the meeting for Cal 4 Wheel and Jim Earl seconded the motion on the condition that we have full BOD and local club participation in the event.

Vote: Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

c. Logistics and menu to be determined.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Comments from general membership
- Next BOD meeting – Tuesday, March 29, 2016 (Time and Location TBD).
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Louis Johnson, Chairman.