

# Friends of the High Lakes

## Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting – October 27, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Directors of FRIENDS OF THE HIGH LAKES, INC., a California public benefit corporation, was held on October 27, 2015, at 6:45 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), Torey Feldhaus, Jim Earl, Gary McElroy and Jeremy Wilson.

**Absent:** Traci Brenneman (Secretary/Treasurer) and Gary Gambill

Traci Brenneman requested Louis Johnson to vote proxy for her.

### **Minutes:**

1. Due to resignation of Dan Foshee there is a seat available on the Board of Directors. The position was posted on the Friends of the High Lakes website, Face Book and an email blast was sent to everyone on the Friends of the High Lakes email list. David Phelps was the only person to submit a written show of interest in the position.

Jim Earl made a motion to elect David Phelps and a member of the Board of Directors. Gary McElroy seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

2. Fall Cleanup
  - a. Readout: Traci emailed expense report last week to the BOD. There were no objections to Traci's submittal.
  - b. Gary McElroy submitted \$260.00 in gross earnings from sale of merchandise.

- c. Pre-sale of Dinner tickets for next year? It was recommended that we use email and Face Book to help get a count of perspective attendees. Also, it was suggest to offer a discount for tickets purchased prior to the date of the event.
- d. 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 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 table the item for future Board meeting. Gary McElroy seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: 6

Nays 1 (Repanich)

- e. Next Year will be 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. Tory Feldaus will take lead in developing 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary design from membership and vote on winning design by the membership.
  - f. Fund raiser (donation coordinator): At 2015 Fall Cleanup Gavin Favors volunteered for the position. Louis Johnson is to send a request to him to attend the next board meeting.
3. Johnny Appleseed Days Readout (Jim Earl)
- a. Jim Earl submitted \$161.00 for gross merchandise sales and \$12.00 in donations.
  - b. Debbie Earl made 300 spill kits. All of the kits were handed out at Johnny Appleseed Days. Need more supplies if we intend to hand out spill kits at future public events.
  - c. The booth cost \$120 plus tax on sold merchandise. The general consensus of the board was that even though the event is not very profitable the public outreach and education are well worth the efforts.
4. Status of the inventory (Jim Earl)
- a. Jim Earl stated that all inventory has been accounted for.
  - b. Nick Repanich has the carsonite pounder.

5. Adopt-A-Trail (Nick Repanich)

- a. Louis Johnson will send out Nick's email showing the status/accomplishments of the Fall Cleanup.
- b. Nick Repanich will provide Louis Johnson with need Trail # stickers.
- c. Louis Johnson will contact LNF to get 50 Vehicle access stickers and Trail # stickers.
- d. There is a need for more enforcement in the area. There have been lots of bypasses created in difficult spots.
- e. The need for more wheeling spots was brought up as a concern due to the proposed reroutes and all of the new bypasses. The Rock Garden at the Stair Steps would be an ideal location.

6. FS Report (Louis Johnson)

- a. Louis Johnson sent a letter in response to the 8/16/15 LNF Open House.
- b. Louis Johnson will ask Ken rice to post the letter to the website.

7. Repeater Project (Gary McElroy)

- a. HAM Radio Repeater needs new batteries. Estimated at approximately \$900.00
  - i. Concerns: There is no current agreement/permits between LNF and FOTHL. Does Search & Rescue use the repeater (if so, do they have an obligation to help with the cost)?
  - ii. FOTHL Responsibilities: Equipment inside of the building is property of FOTHL and includes maintenance or repair due to vandalism. Because this is the only reliable means of communication in the High Lakes area maintain the batteries are of utmost impertinence.
  - iii. LNF Responsibilities: The building and the security of the building. The tower.

Nick Repanich made a motion to that FOTHL buy the needed batteries. Jeremy Wilson seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 7

Nays 1 (Tory Feldaus)

- b. Gary McElroy noted that Butte County Search and Rescue would like to place communication equipment in the Repeater room and place an antenna on the

tower. This would require more batteries and solar panels. Gary is currently work with BCSR on an agreement to propose to the FOTHL. The agreement is meant to clearly define how Butte County Search and Rescue will help with maintenance of equipment in the building.

8. PHS Senior Project Status (Jeremy Wilson)

- a. Jeremy followed up with Austin's progress. He needs 12 more hours for his project. It was recommended that he help with installing the batteries in the repeater. It was also recommended that he attend the next BOD meeting.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Lois Johnson mentioned that Nick Repanich took a day off of work to drive to Chester, CA to meet with LNF Sawyers and Hydrologist to prepare for the Fall Cleanups. Jeremy Wilson made a motion to reimburse Nick for gas/mileage the current CPI to go to Chester in his personal car. Jim Earl seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes 6

Nays 1 (Torey Feldaus)

Abstained (Nick Repanich)

Motion granted. Nick to be reimbursed for total mileage at the current federal rate of \$0.575 per mile.

- Next BOD meeting – last Tuesday of January 2016 (Time and Location TBD).
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Louis Johnson, Chairman.