

# Friends of the High Lakes

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

A meeting of the Board of Directors of FRIENDS OF THE HIGH LAKES, INC., a California public benefit corporation, was held on July 27, 2015, 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, Dan Foshee, Gary McElroy, Gary Gambill and Doug Poppelreiter.

**Absent:** Jeremy Wilson

### **Minutes:**

1. Status of the inventory (Jim Earl)
  - a. Jim has prepared a partial list of all assets held by FOTHL. List has been sent to Louis for completion. We have 2 functional easy up canopies. BOD unanimously approves the purchase of 2 more canopies. Traci to find most reasonably priced canopies and make purchase.
2. Treasury Report (Traci Brenneman)
  - a. Current Balance - \$12,780.03 (total includes \$100 earmarked for repeater fund and \$50 cash for making change during merchandise sales). A new donation of \$100 from the Philbrook Community Association was presented for the repeater fund.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Receipts - \$260.81. The majority of income received was from donations. There were only 2 merchandise items sold during the time period.
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Expenditures - \$161.15. The majority of expenditures (\$140) were for rental fees for meetings held at Sierra Hall (Nick suggested that we

check out possibility of using the public library on Clark Road as a free alternative). The remaining expenses were for taxes due to the CA Board of Equalization for sales during last year's Johnny Appleseed Days and postage for shipping merchandise.

3. Adopt –A-Trail (Doug Poppelreiter)
  - a. Communication with Adopt-A-Trail groups. Doug sent out an email to make contact with all groups but has an incomplete list of groups and trails adopted. Louis and Nick will meet with Doug to create a map of trails so we can clearly identify which trails have been adopted (and by who) and which trails are open for adoption.
4. Graffiti (Nick Repanich)
  - a. Paint – We are in need of paint and then can schedule a work party to clean up the graffiti. Nick recommends that Louis contact FS to see if they will provide the paint or at least provide a list of approved paint types that can be used.
5. Fundraising coordinator (Louis Johnson)
  - a. Pair-O-Dice 4 Wheelers club has volunteered for this year's Fall Clean Up event. They will take on responsibility for gathering donations from the businesses that have supported us in past years, as well as finding new sponsors. Traci will email the flyer that provides information about the event, our mission as an organization, and our tax identification number. Jim Earl will check with Jeremy regarding a possible list of previous sponsors. A request has been put into Cal 4 Wheel Drive to check for potential sponsors on our behalf.
6. Event coordinator (Louis Johnson)
  - a. Traci has volunteered for this year's Fall Clean Up event. She will be responsible for coordinating the dinner for the event. This includes working with the cook crew (Dog Knot Crew) on the menu, estimating number of attendees, obtaining all supplies (plates, bowls, napkins, utensils, garbage bags, etc.), pre-sales of dinner tickets (wrist bands), sale of dinner tickets at the event, and coordinating set up and clean up. Traci will also document the process/procedure so that the responsibility can be handed off to next year's volunteer.
7. Merchandise Coordinator (Gary McElroy)

- a. Gary will order merchandise to back fill low supplies so that we have sufficient merchandise for the Fall Clean Up event.
  - b. BOD agreed to add to a future agenda discussion of new logos, colors, and types of merchandise to offer.
8. Bylaws (Louis Johnson)
- a. In order to expedite the revision process, Louis will work with Traci on proposed changes. Louis will email a draft to the BOD for review and input.

## **Miscellaneous:**

- Meeting with FS – Louis scheduled a meeting with the FS contact for Lassen (Megan Mallowney). Doug Poppelreiter will attend with Louis. Meeting is on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Louis will compile questions and points of discussion and send to Megan prior to the meeting in order to help facilitate a more productive meeting. Items include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Paint (see Graffiti discussion above)
  - Stickers for carsonite signs
  - Soda Ridge – Have there been any FS requests to work the burn area?
  - Key to kiosk at Spring Valley, substituting new poster(s) in place of existing map. (Torey to get posters to Louis so that he can take to meeting)
  - South Side – The High Lakes cannot be reached from this entrance. SPI has locked many additional gates. The concern is that people could become stranded (not enough fuel to get through).
- Next BOD meeting - Louis proposes that the next BOD Meeting will be held on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD, but will likely be held at the public library on Clark Road). Meeting will focus primarily on the status of the upcoming Fall Clean Up/National Public Lands Day event. Event will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Spring Valley Lake.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Louis Johnson, Chairman.