

Ranger Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
01/30/2019
3rd. Draft

I. Call to Order 1948 hrs. by Mike Lynch

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mike Lynch (President); Jeff Ohlfs (1st. Vice. President) (by telephone); Ann Meneguzzi (2nd Vice. President), Miles Standish (Secretary) and Tom Bernardo (Treasurer).

II. Minutes

Minutes for June 20, 2018

Minutes for August 8, 2018

Minutes for September 27, 2018

MOTION by Miles Standish: To accept the minutes of the last three meetings as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III Reports

1. President's Report – no special report (other items on the agenda)
2. 1st Vice President (Jeff Ohlfs) – Brought up the issue of the Foundation being present at the PRAC conference. A discussion followed regarding a presentation and brochures. PLEA (Park Law Enforcement Association) will also be at the conference. The conference will be in Ventura on March 4-6. Mike announced that the CSPRA Executive Committee is also going. The conference will be at the Crown Plaza (next to the pier). Mike suggested that we have a Foundation Board meeting at the PRAC conference. A discussion followed on what should be in the brochure. Jeff volunteered to contact PRAC to line up a location and time for the Foundation to meet and Mike stated he would complete a new brochure for the Board to consider approving. Jeff mentioned that the two organizations have separate conferences in the same location on the same days. Mike volunteered to contact PLEA.

The consensus of the Board was to meet at the PRAC/PLEA conference at a time and place to be determined.

3. 2nd. Vice President (Ann Meneguzzi) – No report.
4. Treasurer (Tom Bernardo)
 - a) Still no insurance. Hasn't been easy, but still in process.
 - b) Budget. We have no budget. Have been working with Betsy to separate the Foundation from CSPRA funds. One of the problems is that the funds are in the same bank and when you log in the accounts for both organizations come up on the screen.
 - c) Ranger Foundation present balance is \$65,975.00. This balance is after funds were dispersed for wildfire relief and South American obligations.

d) Founding Donors: There are 15 founding donors that donated \$1,000 or more (Donna Pozzi donated \$2,000 and the Whitehead Family \$1,500)
e) 2018 Wildfire donations. 92 donations (some made multiple donations) totaling \$24,715. Funds dispersed to 17 victims of the fires total \$12,600. The question Tom raised is “What are we going to do with the excess money?” (Approximately \$12,115)

Discussion followed. Possibilities:

- To go back to the people who had more than \$1,000 in loss and pay according to what they needed.
- To put the excess funds into the general fund for future use.
- To reach out to all “ranger-type personnel” including other agencies, other classifications and retirement status.

**MOTION (Mike Lynch): To pay above \$1,000 to those who received money up to \$1,000. Second: Ann
Motion carried unanimously.**

-- A general consensus was reached to reach out through Jeff Price to offer additional grants to other park professionals (including agencies other than State Parks) in need of wildfire relief.

f) Tom requested guidance from the Board as to how to handle the cost of donations made through PayPal. A general discussion followed regarding administrative fees (like credit cards)

**MOTION (Mike Lynch): Whenever the Ranger Foundation collects funds for an approved project the Ranger Foundation will absorb the PayPal and bank fees.
Motion was passed unanimously.**

5. Secretary (Miles Standish) - No report

IV Active Projects

1. Fire Relief – Discussed earlier
2. Scholarships/Grants for 2019 World Congress (Ohlfs)
 - Latin American Rangers – Costa Rica, Venezuela and Panama. On schedule, although getting funding through to the Venezuela candidate might be tricky given the present political situation.
 - Mongolian Rangers. This is on hold awaiting what the Anza Borrego Foundation does.
 - ANPR Report – no report.
3. Killed in the Line of Duty – Jeff Ohlfs reports that families of rangers in Mexico, Paraguay and Columbia.

**MOTION (Ann Meneguzzi): To approve \$500 for the families of rangers recently killed in the line of duty in Columbia.
Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Baker to Vegas Run – Tom reported that there is presently a shortfall in what is needed. Mike suggested that we wait until we see if the group can solicit enough funds before the Foundation commits to any support.

V Unfinished/Old Business

1. Grant Policy – Not discussed

VI New Business

1. Resource Protection Peace Officer Association (RPPOA) support
Possible future donation?

VI Announcements

VII Future Schedule:

1. 03/05 or 03/06 - PRAC/PLEA conference (TBA)
2. 04/07 – Following CSPRA Board meeting, Alpine Club, Mt. Tam.
3. 06/12 – Conference Call at 1800 hrs.
4. 09/11 – Conference Call at 1800 hrs.