

Ranger Foundation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
05/10/21  
Video Conference Call  
**Approved**

**I. Call to Order** by President Mike Lynch (Video Conference Call) 1900 hrs.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mike Lynch, President; Jeff Ohlfs (1<sup>st</sup>. Vice. President); Ann Meneguzzi (2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President) Miles Standish (Secretary) and Tom Bernardo (Treasurer). All visible by Zoom except for Ann Meneguzzi who is connected by telephone only.

**II. Minutes Approval**

- A. Minutes of May 10, 2021 – Mike suggested a change Section IV B to read “Mike submitted a written draft that was discussed and referred to the next meeting.”

**MOTION:** Jeff Ohlfs moved to approve the minutes as corrected

**VOTE:** Approved Unanimously

- B. Approval of Grants made by email  
COVID-19 Grants to the families of  
Columbia park ranger José Querubín Castro Ramirez  
Perú park ranger Miro Rosas Zavaleta  
Chile park ranger Patricia Tatiana Rodríguez Castillo  
Line of Duty Death Grant to  
Peru Ranger Arnaldo Martin Cruz Sebastian

**III. Reports**

- A. Officers
1. President Mike Lynch – no report
  2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Jeff Ohlfs – no report
  3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ann Meneguzzi – no report
  4. Treasurer Tom Bernardo – Everything up to date. An extension was requested for taxes because we went over the \$50,000 limit and now the Foundation is required to do a full tax report for both Federal and State taxes.

Balances as of 04/19/21

Cash Balance (all accounts)		\$68,202.40
Less accounts held in trust	-\$7,821.74	\$60,380.66

5. Secretary Miles Standish – no report

B. Active Projects

1. Wildfire & Disaster Relief Fund – Tom Bernardo

- Present balance:  
\$10,313.21
2. Line of Duty Grants – Tom Bernardo  
Grant total: 10 (Since 01/2019)  
Present Balance:  
\$4,122.35
  3. Baker to Vegas Race Fund (holding in trust) – Tom Bernardo  
Race on hold due to COVID  
Present Balance: \$7,057.11
  4. Ranger/Lifeguard Cadet Fund (holding in trust) – Tom Bernardo  
Present Balance (BVST 45): \$ 764.63
  5. Breast Cancer Awareness (partnership with DPR) – Tom Bernardo & Mike Lynch  
Total disbursement (pass-through account): \$5,148.00
  6. World Ranger Day (2021) – Ann Meneguzzi, Mike Lynch & Jeff Ohlfs.  
Ann stated that she is working with Dave Carle to hold the celebration at the Mono Lake Visitor Center. The concept is to be a multi-agency celebration. Mike volunteered to make up a poster including the Roll of Honor.  
Jeff was unsure on the role of NPS and Mike reported on IRF’s effort to report on the number of deaths (not names)  
Mike mentioned that having World Ranger Day in 2023 will hopefully be at Pt. Reyes National Seashore, and Jeff said that we will try for San Diego in 2022.
  7. World Ranger Congress (2023) – Mike Lynch  
Everything appears to be on schedule for having the next Congress in the Azores in 2023. Tom reported that the fund to support sending Central and South American Rangers stands at:  
World Ranger Fund: \$4,659  
Jeff suggested that we should advertise the upcoming Congress at the World Ranger Day celebration to start raising funds as the estimated cost to send a ranger is about \$2,500 to \$3,000.
  8. COVID-19 Grants – Mike Lynch  
Fund Balance (Tom Bernardo) \$2,800  
There are two unresolved requests. Jeff mentioned that they were “voluntary park rangers” and there is confusion on the gender of the request.  
Ann questioned the loss of funds through multiple fees. Mike suggested that Western Union would be a cheaper alternative.  
**MOTION:** Ann Meneguzzi. To approve the two COVID-19 grants to:  
Estrella Yania BANCES Valdero  
Porfirio Petronio TORRES Miranda  
**VOTE:** Approved unanimously.
  9. Equipment Grants – none  
Fund Balance - \$1,960

#### IV Unfinished/Old Business

- A. Ranger Foundation Website – Mike Lynch  
Mike stated that he hasn’t been able to work with Jeff Price for a number of reasons. Mike also stated that he is continuing to work on upgrading the site.

- B. By-Law Change – Mike Lynch  
Mike submitted a written draft that was discussed and referred to the next meeting.
- C. Standing Rules (changes) – Mike Lynch

#### ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVES

- A. Definition of a ranger.  
There are a number of definitions:  
Any person that works for a protected area, government agency or non-governmental organization (NGO) that operates a protected area.
- B. Definition of a Protected Area (IUCN)  
A clearly defined geographical space recognized, dedicated, and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long-term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.

#### ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

##### SECTION 3. Board of Director Powers

- A. The Board has approved the following logo:



- B. The Board has adopted the following slogans/taglines:
  1. "Supporting Parks and Protected Areas"
  2. "Rangers Helping Rangers"
  3. "Protecting the protectors"
- C. The Board has established grant programs as follows:
  1. Line of duty deaths (LODD) grants up to \$500 for the family of rangers killed in Latin America and North American who are not covered by the U.S. Federal LODD benefit.
  2. Disaster Relief.
  3. Covid-19 grants up to \$500 for the family of rangers who perish from coronavirus in Latin America.
  4. Professional Development.
  5. Ranger equipment for Rangers in Latin America.
  6. World Ranger Congress participants.
  7. All grants must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors and recorded at the next Board meeting.
- D. The Board approved becoming an Associate Member of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) on 02/10/20. IRF Associate Membership was approved by the IRF on \_\_\_\_\_.

SECTION 4 Website

The Foundation shall maintain a website.

SECTION 10 Insurance for Corporate Agents

The Treasurer shall maintain insurance for the Foundation

ARTICLE 7 MEETINGS

SECTION 7

Each meeting of the Board will be recorded, and the Secretary will announce this at the beginning of each meeting (8/8/18) Recording of meeting only need to be preserved until the minutes for that meeting are officially approved.

ARTICLE 9 COMMITTEES and PROGRAMS

SECTION 1

A. The Board has approved ongoing support for World Ranger Day

B. The Board has approved supporting the following programs/projects:

1. Baker to Vegas Run for the California State Parks Team
2. National Breast Cancer Awareness California State Parks Pink Bear patch project
3. Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (2/10/20)
4. California State Park Basic Visitor Services Training Cadet Fund (1/21/2021)

C. The Professional Development (PD) Grants Program shall be based on the following criteria:

1. Rules:

- a. PD Grants may be awarded to actively working Rangers (professionals) for activities that expand an individual's skills, knowledge, expertise, and other characteristics as a park professional that fit within the mission and goals Ranger Foundation (RF)
- b. Recipients may receive a reimbursement grant up to a total determined by the Board.
- c. Applications shall normally be submitted as early as possible, but no later than 60 days in advance of the requested activity.
- d. Applicants must declare that funding from other sources is not available.
- e. Grants can be used to pay for registration fees, transportation, course materials, lodging, meals, and other related expenses, subject to review. Grants cannot be used to pay for alcoholic or other intoxicants, incidentals, or gifts.
- f. Applications must include a detailed description of the endeavor, what the funding will be used for, including an estimated budget. If travel is involved, the full estimated itinerary should be included.
- g. Applicants must submit a report within 45 days of completing the activity detailing the grant activity and its professional relevancy to the

ranger vocation and how their experience and what they learned, can or could be applied it to their own protected area or program.

h. Reimbursement or payments will be by made as specified by the Board.

2. The Board will review PD grant requests based on the following guidelines:

- funds available
- relevance to Ranger Foundation mission and goals
- previous grants awarded
- submission time
- nature of the request
- number of applicants

## ARTICLE 10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

### SECTION 4 Gifts

A. Persons donating \$1,000 or more, and organizations that donate \$2,500 or more, as an unrestricted donation on or before December 31, 2019, will be eligible to be on the Ranger Foundation's Founding Donor Role. (6/20/18)

Donor	Date Joined
1 Whitehead Family	2/13/18
2 Ohlfs Family	4/4/18
3 Lynch Family	5/4/18
4 Ann Meneguzzi	6/15/18
5 Krumbien Family	7/30/18
6 J. F. Smith	8/24/18
7 Donna Pozzi	9/28/18
8 Bernardo Family	10/1/18
9 Mott Family	10/2/18
10 Price Family	10/4/18
11 Chavez Family	10/4/18
12 Rodi Lee	10/10/18
13 Bud Getty	10/23/18
14 Kathleen Franklin	11/12/18
15 Miles Standish	12/31/18

B. Letters of acknowledgement will be sent to donor's acknowledging their donation and identifying the Foundation's IRS number. (8/8/18)

C. Whenever the Ranger Foundation collects funds for an approved project the Ranger Foundation will absorb the ordinary administrative fees (like PayPal and bank fees), associated with the project. (1/30/2019)

## ARTICLE 11. FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year of the Foundation will be from October 1 to September 30

## **V NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mike and Jeff volunteered to put together a brochure for World Ranger Day.

**MOTION:** To approve up to \$200 for printing a brochure for World Ranger Day – Miles

**VOTE:** Approved unanimously

## **VII ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ann announced the annual meeting for CSPRA to be held at Donner Memorial Park on September 13 – 16, 2021

**NEXT MEETING:** July 15, 2021 at 6 pm. (Zoom)