

Ranger Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
02/10/2020
Conference Call
Approved 04/08/2020

I. Call to Order by Mike Lynch: 1900 hrs. Conference Call

Roll Call:

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

II. Minutes

Minutes for May 22, 2019

No proposed changes.

MOTION by Jeff Ohlfs. Seconded: Ann Meneguzzi. To accept the minutes of May 22, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

III Reports

A. Officers

1. President's Report – No report (other items on the agenda)
2. 1st Vice President Report (Jeff Ohlfs) – No report.
3. 2nd. Vice President Report (Ann Meneguzzi) – No report.
4. Treasurer Report (Tom Bernardo)
 - a) Current balance for checking is \$66,679.35
 - b) Federal Tax report is due. Betsy's husband declines to work on the Foundations' taxes, so Tom will do the report. Report is due on February 15.
 - c) Discussion on money spent on the World Ranger Conference. A suggestion that anything not spent on this conference should be held as seed money for the next.
 - d) There is still \$4,707 left in the Baker-Vegas Run fund – which is just a holding account.
 - e) Mike asked Tom to work up an accounting for where all
5. Secretary Report – All Conflict of Interests forms have been received with the exception of Ann Meneguzzi. Miles promised to send her another form.

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1. Fire Relief - Bernardo
Remaining balance: \$9,618.81 + a monthly donation of \$25/month from David Garcia.
2. California Hospitality Association – Tom got a check for \$500. Could this be a donation for the Baker/Vegas Run? The check was made out to both the CSPRA and the Ranger Foundation.
3. World Ranger Congress – Jeff Ohlfs
\$4,059.00 left in the account.
Portugal (Azores in 2022) will be the next location

One “no-show” from the rangers we sponsored.

Mike congratulated Jeff for all the work he did on this project.

4. Killed in the line of duty project. – one new ranger reported as killed in the line of duty in Peru. We contributed \$500 to the next of kin.
5. Baker to Vegas Run – Tom Bernardo. The balance is \$4,707. This is their money – not the Foundation’s.
6. Pink Bear program with State Parks. – Tom Bernardo. **Mike reported roughly \$1,200 in expenses and a profit of roughly \$3,000 will be sent off to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.** A final report will be provided later.
7. World Ranger Day (July 31) – Where to hold the celebration? Pt. Reyes? Yosemite? Border Field? Across the Border? Santa Monica Mtns.? Old Town San Diego? Where can we get support? Jeff Ohlfs suggested that we bring this up at the PRAC Conference. Jeff will also check with Felipe on south of the border ideas. Mike will take the idea to the PRAC Conference. Jeff suggested we should ask ranger authors to donate a percentage of their profits to the Foundation.

IV UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS

- A. Development of Grant Criterion and Policy – Mike Lynch
The proposal was sent to all board members is still viable, but Mike suggested we put this over to the next meeting. Nobody objected
- B. Bookkeeper for the Ranger Foundation – Tom Bernardo
Nothing done as yet. Tom said he isn’t sure that we need a bookkeeper given the size of the Foundation. This year is a bit unusual because we brought in over \$50,000 and that triggered a more difficult tax report. Maybe we should ask ranger authors to donate a percentage of their profits to the Foundation.

V NEW BUSINESS

- A. Support for the Georgia International Law Enforcement – Lynn Rhodes

MOTION: by Secretary Miles Standish

That the Ranger Foundation supports the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange

MOTION CARRIES unanimously.

Mike will advise Lynn Rhodes.

- B. IRF Membership – Mike & Ohlfs.
The Foundation is probably not eligible to be a full member, but we could probably be eligible to be an associate member.

MOTION: by Secretary Miles Standish

That the Ranger Foundation apply to become an associate member of the IRF.
There was considerable discussion based on some political considerations.

MOTION carries: 4:0 with one abstention.

Action: Miles to send in the application to the IRF.

C. Venezuela Ranger Relief – Jeff Ohlfs.

Jeff forwarded a request from Venezuela ranger Wualmort Moreno (Regional Chief) for help in acquiring some badly needed equipment for Venezuela rangers.

MOTION: by Jeff Ohlfs

That the Foundation supports equipment ranger relief. The dollar amount to be determined later by the Board based on the request we get from Venezuela.

MOTION CARRIES unanimously

D. Discussion on how we should fund-raise in the future. One idea is the 1% program by some environmental businesses.

<https://www.onepercentfortheplanet.org/nonprofit-partners>

E. Updating the Ranger Foundation website.

Action Items:

*Miles to send Jeff Price the minutes of the Foundation.

*Jeff Ohlfs to provide information on fallen rangers.

*Tom to supply the names of all the founding donors to Jeff Price.

*Mike to supply an active project list

*Mike to provide a donor form for the website

F. Election of Officers

By unanimous consent, and there being no objections, President Mike Lynch declares the officers elected to another term (one year).

VI **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER**

None

VII **BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2020**

April 8, 2020 – 7 p.m.

June 15, 2020 – 7 p.m.

Mike will call meetings as needed.

VIII **ADJOURNMENT**

