

Ranger Foundation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
04/08/2020  
Conference Call

**I. Call to Order** by Jeff Ohlfs: 1910 hrs. Conference Call

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jeff Ohlfs (1<sup>st</sup>. Vice. President); Ann Meneguzzi (2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President) Miles Standish (Secretary) and Tom Bernardo (Treasurer). Mike Lynch (President) joined late at 1916 hrs.

**II. Minutes**

Minutes for February 10, 2020 (Version 4)

No proposed changes. Approved unanimously as submitted.

**MOTION** by Miles Standish. To approve the minutes for February 10, 2020 as submitted.

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

**MOTION by Jeff Ohlfs:** To add to the minutes of this meeting the approval of the motion passed unanimously by all Board members on February 16 by email the following motion by Mike Lynch: “... **to approve up to \$1,800 plus associated costs/fees for transferring the funds, for the equipment request for Venezuela park ranger program.**”

**III Reports**

**A. Officers**

1. President’s Report – Not present
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report (Jeff Ohlfs) – No report.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President Report (Ann Meneguzzi) – Ann reported that she attended the PRAC conference in Reno (March 3,4 &5) representing Pink Bear.

1916 hrs. President Mike Lynch joins the meeting

4. Treasurer Report (Tom Bernardo) -- Working on the tax reports. Got an extension to August 15 for both State and Federal reports.  
Not making trips to the bank for the foreseeable future due to Corona virus but PayPal will still be used
5. Secretary Report – Some sort of problem with people receiving the minutes so in the future it will be requested that everyone acknowledge receipt of the minutes.

**B. Active Projects**

1. **Fire Relief** - Bernardo  
Approximate balance: \$12,500  
Mike suggested that the fund’s name be changed to “Fire/Disaster Relief”.

**MOTION** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ann Meneguzzi: That the Treasurer send out a notice to all fire relief donors giving them an update and notify them that that we plan to use the excess for future fire or other disaster relief.

**MOTION – Carried Unanimously.**

2. **Line of Duty deaths** – Jeff Ohlfs reported that the money was sent off to Columbia for the murdered ranger but there has been no report back on receipt of the funds as yet due to the COVID lock down. There is a report of a manager of a private reserve in Argentina being killed, but more information is needed.
3. **Baker to Vegas Run Update.** The Run has been cancelled due to the Corona virus. We are holding about \$4,500 but we will be getting a refund for registration fees around \$2,000.
4. **Pink Bear Partnership** – After expenses the amount raised was \$3,905. (see attached final report)
5. **World Ranger Day** – Jeff reported that Kim Duclou of the City of San Diego said he might be able to help using Balboa Park, but nothing was heard after the PRAC conference. Should we abandon for 2020 because of the Corona virus? Jeff proposed that we try for the City of San Diego in 2021. Jeff also proposed that World Ranger Day be celebrated in 2023 at Pt. Reyes to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ken Patrick’s murder (08/05/1973) as a World Ranger Day memorial.
6. **Venezuela Equipment Relief** – (Jeff) We know that the money has been received and has purchased equipment. Hopefully we will be getting pictures of what was purchased.
7. **World Ranger Congress 2022** – It will be held in the Portuguese Azores Islands. Do we want to support South American rangers who might want to attend?

**MOTION** by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ann Meneguzzi: That the Ranger Foundation support the South American rangers for the 2022 World Ranger Congress and that the unused funds not used for the 2019 Congress be used for the 2022 Congress (\$4,059)

**MOTION – Carried Unanimously**

#### **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. **IRF Associate Membership** – The application was received and there was a request for more information and the IRF Board was referred to the Ranger Foundation website. Jeff Price did some updating to the website, so hopefully there is enough information now available.
- C. **Website Update.** Jeff Price has put a lot of time and effort into the website update with recommendations from Jeff Ohlfs.

D. **Fundraising** – No information or plans. We do have funds coming in based on what projects we are supporting.

E. **Brochure** – No report from Mike other than he is still working on one for handout.

**V NEW BUSINESS**

A. **COVID-19 Project** – Email from Mike proposing a special fund for rangers affected by COVID – 19 restricted to Latin American rangers. The email offered to donate \$5,000 towards such a fund. Ann Meneguzzi stated she would add another \$500.

**MOTION** by Mike Lynch to establish a special fund for the specific purpose of the RF providing \$500 grants to the families of Latin American rangers who have died from the Corona virus/COVID19 and to accept donations for this effort.

There was considerable discussion. Tom Bernardo offered an additional \$500.

**MOTION** carried 3 in favor to 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

**VI ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER**

None

**VII BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2020**

June 15, 2020 – 1900 hrs.

Mike will call meetings as needed.

**VIII ADJOURNMENT - 2110 hr.**

