

Ranger Foundation  
Board Meeting Minutes  
06/15/2020  
Video Conference Call

**I. Call to Order** by 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).

**II. Minutes**

A. Minutes for April 8, 2020

Tom Bernardo made two corrections:

1. Under Section III B (Active Projects) item #1 should be titled Fire Relief/Disaster Relief.
2. The amount should be changed from \$12,500 to \$9,618.81

**MOTION** by Jeff Ohlfs. To approve the minutes **draft #3** for April 8, 2020 as amended by Tom Bernardo

**MOTION** carried unanimously.

B. Special Motion by email by Jeff Ohlfs:

1. Line of Duty Request Brazil -- \$500 approved, but not yet sent.
2. Coronavirus payment – Approved.
3. **Line of Duty Request Peru – Not approved**

**MOTION** by Jeff Ohlfs to approve the payments (see attached documents)

**MOTION** carried.

**III Reports**

**A. Officers**

1. President's Report – Items on the agenda
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report (Jeff Ohlfs) – Items on the agenda
3. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President Report (Ann Meneguzzi) – No report.
4. Treasurer Report (Tom Bernardo) – See attached report
  - Time Frame for Treasurer's Report. This report covers from the first of the year. All of the donations were received in the first six months.
  - The Bank of the West information is current as of yesterday.
  - The Fallen Ranger Account is current as of yesterday with one pending.
  - The Disaster Relief Fund has over \$9,000.
  - 1,500 was transferred to Venezuela for equipment **but receipts** have yet to be received.
  - No money has been spent on the World Ranger Congress subsequent to the Congress.
  - A rough estimate of what is left over in the World Ranger fund is about \$8,000, but that is only an estimate.
  - No report on filings. Still working on taxes

5. Secretary Report – By-laws certification. Because we aren't meeting in person members of the Board are being asked to sign the certification page and then send it to me. I'll attached the certification pages to the official By-laws and certify the By-Laws once all the signatures are in.

#### **B. Active Projects (1933 hrs.)**

1. **Disaster Relief Fund** – Tom Bernardo  
A discussion was held on renaming this fund simply “Disaster Relief”, but no motion was made to make the name official. This may change with the new proposed Standing Rules.
2. **Line of Duty Deaths** – Jeff Ohlfs  
Another discussion was held on the official name of this fund. The general consensus was to use the “Line of Duty Deaths” (LODD) from now on. Jeff reported that the Brazilian grant has not been paid and is pending.
3. **Baker to Vegas Run Update.** – Tom Bernardo.  
The Run has been cancelled due to the Corona virus. We are holding a balance of \$7,407 which can be used for next year.
4. **DPR Partnership w/Pink Bear Program** – Mike Lynch  
Foundation takes in the money and the net proceeds are sent to the Breast Cancer Relief Fund. That program will start up in July and the event will be in October. There will be two new items: a pink ranger patch and a pink ranger badge patch.  
Tom reported that this past February 24 we sent a payment to the Breast Cancer Relief Fund for \$3,905.
5. **World Ranger Day** – Jeff Ohlfs.  
Reminded the Board that World Ranger Day was cancelled for 2020 and the next celebration will be in 2021. Mike suggested that CSPRA might do a minor recognition – maybe just on social media. Just get individuals do individual actions.
6. **Venezuela Equipment Relief** – Jeff Ohlfs.  
Jeff reported that things have gone from bad to worse in Venezuela and due to the lack of internet connection Ranger Wualmort Moreno has had a hard time communicating. He has reported that they got the equipment but he hasn't gotten the receipts out.
7. **World Ranger Congress 2022** – Mike Lynch  
The Congress is still on track to be in the Azores. Mike announced that a location and dates have been approved.
8. **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Grants** – Mike Lynch  
The virus has spread quite rapidly in Latin America, but so far, we haven't had many takes on our grant program. Mike is going to reach out and remind some people of the program that we have a limited number of grants available.

#### **IV UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS (1945 hrs.)**

##### **A. Development of Grant Criterion and Policy** – Mike Lynch

This item was moved to “New Business” with the inclusion of Standing Rules

**B. IRF Associate Membership – Mike Lynch**

Mike announced that it was approved at the last IRF Board meeting and Tom stated that the dues were paid.

**C. Website Update. – Mike Lynch**

Mike reported that there was a lot of time and effort put into the new website by Jeff Price and Jeff Ohlfs. Jeff Ohlfs suggested using the slogan of “Protecting the Protectors” for us to use in the future. Mike said he will put the idea over to the next meeting to give everyone time to think of a good tag-line.

**V NEW BUSINESS (1949 hrs.)**

**A. Professional Development Request – Jeff Ohlfs.**

A ranger in Argentina has requested \$8,200 to attend a course in the management of protected areas at Colorado State University.

**MOTION by Jeff Ohlfs.**

The Foundation supports the application by the Argentine ranger, and will fund the request for \$500 based on the grant criterion.

**MOTION** passed unanimously.

**B. Request from Brazil – Jeff Ohlfs.**

Marcello (from Brazil) has been putting on ranger training in Brazil and now he is looking for sources of funding for 2021. He is requesting \$15,000. There was considerable discussion. Jeff stated he would write Marcello back to advise him that the Foundation was considering supporting his request, but we can’t help him for the full amount and would like to know how much has already been raised.

**C. Standing Rules – Mike Lynch**

The By-laws provide for standing rules. Three categories

1. Policies we have already adopted.
2. Grant Programs (rules for each program)
3. Definitions (?  
- ranger (volunteers, maintenance

Mike said he would re-draft his suggestions and would welcome written comments.

**VI ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER**

**Tom** – Did we ever find out if Gonzales ever got his money? No.

**Ann** – Nothing

**Miles** – Nothing

**Jeff** -- Nothing

**VII BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2020**

September 1, 2020 – Next meeting

Mike will call meetings as needed.

VIII ADJOURNMENT - 2042 hr.



Ranger Foundation <rangerfoundation1@gmail.com>

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**Grant votes by RF Board**

1 message

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**Ranger Foundation** <rangerfoundation1@gmail.com> Sun, May 24, 2020 at 7:20 AM  
To: Miles Standish <CalRanger@aol.com>, Tom Bernardo - Ranger Foundation  
<rangerftreasurer@gmail.com>, ann Meneguzzi <tmlann@hotmail.com>, Jeff Ohlfs  
<deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com>

Dear RF Board,

This email is to confirm the recent RD Board votes for grants, as follow:

1. The Board approved payment of a Covid-19 grant to Cristian Gonzales. 4-0.
2. The Board voted that death of the Ranger from Pacaya Samiria National Reserve Peru did not meet the criteria for an "in the line of duty" grant, 5-0.

Yours,

Mike

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Mike Lynch, President  
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## Approval of Grant - Brazilian Ranger Death

1 message

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**Ranger Foundation** <rangerfoundation1@gmail.com> Sat, Jun 13, 2020 at 6:47 PM  
To: Jeff Ohlfs <deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com>  
Cc: Thomas Bernardo <rangerftreasurer@gmail.com>, ann Meneguzzi <tmlann@hotmail.com>, Miles Standish <CalRanger@aol.com>

Dear RF Board,

This is to notify you that the Board approved the grant for the family of Brazilian Ranger Damião Cristino de Carvalho Junior.

Mike

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**Mike Lynch**, President  
**Ranger Foundation**  
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*Tax ID: 82-3511586*  
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On Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 7:29 PM Jeff Ohlfs <deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Thank you all for voting. I vote yes also.

Jeff

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**From:** Ranger Foundation <rangerfoundation1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 5, 2020 5:44 PM  
**To:** Thomas Bernardo <rangerftreasurer@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Jeff Ohlfs <deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com>; ann Meneguzzi <tmlann@hotmail.com>; Miles Standish <CalRanger@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Brazilian Ranger Death

All,

Thanks for the additional info and input.

