

Ranger Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
09/01/20
Video Conference Call

I. Call to Order by President Mike Lynch (Video Conference Call) at 1915 hrs.

Roll Call:

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

II. Minutes

Minutes for June 15, 2020 (version 3) and August 20, 2020 (version 2).

MOTION: Motion by Tom Bernardo: To accept the minutes of June 15 and August 20, 2020 as amended.

MOTION CARRIES: Passed unanimously.

III Reports

A. Officers

1. President Mike Lynch – No report
2. 1st.Vice-President Jeff Ohlfs – No report
3. 2nd.Vice-President Ann Meneguzzi – No report
4. Treasurer Tom Bernardo

All filings (taxes, Sec. of State, IRS, Franchise Tax Board & DOJ) are done. We are almost to the end of our fiscal year so a report should be submitted in the next 4-5 months. We didn't go over \$50,000 in donations in this past fiscal year, but if we go over \$50,000 in the present fiscal year that will trigger a full tax filing.

Accounts: status

- a. Baker to Vegas Run Fund -- \$7,407.11 available for 2021 run.
- b. Fallen Ranger Fund -- Eleven \$500 grants (\$5,500). We have about \$3,300 left in the fund. Several individual donations
- c. Covid-19 Fund – Three grants have been given with one pending. Present balance is \$4,770 (after two pending grants)
- d. World Ranger Congress Fund – Balance \$4,689
- e. Pink Breast Cancer Fund -- \$0
- f. General (non-allocated) Fund – Unsure, but approaching \$100,000.
- g. Disaster Fund –
73 donations up to \$2,000 (one donation)
Fund start: \$7,618 (from the Paradise Fire left-over)
Given out a total of 8 grants (not all were up to the limit of \$1,000)
with two pending and several more that have expressed interest.

Present Balance \$26,000 with more donations still coming in.

5. Secretary Miles Standish – No report.

B. Active Projects

1. Disaster Relief. – Tom Bernardo

There are potentially 12 more people that might have relief claims. We have raised about \$20,000 plus the people we have given money to so we have raised approximately \$27,000 (less the \$7,600 from the Paradise fire) leaving us with approximately \$8,000 for more grants. We will probably get a lot more requests for a grant.

Mike Lynch announced that Randy of the California State Parks Foundation called on behalf of Rachel Norton (CEO) to suggest that the CSP Foundation is interested in partnering with the Ranger Foundation to provide some relief for park employees. Nothing was decided.

Mike also suggested that CSPRA might transfer some funds into the Relief Fund.

Tom recommended that we not change anything for now and wait for a couple of weeks to see how many people apply and what our donations turn out to be.

MOTION (as modified) by Jeff Ohlfs:

If the Foundation receives no more disaster grant requests at the end of three weeks, the Foundation will offer up to \$1,000 more to current disaster grantees prioritizing those with significant property loss.

MOTION RESCINDED by Jeff Ohlfs

After considerable debate Jeff Ohlfs rescinded his motion and a special meeting was set for September 22 (at 1900 hrs?) for the specific purpose of reviewing the Disaster Relief program.

2. Line of Duty Death Grants – Jeff Ohlfs

Jeff brought up the issue of supporting park non-peace officer deaths in both North and South America. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Jeff Ohlfs: The Line of Duty Death program will include North and South American protected area personnel except for those covered by the U.S. public safety officers benefit program.

MOTION CARRIED: Passed unanimously

3. Baker to Vegas Run – Tom Bernardo

No Report

4. Pink Patch program with State Parks – Mike Lynch

No Report

5. World Ranger Congress (2022) (Azores Islands) Jeff Ohlfs & Mike Lynch

Jeff Reported that he contacted Fernando Francisco got back to Jeff immediately and will let Jeff know if any help is needed.

6. Venezuela Equipment Relief – Jeff Ohlfs & Tom Bernardo

All of the necessary feedback has occurred. Lots of pictures were sent.

7. World Ranger Day (2021) – Mike Lynch
Tabled until after January 1, 2021
8. Coronavirus Grants – Mike Lynch and Tom Bernardo
No report

IV Unfinished/Old Business

- a. Development of Standing Rules – Mike Lynch
Working on the next draft.

V New Business

- a. Tagline: “Protect the Protectors”
“Rangers helping Rangers”
“Who’s going to help the protectors?”
What taglines should we use?
- b. Establishing a Ranger Foundation Website – Tom Bernardo
Should we have a stand-alone website? What should be the domain name?
Who should be the webmaster?
Mike declared that the consensus of the Board is to approach Jeff Price to look into possible names, costs, and any other possible suggestions that Jeff might have to establish a stand-alone website.
- c. Ranger Training Program (Brazil)
Do we want to support this program?

MOTION by Ann Meneguzzi. (Seconded by Jeff Ohlfs) That the Ranger Foundation grant \$500 to support the Brazilian training program if it occurs.

MOTION CARRIED: Passed unanimously

VI Announcements

None

VII Future Meetings

September 22, 2020 – Special meeting @ 1900 hrs.
December 16, 2020 – 1900 hrs.

VII Adjournment: 2044 hrs.