

# Ranger Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes

05/05/2022

Video Conference Call

Approved

## I. Call to Order by President Mike Lynch at 1803 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.

## II. Minutes Approval

**MOTION** – To approve the minutes of February 18, 2022 as amended.

**MOTION CARRIES** unanimously

## III Confirmation of Grants

### A. Line of Duty Deaths

1. Elsa Maribel Murrieta Alvarado - Peru

**MOTION** – Tom Bernardo

To approve the grant to the family of Alvarado

**MOTION CARRIES** – 3 yes and 1 no (Meneguzzi abstains)

2. Gregor Labu Benítez Rivas (Occiso) – Venezuela

**MOTION**

To approve the grant to the family of Rivas

**MOTION CARRIES** unanimously

3. Camilo Sánchez Sarango – Peru

**MOTION?**

To approve the grant to the family of Sarango

It was noted that the date of death was over one year from the date of request.

**MOTION FAILS** – for lack of a mover.

**MOTION** by Jeff Ohlfs

That the Foundation will only consider a grant request within one year of the date of death (policy only)

**MOTION TO AMEND** – Mike Lynch

That the motion be amended to two years from the date of death

**MOTION TO AMEND PASSES** – 3 yes and 2 noes

**NEW MOTION** – by Mike Lynch

That the Foundation will only consider a grant request within two years of the date of death (policy only)

**MOTION CARRIES** – 4 yes and 1 no

**B. COVID Deaths**

4. Alfredo Pereyra – Argentina

No action. Mike recalled the item for consideration stating he wanted more information on the cause of death.

**C. Line of Duty Death**

5. Ronal Adam Timaná

**MOTION** – Tom Bernardo

To approve a Line of Duty Grant of \$500 to the wife of Ronal Adam Timaná

**MOTION CARRIES** - unanimously

**IV Officer Reports**

1. Ann Meneguzzi reported that the Best Western Hotel in San Diego has agreed to a reduced rate for the World Ranger Day on July 31.
2. Mike Lynch reported that Ann has been sworn in as the President of the California Alpine Club.
3. Tom Bernardo sent out the latest Treasurer’s report to all board members by email. He also reported that the Baker to Vegas race has been postponed to 2023 so there is no activity in that fund. There was a donation of \$210 from the Cadet Graduation for the Pink Bear project and a \$680 donation from the State Park Anniversary Committee. We are also collecting money for the Millerton Lake Safety Day and there is \$1,200 in that fund. There is still \$400 in the BVST #47 fund.
4. Mike Lynch stated that the Venezuelan Ranger Equipment Fund should really be designated as the “Ranger Equipment Fund”

**MOTION** – Jeff Ohlfs

To transfer the remaining \$1,960 in the Ranger Equipment Account to the World Ranger Congress Account.

**MOTION CARRIES** – unanimously

The World Ranger Congress Account is now \$6,899.00

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**V. Active Projects**

1. Disaster Relief – Tom Bernardo  
No report
2. Line of Duty Death grants – Ohlfs & Bernardo  
No new grants.
3. Baker to Vegas Run – Tom Bernardo  
A run is being planned for 2023.
5. Pink Bear Project – Mike Lynch  
Fund has increased by \$210
6. World Ranger Day 2022 – Jeff Ohlfs
  - Issue: How do we pay for services? ~~There is no Foundation credit card.~~ Tom said he would reimburse Jeff.
  - It looks like the Panama delegate is coming. The delegate has a passport, but a visa is still needed
  - Invitations have been sent out to 60 agencies. A few have responded but only one ‘yes’ so far.
  - Keynote speaker:  
CSPRA has invited the DPR Director  
Several others have been considered, but there isn’t anyone committed.
  - A discussion on money spent so far. Jeff presented a list totaling \$775 of support items. An airline estimate puts the cost at \$1,500 per person for travel.
  - Several other representatives from Mexico ~~different countries~~ are coming.
  - A patch design has been developed.
  - A general discussion of planning (agencies coming, banners, hats, logo, etc.)
  - Other countries are also celebrating
  - The 4imprint grant didn’t come through 1:19:16
  - Ann Meneguzzi gave out the information for hotel reservations
7. World Ranger Day 2023 – Ann Meneguzzi
  - Alpine Lodge maybe available to host a reception location.
  - Jeff has not yet reached out to Pt. Reyes National Seashore to arrange a World Ranger Day to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a National Park Ranger’s death at the hands of a poacher.
8. World Ranger Congress (IRF) – Jeff Ohlfs, Mike Lynch  
Dates: June 5-9, 2023. Azores, Portugal. The date is set but a lot of the detail is missing.  
We have approximately \$7,000 available in the World Ranger Congress Fund. Mike stated it is time to make an appeal, so we have the necessary funds to sponsor some rangers to the Congress. Last congress we sponsored 5 rangers.
9. Coronavirus Grants – Mike Lynch  
No new grants
10. Equipment Grants  
Covered earlier.
11. Visitor Services Training Account  
Covered earlier
12. Millerton Lake Kids Water Safety Day.  
Covered earlier. Mike showed the patch that was developed

## VII. Old Business

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- A. Brochure Development – Mike Lynch  
Still in development
- B. Rally for Ranger’s Support in Peru
  - Discussion but no action.

## VIII. New Business

1. Relief for Ukraine rangers. – Mike Lynch  
Mike made an argument for supporting the Ukrainian rangers with a donation. If the Foundation does make a donation, it would have to go through the European Rangers.

### **MOTION – Mike Lynch**

That the Ranger Foundation donate \$500 to support the Ukrainian rangers through the European Rangers. - Jeff Ohlfs seconded the motion.

### **MOTION TO AMEND – Miles Standish**

To amend the main motion to increase the donation to \$1000

### **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIES – unanimously**

### **AMENDED MOTION CARRIES – unanimously**

2. Request for donations  
Mike volunteered to make a request through the newsletters and electronic boards for donations to support the Ukrainian rangers.

## IX. Announcements

1. Miles reminded the Board that the California State Park System will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2027.
2. Ann reiterated that the CSPRA Rendezvous is at Donner Lake, Sept 11-15. A special rate has been arranged for attendees at \$125/night at the Truckee-Donner Lodge next to the Park.
3. Future meetings: July 7, October 6

## X. Adjournment (2000 hrs.)