

Ranger Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes

10/06/2022

Video Conference Call

Approved

I. Call to Order by President Mike Lynch at 1800 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).

II. Minutes Approval

MOTION – Jeff Ohlfs

To approve the minutes of July 8, 2022, as amended.

MOTION APPROVED – unanimously.

III. Confirmation of Grants Approved by Email

- A. Covid-19 grant to family of park ranger Maria Angelica Olaya Lopez (Peru)

MOTION – Miles Standish

To approve the grant tentatively approve the grant made on August 29, 2022

MOTION APPROVED - unanimously

IV. Reports

1. Officers

Treasurer's Report – Tom Bernardo

Balance \$67,657.90 (Report at the CSPRA GEC is attached)

2. Active Projects

1. Disaster Relief – Mike Lynch

Mike reported that he contacted Jamie to offer relief for the Yosemite fire and got no response. Jeff reported that the NPS solicitor's office apparently disapproved of the offer for ethical reasons. Apparently until there is a final decision on the ethics of donations to federal employees for disaster relief, they can't accept any relief from the Foundation.

2. Line of Duty Deaths – Jeff Ohlfs
Nothing to report
3. Baker to Vegas Run – Tom Bernardo
Postponed to 2023
4. Pink Bear – Tom Bernardo
Tom announced that he is handling all of the Pink Bear sales this year. So far sales are between \$800 - \$900.
5. World Ranger Day – Jeff Ohlfs
 - a. This year's event appeared to go well. Jeff's financial report is attached.
 - b. Pt. Reyes NS (NPS) has agreed to host World Ranger Day (July 31) for 2023. As of now the event will start at 10 instead of 11. The park's natural history association has agreed to bring a ranger from Georgia (country). This time space is not limiting so every ranger that wants to come will be invited. NPS will sponsor a special Jr. Ranger Day and there will be a special area to show off all the different ranger vehicles from all the different agencies. Guest speakers are yet to be decided. The event will commemorate two rangers (NPS and DPR) that died in the line of duty 50 years ago. The Fraternal Order of Police have agreed to have their "Supreme Sacrifice" medal for both rangers. Jeff suggested that the Foundation support the cost of miscellaneous items (patch, FOP medal w/engraving, plates, cups, printing, banners, cake, water, roll of honor poster, etc.) that should cost just under \$400. (Apparently NPS can't pay for a number of these items.) The idea has been put forward that World Ranger Day for 2024 be held in an East Bay Regional Park.
 - c. Lodging at the Alpine Club – Ann Meneguzzi
The trustees of the Lodge have reservations about the use of the grounds due to Covid. In addition, they don't like the idea of private rentals renting out the entire facility. So, at the moment the situation doesn't appear clear.
6. World Ranger Congress – Mike Lynch & Jeff Ohlfs.
Things are still in a state of flux. The location of the next Congress is unknown, and the next Congress will probably be in 2024 or 2025. There is a possibility of Mongolia.
7. Coronavirus Grants – Mike Lynch
No report
8. Equipment Grants – Mike Lynch
Jeff suggested that the fund be shut down, but Mike suggested we continue it for another six months. No action.
9. Calif. Visitor Services Training Acct. – Mike Lynch and Tom Bernardo
No news. Tom reported that a new class just started.
10. Millerton SRA Water Safety Day – Mike Lynch
Went off well.

V. Old Business

No old business

VI. New Business

1. Peru Ranger Angel Santo Alto Olaya (LODD grant)
Jeff offered some reasons to not trust the information given on the death certificate.
Mike will try and get some agency certification on the circumstances of death.

2. Peru Ranger Manuel Eduardo Ruiz Olaya (LODD grant) – Mike Lynch

MOTION – Mike Lynch

To approve the LODD grant

MOTION APPROVED – unanimously.

3. Argentine equipment Requests – Mike Lynch
Jeff figured the request was for approximately \$3,846.78 for radios, uniforms, and other equipment.

MOTION – Mike Lynch

To approve the Argentina Equipment Request of up to \$4,000 contingent on a fund-raising effort to raise the funds.

MOTION APPROVED – unanimously

4. Peru Boot request – Mike Lynch
50 boots at \$60 for \$3,000.

MOTION – Mike Lynch

To approve the Peru Boot request for \$3,000 contingent on a fund-raising campaign to raise the funds.

MOTION APPROVED – unanimously

VII. Announcements

Next Board meeting: December 8, 1800 hrs. (Date was subsequently changed to December 14, 2022, at 1800 hrs.)

X. Adjournment (1908 hrs.)

World Ranger Day 2022 ACCOUNTING

Total: \$3,458.64

Jeff Ohlfs (\$518.88)

Water	\$4.49
Panama Ranger Passport	\$100
Panama Ranger Spending Cash	\$200
Panama Ranger Meals (B-2/D-1)	\$69
Panama Ranger Airport Pkg x2	\$12
Cake	\$44.99
Program Printing	\$88.40

CSPAC (\$1002)

Patch (100)	\$91
Postcard and magnets	\$53
Hats (10)	\$105
Ranger Banners	\$406
RoH & California Memoriam Poster	\$47
Panama Ranger Lodging	\$300

CSPRA (\$800)

Panama Ranger Lodging	\$116.76
Panama Ranger Plane Flight	\$683.24

RF (\$500 up to \$2100)

Panama Ranger Plane Flight	\$702.76
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San Diego Panama Sister City Society (\$300)

Panama Ranger Lodging	\$300
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Ranger Foundation

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Ranger Foundation Report

September 8, 2022

Ranger Foundation Timeline

- **October 6, 2016 – CSPRA Members pass resolution at Annual Meeting in Morro Bay directing Board to establish a 501 (c)(3) charitable Ranger Foundation.**
- **February 15, 2017 – Ranger Foundation was established as a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation with the California Secretary of State’s Office.**
- **July 20, 2017 - CSPRA Board appoints Directors for Ranger Foundation of Tom Bernardo, Mike Lynch, Ann Meneguzzi, Jeff Ohlfs, and Miles Standish.**
- **November 26, 2017 – Ranger Foundation Board of Directors meet for the first time and adopt Bylaws and elect officers.**
- **December 19, 2017 – Ranger Foundation launched a new website with CSPRA help.**
- **February 1, 2018 – Ranger Foundation granted charitable non-profit status with IRS and established "donation" capability.**

In 2021 the RF purchased the ranger.foundation domain name for our website.

Ranger Foundation Purpose

The primary purpose of this Foundation is to promote and support parks and protected areas and the individuals and groups associated with parks and protected areas, on local, state, national and international levels.

So, 4 ½ years in where are we?

Current Account Balances

Checking: \$7,003.73
Savings: \$58,459.53

Contractor

Webmaster: \$50/mo.

PayPal: \$1,798.02
VENMO: \$396.62
TOTAL: \$67,657.90 (\$34,426.13 are general donations not set aside for Special Projects)

SPECIAL PROJECTS
Total set aside: \$33,231.77

COVID19 Ranger Relief (26 total)

Grants: 26 @ \$500 each = \$13,000
Fund balance of \$5,800

cancelled)

Line of Duty Death Relief (13 total)

Total Grants: 13 @ \$500 each = \$6,500
wildfires
Remaining Balance: \$2,622.35

Baker To Vegas Relay Fund

To support the CA State Parks Team

Fund Balance: \$7,407.11

(Postponed until 2023)

Venezuelan Ranger Equipment

2/26/20	\$1,500
12/21/20	<u>\$1,540</u>
	\$3,040

World Ranger Congress

Spent about \$16K sending five south and central American rangers to the 2019 WRC in Nepal. Remaining fund Balance is \$6,919
(2023 Azores Congress was

The IRF World Ranger Congress brings together Rangers from all over the world, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills, share knowledge and create partnerships.

Disaster Relief Fund (84 total)

Total grants: \$74,696.20 for

Remaining Balance: \$10,483.31

Pink Bear Patch Project

RF assists State Parks and CSPAC and raised for 2021 \$3,025 to Breast Cancer Research Foundation. In our fifth year supporting BCRF.

Bottom line the foundation has raised over \$188,000 in four years and sent out grants and other assistance of over \$120,000.

Many of you in this room have donated freely to help the RF be successful in the mission to support parks and those associated with parks throughout the world in their times of need. The RF board of directors thanks you for your generosity and continued support.

Submitted,

TB

Tom Bernardo, Treasurer