

Ranger Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes

12/14/22

Video Conference Call

Approved

I. **Call to Order** by President Mike Lynch at 1810 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).

Mike Lynch noted that the Ranger Foundation is now five years old and wished all the Board members a Happy Anniversary!

II. **Minutes Approval**

MOTION by Ann Meneguzzi

To approve the minutes of October 6, 2022, as amended.

MOTION APPROVED – unanimously.

III. **Confirmation of Grants Approved by Email**

No items to be noted.

IV. **Reports**

1. **Officers**

a. **President** – Mike Lynch

President's items on the agenda.

b. **1st. Vice President** – Jeff Ohlfs

(On alibi) Did a presentation to the National Park Ranger Association's Tucson meeting explaining what the Foundation is doing and what has been done. Jeff stated that he was hoping for a donation, but Tom stated that there were none.

c. **2nd. Vice President** – Ann Meneguzzi

Mentioned new ranger forum and assistance to ranger associations. Mike put it on the agenda to be addressed later.

d. **Treasurer** – Tom Bernardo

Nothing to report currently.

e. **Secretary** – Miles Standish

Nothing to report.

2. Active Projects

a. Disaster Relief Grants

Nothing new to report

b. Line of Duty Death (LODD) Grants – Ohlfs & Bernardo

Peru Ranger Angel Santo Alto Olaya grant is under Old Business

c. Baker to Vegas Run – Bernardo

Situation is dormant.

d. Pink Bear Project – Bernardo

Tom said that the amount was around \$1,970.66. Mike stated that he was going to send a supplemental donation to make the total \$2,000.66. Mike further stated that since this is the 5th or 6th year for Pink Bear that the total raised is about \$20,000 but that he didn't have the actual figure in front of him. Mike reminded everyone that none of the amount came from the Foundation.

e. World Ranger Day. -- Jeff

Planning is on-going and went on to explain some of the things that NPS is planning to do.

Jeff further stated that East Bay Regional Park District has agreed to sponsor World Ranger Day in 2024. The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) has agreed to supplying a medal to present to the family.

MOTION by Ann Meneguzzi

That the Foundation allot up to \$700 to support World Ranger Day at Pt. Reyes National Seashore on July 31, 2023.

MOTION APPROVED – unanimously.

f. Alpine Club Lodge – Ann Meneguzzi

Ann explained that she has no control over the Lodge because it is controlled by a board of trustees, and they are confused over what they should do concerning COVID restrictions. Ann asked what was desired, and Mike suggested renting the Lodge for two nights (Saturday and Sunday nights) with the idea of having a CSPRA in-person Board meeting on Sunday and leaving on Monday to attend the World Ranger Day. Ann stated that she will talk to Amy (the trustee chair) about the possibility.

g. World Ranger Congress – Mike

Mike gave an update of what is happening with the World Ranger Federation. There won't be a Congress in 2023 and there are several countries that are putting in a bid for 2024.

h. Coronavirus Grants – Mike

Haven't had any applications recently and Mike expressed the thought that the whole program is probably winding down.

i. Equipment Grants

Only two equipment grants still pending (see unfinished business)

j. Visitor Services Training Account - Tom

Very little money in the account. The current class hasn't approached the Foundation to let us know what they want to do with the money left over from the previous class.

k. Millerton Lake Kids Water Safety Day – Mike

This is an annual program, and it won't start again until 2023.

V. Old Business

1. Peru Ranger Angel Olaya (LODD grant) - Mike

There was a discussion about the legitimacy of the request and whether or not there was fraud involved.

MOTION – Mike

To approve the grant as submitted.

MOTION – Approved (4-1)

2. Peru Ranger Yomar Nicron?– Mike

MOTION – Mike

To approve \$500 LODD grant to the family.

MOTION – Approved (4-0-1)

3. Equipment Requests (Peru Equipment and Argentina Equipment) – Mike

Mike apologized for not following through on his promise to start a donation campaign to support these two grants due to his trip to New Zealand. The discussion was put off until the next meeting and Mike promised to get on the ball to set up a campaign.

VI. New Business

1. Support for a New Ranger Association – Ann

There are rangers in Oceania that appear to need assistance in getting started.

- Solomon Islands
 - Samoa
- No action

VII. Announcements

Next Year Meeting Schedule

3/14
6/14
9/13
12/13

VIII. Adjournment (1909 hrs.)

