

Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

Minutes

Save Our Trails Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2014

Dwell Christian Church

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Attendance

Directors in Attendance

Joan Bohnett, Corinne Asturias, Martin Delson, Roland LeBrun, Taisia McMahon, Jack Nadeau, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva, Bruce Tichinin, and Bertha Ward (making a quorum).

Directors Absent

Joe Carpenter, Mary Ellen Petrich, Lars Thurfjell (on leave).

Members in Attendance

Larry Ames, chair of the Nominating Committee

Visitors in Attendance

Debby Irwin

Invited Speakers

None

Changes to the Agenda

Bruce requested that we immediately go into Closed Session. Larry Ames asked to cover some topics relating to the process of nominating new Directors and officers before the Board went into Closed Session.

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Consideration of the minutes of the October meeting was postponed until after the closed session.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Secretary's Report

Martin reported that Save Our Trails had sent a letter to the Association of Bay Area Governments in support of a grant application for a demonstration project related to the completion of the South Bay Loop.

BUSINESS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Larry Ames, head of the Nominating Committee, asked for an updated list of members, in order to search for candidates for open Director and officer positions. Martin said he would send copy of a somewhat out-of-date list to him, and would ask Mary Ellen to send him the latest list. Larry promised to respect the confidentiality of the names and contact information of those on the list.

Larry asked all Board Members who wish to continue to serve to let him know, so their names can be placed on the ballot.

Richard mentioned various community leaders who he thought would be good candidates for Director's positions. Larry asked Richard to check with them to confirm whether they would be willing to serve, and if so, to forward their names to him.

CLOSED SESSION

At Bruce's request, we entered into closed session to discuss the status and future of Save Our Trails. While in closed session, Bruce, Taisia, and Roland submitted their resignations, and withdrew from the meeting. The closed session ended at approximately 8:30 pm.

NEW ISSUES

Administrative

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Charles (Jake) Jacobson as Director, submitted earlier via e-mail, by a vote of 7-0 with no abstentions.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Taisia McMahon as Director and President by a vote of 5-0 with two abstentions.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Roland Lebrun as Director by a vote of 7-0 with no abstentions.

The Board confirmed that, in accord with the By-Laws, Bill Rankin was now acting President.

Annual Meeting

In light of the recent resignations and the need to rebuild the organization structure, the Board agreed that it would be best to have a modest Annual Meeting, at the Dwell Memorial Church, without any invited speakers. Martin and Bill were asked to cancel the tentative reservations made at the Roosevelt and Alma Community Centers respectively.

DEFERRED ISSUES

Corinne submitted for Board consideration a suggested modification to the logo, incorporating the image of a dog on a leash among the trail users. The Board voted to adopt this modified logo by a vote of 7-0 with no abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 17th, at 7:00 pm, at the Dwell Christian Church, 1292 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, CA 95125.

SUMMARY OF NEW ACTION ITEMS

| No. | Date | Who | Action | Due |
|-----|---------|------------------|--|---------|
| 182 | 1/20/14 | Martin | Send Larry Ames list of current members; ask MEP to follow up with updated list. | 1/31/14 |
| 183 | 1/20/14 | Corinne | Talk with L. Hamilton for suggestions about finding a new attorney | 1/31/14 |
| 184 | 1/20/14 | Bill, Corinne | Talk with L. Ames about the need for ensuring objectivity in the Nominating Committee in their recommendations for Directors | 1/31/14 |
| 185 | 1/20/14 | Corinne | Send Martin a pdf of the new logo | 1/31/14 |
| 186 | 1/20/14 | Richard | Get in contact with several people, as mentioned at the meeting of 1/20, to see if they would be willing to serve as Directors, and forward list of volunteers to Larry Ames | 1/31/14 |
| 187 | 1/20/14 | Bill | Cancel reservation at Alma Community Center | 1/31/14 |
| 188 | 1/20/14 | Martin | Cancel reservation at Roosevelt Community Center | 1/31/14 |
| 189 | 1/20/14 | Richard | Check with Dwell Christian Church to confirm availability of | 1/31/14 |
| 190 | 1/20/14 | Martin | Ask Mary Ellen about which dates we have already arranged for a | 1/31/14 |
| 191 | 1/21/14 | Martin | Draft letter of support for Yves Zsutty and submit to Board for approval | 1/26/14 |