

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Save Our Trails Annual Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2014

Dwell Christian Church

ADMINISTRATIVE

A total of twenty people attended, including all Directors; San Jose City Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, Krina Desai of Councilmember Oliverio's office; Michael Franzino of the office of County Supervisor Dave Cortese; Dorsey Moore of the Open Space Authority; and about a dozen Members and members of the general public.

SOCIAL

Board members and visitors started gathering before 7:00 pm and enjoyed refreshments and conversation while members paid annual dues and filled out ballots for new Board Members and officers.

INTRODUCTIONS

At about 7:30 Bill welcomed the public and invited all participants to introduce themselves.

PRESENTATIONS

Martin, the out-going secretary, spoke briefly, reviewing the accomplishments of the organization over its first four years.

Yves Zsutty, Trails Manager of the City of San Jose, then spoke about San Jose's current trail development projects.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to suggest areas where SAVE OUR TRAILS might best direct its efforts in the upcoming year. The suggestions were noted on a flip-chart, and are shown in Appendix A, below.

ELECTION RESULTS

Larry Ames counted the ballots and announced that all officers, members of the Board, and members of the Nominating Committee on the ballot were re-elected. Shortly after the meeting he sent the Board a post-meeting post about the election, reproduced (with minor editing) in Appendix B below.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Appendix A

Participants' Suggestions for Future Priorities

- Letters of support
- Trail count
- Advocate for state officials for \$
- Eastern alignment
- Sharks!
- Los Gatos Creek Trail connection
- Advocate with local officials for \$
- Educate and advocate OSA ballot measure
- Trash cans on trail ; poop bags & dispensers
 - Research trash removal
- Graffiti removal
- Interim signage
- Survey membership
- Outreach
 - District 7 – commuters
 - All districts
 - County supervisorial districts also
- VTA / JPA
- Recycle trash for \$

Appendix B

Results of the Election

Report from Larry Ames

On behalf of the SOT Nominating Committee, I've collected and counted the ballots:

There were 14 ballots cast, and everyone got at least a dozen votes.

- Martin, Mary Ellen, and Bill are all re-elected to the Board;
- Bill is elected President,
- Martin is elected Treasurer, and
- Mary Ellen is elected Secretary.

SOT does not have a Vice President. I urge the SOT Board to establish protocols for Board operation in the absence of the President: perhaps the Treasurer and Secretary can share the task, or the President can delegate operation of the Board for the evening of an anticipated absence.

The Nominating Committee was also elected:

Garnetta Annable, Helen Chapman, Leslee Hamilton, Dorsey Moore, and me (Larry Ames). We should meet in the near future to discuss how we can support SOT and enhance the Board -- I will send out inquiries as to possible dates and venues in the near future. In that line, we did receive 3 suggestions to consider, one of whom was present and expressed an interest in serving in the not-too-distant future.