

Save Our Trails!



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

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2017

Willow Glen Public Library

1157 Minnesota Ave San Jose, CA 95125

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Attendance

Directors in Attendance: Jack Nadeau, M.E. Petrich, Martin Delson, Laura Levin, Bill Rankin, Richard Silva (quorum)

Directors Absent: Bertha Ward, Domingo Candelas, Joan Bohnett, Heather Learner

Visitors: None.

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Minutes were approved by a vote of 6 to 0 for November 2016.

President's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Yearly report for 2016

Total assets at end of 2015:	\$3,433.66
Expenses in 2016:	\$ 679.10
Income in 2016:	\$ 525.00
Total assets at end of 2016:	\$3,279.56

Breakdown of expenses for 2016:

Equipment	\$233.00
Meetings	\$346.22
Fees	\$ 41.91
Trail clearance	\$ 57.97
Total	\$679.10

Breakdown of income for 2016:

Dues	\$480.00
Donations	\$ 45.00
Total	\$525.00

New Issues

Members should remember to renew their memberships.

The board had a discussion on what speakers to have and where to have the 7th Save Our Trails Annual Meeting. Tentative decisions were made to hold the meeting at the Willow Glen Library and to contact a list of potential speakers. Martin offered to check the availability of the room and reserve it if it is available. Bill (with the help of Heather) will invite the top three potential speakers to speak at the meeting. The Board confirmed Monday,

March 20 as the date of the Annual Meeting. There will be a working meeting of those organizing the Annual Meeting at Joan's home on Monday, February 13th. Details to follow.

Discussion was made of possible trail and creek cleanups which SOT often has around the time of the annual meeting. South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition is having a cleanup on March 11th. To sign up see <http://sbcleancreeks.myevent.com/3/rsvp.htm>

The group discussed concerns about the status of the proposed development at Senter and Alma, on the Eastern extension of the Three Creeks Trail, opposite Kelley Park. Martin reported that the development plan leaves an eighteen-foot wide curved corridor on the north and west of the property for the trail. Larry expressed concern that this may not be sufficient for a trail, and several in the group agreed. Larry was of the opinion that the trail should extend straight across the southern end of the property, then cross Senter Rd. at a light, and proceed to the North along the sidewalk on the east side of Senter. Also, whether the trail is curved or straight, and whether people on the trail will have visibility ahead for safety. Martin was of the opinion that 18-feet would be sufficient, and that if opponents of this plan were successful in defeating it, we might in the future be faced with a development proposal that did not reserve any land for the trail. The group did not reach any decision, and felt that the issue should be discussed further at future meetings.

It was reported that some environmental groups are asking that the Santa Clara Valley Water District reduce or eliminate support for the development of trails along waterways in favor of protecting the riparian corridor and preserving wildlife. Larry argued that trails can be placed in such a way that the corridor is preserved, and is made visible to trail users. He pointed to the Los Gatos Creek Trail as an example of such development.

Larry Ames discussed the progress of his work with the Willow Glen trestle.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm. The next meeting of the Board will be the Annual Meeting. It will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the Willow Glen Library community room.