

Save Our Trails!



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

**Minutes
Board Meeting
Monday, May 15, 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: Joan Bohnett, Martin Delson, Mike Flaughner, Laura Levin, Jack Nadeau, M.E. Petrich, Bill Rankin, Bruce Victorine, Bertha Ward, Richard Silva (quorum).

Directors Absent: Domingo Candelas, Heather Learner.

Visitors: Larry Ames.

Minutes

Minutes for January 2016 were approved by a vote of 6, with 2 abstentions.

Minutes for March 2016 were approved by a vote of 9 with 1 abstention.

President's Report

None

Vice-President's Report

Please add the vice-president's report to the Agenda.

Joan has asked that we discuss goal setting for Save Our Trails, in a more casual setting. An email or a poll will be sent out to find out who can come. One goal would be to grow the membership.

Treasurer's Report

None

New Issues

New Board members Mike Flaughner and Bruce Victorine introduced themselves. They have extensive experience in trail development and community building.

Larry Ames discussed the progress of his work with the Willow Glen trestle. The California State Historical Resources Commission voted unanimously to place the railroad trestle over the Los Gatos Creek on the California Registry of Historical Places.

Board member, Jack Nadeau, has volunteered to reserve the room for the Board Meeting, obtain the key, and return it to the library at the end of the meeting.

Martin said he would file the amended form with the California Secretary of State to identify the new corporate officers. He said, in this regard, he would withdraw from serving as "agent for service of process", and presented two alternatives: (a) another member could volunteer for this formal position, or (b) we could hire an outside organization, at an annual cost of \$50, to do this. Joan Bohnett volunteered to fill this role, and Martin said he would file the form identifying her.

The Board discussed the outcome of the Annual Meeting and how it might be improved. The annual board meeting was really tremendous, with amazing speakers. Some suggestions on how to make it better next year:

- ask the nominating committee to add bios for each person on the ballot;
 - make a list of possible locations for the to-do list;
 - more board members are needed to be involved in preparing for the meeting;
 - bring zip lock bags for left overs.
- A larger venue was suggested; Bascom and Rose Garden library were not preferred by the board. A board member suggested Tully library which has good parking and a big room. Also, schools allow use of rooms. And, History San Jose might be a good place to have a meeting.

Mike presented on the possibility of Save Our Trails assisting the Ridge Trail Council on opening days of Mt Umunhum. The opening days are not set for sure, but possibly, Sept 16, 17. There is still more coordination that needs to be done.

Day on the Bay (Oct 8) is a great event. Bill, Bertha, and Joan volunteered to have a table at this event.

Bill asked the board to consider if we should be developing a list of events to send to the members. He volunteered to create a newsletter.

Viva Calle has announced their route from Lake Cunningham to Japantown. <http://www.vivacallesj.org/the-event/featured-event>

An issue to be discussed at the City Council meeting at Campbell City Hall on June 20th is the proposal for a short trail segment along the San Tomas Creek in south Campbell. This would be a separate segment of the San Tomas Creek Trail, but might conceivably be linked to the existing trail some day.

Discussion of the subject of grant application was deferred.

Discussion of the subject of taking a position on the proposed development on the Three Creeks Trail at Senter Road was also deferred. Martin said he would try to learn more about the status of the proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the Willow Glen Library community room.