

APPROVED June 14, 2018

MBCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 10, 2018

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Regular Meeting Call to Order:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Bardwell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruth Rieman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Fick	<input type="checkbox"/> Claudia Sall <i>(prior notice)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Flanagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seth Shteir
<input type="checkbox"/> Meg Foley <i>(prior notice)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laraine Turk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Kennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marina West
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Lipsitz <i>(5:20 pm)</i>	

Meeting Called to Order at 5:05 pm

Introduction of Guests and Board Directors

No guests present.

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2018

SARAH/RUTH to approve April 12, 2018 minutes with minor corrections unanimously.

Agenda Input

Add fiscal sponsorship under Finance Comm. report

Treasurer's Report

STEVE gave the report noting the CD balance is \$21,952.68 with a checking account balance of \$28,212.95 for a total of \$50,165.63

Recapping income from DWL-S Tour:

- Ticket sales \$2,250*
- Spent: \$4,807.43*

He further reported that the IRS 990 form was filed, the "Green Info." has been paid and MDLT portion has been invoiced. MWA has reimbursed for the invoice submitted after the Annual Meeting (\$1,807.25).

STEVE will prepare invoice for MWA reimbursement.

LARAINÉ moved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

PAT added that she understands donations are going to be submitted which she would like to go to a "gas fund".

Capacity Building & Organizational Issues

1) Finance Committee report

- Funding Native American travel: new policy
- Fiscal Sponsorships

STEVE introduced the subject of fiscal sponsorships. Specifically, on Citizen's OffRoad Watch (COW). They want MBCA to apply for a Rose Foundation grant for "signage" under our name. MW asked why COW can't apply for their own grant and RUTH noted that COW previously left MBCA to become their own organization (e.g. 501C). PAT discussed some of the background on why that never happened: COW isn't the type of organization that can obtain its own grants. Additional information was relayed indicating that the signs have been designed by the Co. of San Bernardino, the County intends to install these signs along "county maintained roads" but not on "road district roads". The installation of the signs would be by private citizens/COW members. The grant request would be for \$5,000.

STEVE feels we should not "act as fiscal sponsor" but rather that MBCA request the grant and just do it. Various board members discussed the difference.

PAT would like to get another grant for Purple Air particle monitors. SETH stated he prefers MBCA pursue funding for the air monitors rather than signs. RUTH suggested that COW needs to supply MBCA with a proposal requesting the fiscal sponsorship at a minimum. The problem is that the Rose Foundation grant application is due on May 15, 2018. It was also noted that the County does intend to install signs in the Wonder Valley area.

Regarding Purple Air monitors. PAT thought that MBCA might be able to purchase them. RUTH suggests that we purchase 3 monitors now. MW suggested maybe the grant should be written for both items. No action. Next application deadline is August 2018.

Final decision is that we need an "application" ask for fiscal sponsorship from any requestor. The finance committee will further investigate the concerns raised regarding liability and "what are we being asked to do"?

2) Grant status:

- “*Indigenous Place*” – Rose Foundation grant

STEVE and PAT gave the report.

- DWL- Edison & AWAC

MW will invoice JBWD, HDWD and 29 Palms WD for their sponsorships.

- New Rose grants being considered

Delayed until Finance Committee report.

3) Events Committee reports:

- DWL Landscape Tour / April 28-29, 2018

22 sites reported a total of 1,862 visits for an average of 89 visits per site. Total of 408 participants including hosts, docents, and complimentaries. She noted that the Committee is meeting next week to wrap-up the tour details and after tour report. LARAINÉ further noted that 6 essays have been submitted to date.

- MBCA’s 50th Anniversary / 2019

SARAH introduced the subject of planning committee for this event. LARAINÉ suggested folks from outside MBCA, but connected, be included.

4) Susan Luckie Reilly MBCA-related files - MF, DAVID, LARAINÉ

DAVID has been reviewing the information in the boxes but stated it is a bit overwhelming not having any background on the ‘achieving’ process.

5) CalTrans Adopted-highway report – DAVID

DAVID reports that this is still the cleanest 2-miles of highway between CMC and JT.

Conservation Issues

1) WEMO Draft Land Use Plan Amendment to CDCAP

SARAH reported on the BLM meeting held recently regarding the WEMO update saying it was very well organized. SARAH further reported that BLM told her that her comments previously submitted were incorporated. PAT reported that there are some difficulties with the maps that don't seem to match: Interactive PDF maps are more accurate. She reported that comments will be generated in support of Alternative 2 (4 total), subsection 2 which is "street legal only" to be "in Travel Management Area 3 (there are 9). Street legal only is also within Alternative 4 but much less authority. Alternative 4 is BLM's preferred. SETH suggested additional comment language regarding outreach, education and law enforcement as he has been studying those sections. PAT mentioned the wildlife linkages are not present in the report It was mentioned that DAVID attended early meetings on this subject in 1997 with Ed LaRue and Ramon Mendoza. PAT added that this is the 3rd iteration of the lawsuit filed by The Wilderness Society and includes COW.

PAT reported that the MB Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Monday May 14, 2018 agenda includes her presentation on WEMO.

- BLM Open House / April 25th – 5-7PM – JTCC
- Comment period deadline: **June 14, 2018**

2) CoSB Renewable Energy Conservation Element (RECE)

- Planning Commission hearing on 4.10 + subsections: **May 24, 2018**
- MBTA bus for transportation from Basin to San Bernardino, RSVP to info@mbca.org

SARAH introduced the subject. MBCA will do the RSVP's and SARAH will report back to Mark Lundquist, Field Rep. for CoSB. The re-written RECE is not written to protect the communities and is an about-face from the original language sent back to the CoSB Planning Commission in August 2017. PAT believes that the Morongo Basin is still vulnerable to additional development. Lucerne Valley is already a very large target.

LARAINNE will update the FaceBook page with the invitation to ride the bus.

3) Solar Projects: Palen; Ord Mountain; Newberry Springs; Daggett

PAT gave the update noting that Sienna Solar Initial Study was woefully inadequate and she told Terri Rahal, Land Use Services. The Ord Mtn. EIR has not been released.

4) Air Quality Monitoring Stations – 2018 goal: deploy 10 “Purple Air” units in MB for baseline data

Subject discussed under “fiscal sponsorship”. LARAINÉ noted that maybe directed donations could be sought from the membership to fund these.

5) DRECP: Ruiz event in PS - MBCA presence - PAT

PAT attended the event noting that attendance was approximately 45 with many young folks rallying around roof-top solar. SETH reported that 38 members of Congress signed a letter in opposition to “opening the DRECP”.

6) Housing development project updates

- Alta Mira

DAVID reported that the issue is on its 3 “stay”.

- Paradise Valley – comment period extended – who will draft MBCA’s letter

No new information to report.

Outreach & Communication

1) Minerva Hoyt Award

The Board congratulated Pat Flanagan on being selected as the 2018 Minerva Hoyt Award recipient.

2) Communications:

- mbconservation.org
- YVHS Natl. Honors Soc. student, Mikaela Monical’s service project

SARAH gave the report on this finished project.

- Denison Scholarship awarded to Morgan Novak, YVHS

LARAINÉ reported that she would really like to pursue a backup person to manage the website and also Facebook activity. She has decided to draft a “job description” which can be utilized to find someone to help. PAT

suggested we develop a “rack card” to advertise MBCA to the community that could lead to more traffic on our website and Facebook page. LARAINÉ noted that MBCA has an email list of approximately 1,300 addresses.

3) Johnson Valley Community Assoc. Landowner Jamboree / Resource Fair, Sat. June 9th, 1-5PM – MBCA participation?

SARAH gave the report regarding this event.

4) JTNP Association’s invitation for MBCA to join them in Grubstakes Day parade in YV

It has been confirmed that some members of MBCA will participate in the event.

5) Memorial for Donna Charpiéd, Thurs., April 19, 2018 at LaRonna Jojoba Farm

SARAH shared highlights from the event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

<p>Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018 5:00 PM YV Community Center / Mesquite Room</p>
