

## **SJBCH BOD Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11-14-2023    Time: 6:00 PM    Place: United Methodist Church

**Board Members in Attendance:** John Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Rocky Day, Kelli Day, Ron Toland, Donna Fait, JoAnn Senzig, Katie Betts, Janie Gray, Dick Ray.  
Zoom attendance: Allan and Colleen Netzer, Gabe Candelaria, Chris Boyd.

**Meeting Called to Order:** John Nelson at 6:06 PM

**Secretary Report:** Katie Betts- October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Allan Netzer- Ron Toland motioned to approve the October treasure's report; seconded by Lisa Nelson. All present in favor.

### **Trails Committee Report: Ron Toland**

-October 24<sup>th</sup> PATC meeting was focused on access to the back country. For 2024 they are working on an East Fork management plan with designated dispersed campsites and stream protection, with plans to have the Over the Snow Winter Management plan approved in 2025. Ron is participating on the PATC board quarterly partly to prevent our organization from competing over the same grant money. SJBCH shared our priorities for PATC to bring all trail groups together. Prioritize tread work in the back country, not just the front country and to call more attention to the width and height of trails to allow for pack animals and riders.

-It was agreed that trail groups would work together on signage. They really liked how our signs turned out.

-The number one priority for Josh over the next year or 2 is trails planning on a larger scale.

-Paul Blackman stated that Opal Lake will become a marsh. This conversation apparently arises every decade or so, even without assistance from any organization, the issues seem to get repaired.

-There will be a toilet at Piedra River Trail next year.

-Ron Toland requested funds of not more than \$100 to have the chapter saws sharpened. Gabe Candelaria motioned to approve; Allan Netzer seconded. All in attendance in favor.

--Addition to Minutes from Ron Toland-Oct 24 PATC meeting purpose was to bring FS and local trail users together to share 2023 accomplishments and 2024 plans. FS priorities for next couple of years are 1) East Fork management plan, and 2) over the snow trail management plan. I offered to sit on PATC board along with Dick and Larry to better understand their plans and give another voice to SJBCH goals and perspective.

### **Social Committee:**

-December 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas party is on track and looking good! There is a need to fill the Social Committee Lead position, this will be the last event Annie is planning.

### **Fund Raising:**

-Ron Toland is assisting in this position until filled. Ron has spoken with San Juan Vet and we should be receiving a \$1500 donation. Ron is also presenting to the Rotary Club as well as applying for LPEA grant money.

### **Communication Report: Lisa**

-Next newsletter will be in December with a deadline of December 11<sup>th</sup> for members to submit articles, photos etc. for inclusion in the newsletter.

### **Old Business:**

-2023-2024 focus on new board members and officers, Welcome Gabe Candelaria, Justin Frie and Chris Boyd to the Board of Directors.

-Winter meeting plans- there will not be a November general meeting, Christmas party will be in place of our December meeting, we are not planning a January meeting unless we find a replacement for the Social Committee Lead.

-Shane Burris will be providing us a check in the amount of \$4303.08 from the proceeds of the rodeo liquor sales.

### **New Business:**

-Discussion continued to add Youth Ambassadors to the board. Ron Toland motioned to invite Jenavieve Betts and Elle West Candelaria to try it out. Kelli Day 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

-Dick Ray suggested we find out what is required by Forest Service, etc. for children to be a part of our organization without their parents.

-John Nelson to invite Jenavieve and Elle to join. Elle accepted the invitation.

-John Nelson asked for ideas on filling open positions. Katie suggested providing more clarity on the job description and time involved. John will be emailing a separate email to all members including this outside of the newsletter.

-Ron Toland is currently storing 2 green gates that were previously donated to the chapter. Ron would like to put them to use or sell them. Donna Fait suggested the gates be installed on the Turkey Springs Extension Trail to replace the broken-down barbed wire gates. All agreed this was a good use for the gates.

-Dick Ray informed us that a big horn sheep showed up on Eight Mile Mesa. This is one example of activity in the back country is pushing animals out of their natural habitats.

-Dick Ray is attending a meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> in Chama with several other organizations to discuss the inadequate plan with reintroducing wolves to this area. We look forward to hearing more about this topic as we are all effected by wolves in our area.

-Dick Ray wanted to mention Cowboy Tuesdays at the Strater Hotel, The Diamond Belle Saloon in Durango every other Tuesday from 12 pm - 3 pm.

-Dick Ray wanted to revisit the discussion of the potential need for Board of Directors Liability Insurance. Ron Toland had been working on this previously and will circle back to find out what is available and what may be necessary.

-John wanted to recognize Jake Harvath and his journey Year of the Mustang and thank our members that showed him support, helped him with his horses/gear and housed him, Aurora Peters, Kelli and Rocky Day and Edie Brogan.

-Gabe Candelaria suggested looking into virtual meetings in the future as well as recording our guest speakers to be shared with those who are unable to attend in person. The discussion led to suggest offering links on the website to

educational videos or tools when we're unable to meet in person and possibly offering pizza nights at the monthly meeting in lieu of a pot lock.

**Next Meeting:** Christmas Party, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6-9 PM Timber ridge Clubhouse

**Motion to adjourn:** 7:56 PM by Gabe Candelaria, Kelli Day 2<sup>nd</sup>.

