



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2023**  
**Ridgecrest, California**

**Officers:**

Chairperson: Robert Whipple - here  
Vice Chairperson: David Blacker - here  
Secretary: Janette Jensen - here  
Treasurer: E'va Rene'e Beaty - absent

**Directors:**

David Blacker  
Henry Golas  
Janette Jensen  
Cal Steibel - absent

**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEATH VALLEY 49'ERS IS CALLED TO ORDER**

Time: 1:30 pm

FLAG SALUTE: Pledge led by Robert Whipple

INVOCATION: Robert Whipple

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Jamie Jirele, DV NPS Permit Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve David Blacker, second Margie, all approved

DIRECTORS MEETING REVIEW:

Two motions

TREASURERS REPORT:

US Bank Operations Account	\$16,302.83
US Bank Reserve Account	\$68,002.60
US Bank – online receipts	\$ 1,170.04
Total Checking and Savings	\$85,475.47

**REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: Jamie Jirele**

Mike Reynolds letter read. Signing of MOU and 5 year agreement. Review of August flooding based on from Hurricane Hilary. Response to flooding for repairs. October 15<sup>th</sup> pending reopening westbound of Hwy 190. Roadways may be open with up to an hour wait time. Some areas will be opened for lodging and food. East access start is Daylight Pass with no timeline to start. Mike and Abby talk to at Encampment. Discussion as to access for DV 49ers to retrieve all their supplies for the Encampment.

XANTERRA: No Report

**DEATH VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:**

David Blacker, most employees furloughed as Association has closed due to flooding. Campaign to push online donations and store sales. Pledge of \$20,000 from Rio Tinto non restricted.

**DEATH VALLEY CONSERVANCY:**

Henry Goals, Ryan structures were okay. Some roads damaged but not inaccessible. Church roof replaced, more infrastructure upgrades

**COMMITTEE REPORTS CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON**

**FINANCE, INSURANCE AND CONTRACTS:** All items in place for contracts

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** no report

**MEMBERSHIP SALES:** Jan Jensen reported that membership purchase will be able to be done online through the website. This should help with presales and money going into our account to help offset expenses. Membership sales volunteers are needed.

**MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION:** Jan Jensen reported a Committee Chair and volunteers are needed to continue the administration of membership sales before, during, and after the encampment. Updating of address changes, sending life member packets and encouraging membership throughout the year even if they do not attend the encampment.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPONSORS & PUBLICITY:**

Judy Bedell reported Facebook, added Instagram, targeted ads, partnerships with others

Deb Fox created graphics for her talk and will outreach to other groups

Leslie Ide requested graphics for the newsletter and newsletter information

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** no report

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** no report

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENT:**

Mutual Fund	\$625,372.12
Money Market	\$ 20,274.06
Total	\$645,646.18

Four students in the scholarship system with payments being sent. Selection and also stipend check was a nice way to honor all students that applied. General Fund covers annual payments.

Woody contacting schools for promoting the scholarship availability.

Additional help is needed as Virginia Stockmen unable to continue. She makes the contact and then monitors for the selection committee. Helps monitor current scholarship payments.

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#### ARCHIVES, LIBRARY & HISTORY

Marv Jensen reported that Jeff Joynt and he have managed the archives. Library is located at Independence. A book donation of collection from Richard Crowe were received and Marv has been cataloging and tracking the value of the books. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### PARK LIASON & DEATH VALLEY REGIONAL SUPPORT:

Robert Whipple has been keeping in touch with Adam and Jamie for updates

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: dinner on own tonight

TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBE LIASON: due to flooding, unable to meet with tribal members

#### COMMUNICATONS & HOSPITALITY:

Mintie updated with cards that were sent to those not feeling well or who have passed away.

49ERS ORIENTATION: no report

#### PUBLICATIONS, KEEPSAKES & NEWSLETTER:

Marv Jensen reported that the keepsake is at the printers. Reprint of John Elenbeckers book of the Jayhawker section. In the sections where they had blank sections the area was filled with photographs and artwork. The cover is a painting of the Wade Family by William Rushing. Marv reviewed the content of the keepsake.

Leslie Ide draft of summer/fall newsletter is pending to issue after update from this meeting

PARLIMAMENTARIAN: no report

RISK MANAGEMENT: no report

#### **2023 ENCAMPMENT PLANNING**

DATES: November 6-11<sup>th</sup> with dates confirmed of main event November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

#### **Longstreet report:**

Robert reviewed meeting with Curt – November 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

- Additional parking for dry camping - \$5 per night
- Hook ups – 50 spaces (reservations October 15<sup>th</sup> reserve)
- Rooms – 60 available - \$140 per night
- Showers/Laundry - \$5 per night
- Store, Casino, Bar – 24 hours a day
- Restaurant – breakfast and dinner (option lunch)
- Auditorium – 140 seating Wed – Sat \$50 per day
- Blacksmith – In RV parking area

### **Longstreet Inn report cont:**

- Fiddler's Stage at end of Casino
- Vendor's show – Hotel side of parking lot
- Art show – check into other organizations that may help with set up
- Hootenanny Breakfast – Friday 7am-10 am \$30 buffet
- History talks – Ted Faye? additional speakers?

### **Amargosa Opera House**

- \$25.00 per ticket all proceeds go to the Opera House for restoration
- Friday night 7 – 10 pm

### **Nightly concerts**

- Open mic, Steve and band at Fiddler's Stage – Wednesday
- Old West Trio and Krystin Harris – Thursday
- Old West Trio Fiddler's Stage & Krystin Harris Amargosa Opera House – Friday
- Old West Trio and Krystin Harris - Saturday

### **Logistics**

- U-haul to go to Cow Creek to pick up all items for event

Discussion with membership on plus and minus. Concerns of access, restrooms, music, history programs. Survey to be sent with details and costs to the membership. Patty Q and Leslie to compile survey and issue.

**Henry Goles motions, David Blacker seconds – all approved that we take the information for moving the 2023 Encampment to Longstreet Inn and Casino and the Amargosa Opera House. Based on input from the membership, a survey will be conducted for input for proceeding. Promotion of event should be based on the reason of the flooding and access.**

XANTERA:

Robert received a contract for 2023 but it was cost prohibitive to and did not support the encampment.

DV NATIONAL PARK SERVICE;

DRAFT BUDGET: to be created with Dennis Harders

KEEPSAKE: budgeted and approved

VOLUNTEERS: we will need volunteers to help with this event at the new venue

SET UP: November 2<sup>nd</sup> pick up from Death Valley

TEARDOWN: November 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND TIME: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

**2023 ENCAMPMENT EVENTS**

WAGON TRAIN - pending

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE: - pending

HIKES: pending

DOCTOR'S LIARS CONTEST & COWBOY POETRY:

TITUS CANYON: canceled

WHEELBARROW RACE: pending

CORN HOLE: pending

GOLD PANNING: pending Dennis/Jim + Escapees

KIDS CORRAL: pending

ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE TO VETERANS – Saturday 11 am

COSTUME CONTEST: pending

PAMPERED PET PARADE: pending

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning – Marv looking at a membership button

Funds for advertising Judy Bedell to get an estimate. \$100.00 donated by David Blacker for funding ads

Separate email address – Contact Us within the website

**MEETING IS ADJOURNED**

Time: 3:28 pm

Motion to adjourn David Blacker, seconded by Dennis Harders

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Jensen, Secretary

**Approved as submitted February 24, 2024**