



BOARD CLOSED SESSION
DRAFT - COMMITTEE/VOLUNTEER MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2024
8:00 – 11:30 am
Heritage Inn – Ridgecrest, California

Officers:

Chairperson: Robert Whipple
Vice Chairperson: David Blacker
Secretary: Janette Jensen
Treasurer: Vacant

Directors:

David Blacker
Henry Golas
Janette Jensen
Cal Steibel

8:00-9:30 Board of Directors and Officers closed session.

Motion by David Blacker, Seconded by Henry Golas-Remove Rick Wilson from Endowment accounts and add Dennis Harders to the Wells Fargo Endowment accounts. All approved

Motion by Henry Golas to approve the 2024 Budget, David Blacker seconded the motion. All approved

Motion by Janette Jensen, second by David Blacker to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws effective May 4, 2024. All approved

Nominating Committee: Henry Golas and David Blacker
Chairperson, Robert Whipple; Vice Chairperson Tim Young; Director/Treasurer Jerry Eppler;
Director/Secretary Janette Jensen; Director Henry Golas. All approved

9:30-11:30 2023 Encampment Review; 75th Anniversary Committee and Volunteers discussion

2023 ENCAMPMENT REVIEW

PROFIT AND LOSS/REVIEW OF EXPENSES AND INCOME:

David Blacker reviewed profit/loss; slight increase in membership; increase in retail sales.

Encampment and running of organization have changed. Expenses and Income are

David Blacker to donate \$500.00 towards stickers with the logo for sale

COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEARS PROFIT/LOSS:

Income is not offsetting the expenses of the event

Current income projections allow for 5 years.

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2024 ENCAMPMENT PLANNING

DATES: November 6th – 10th, 2024

LONGSTREET INN AND CASINO:

Jim Marsh has supported our ongoing use of the Inn; hook ups sold out; dry camping available

DV NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:

New concessions at Stove Pipe Wells; closing rooms and restaurants.

DRAFT BUDGET: Completed by David Blacker

2024 ENCAMPMENT EVENTS -VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

75TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES:

Menti, Marla and Shirley – met with Longstreet Inn; Friday 4 pm – 7pm; \$35 per person/200 guests (\$5 to return to '49ers); invite prominent people; music to follow; greet and program of the event. Online payment. Decorations for tables and then raffle them; will need correct paperwork for tax purposes. 8 pm music in Colorado Room.

Silent auction for paintings that have been donated to the organization. Henry suggested an appraiser for the paintings and then decide if they should go into a gallery. Provide artists, size and dimensions.

KEEPSAKE:

Marv Jensen has started the keepsake will be 8 ½ x 11 for more photos and stories. Showed sample of what the keepsake material will look like. Jeff Joynt digitized the photos from archives.
32 pages = \$1800 40 pages = \$2,000 850 copies

PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPONSORS & PUBLICITY:

Jan Jensen reported publicity has started

DESOLATION CANYON INTERACTIVE SIGN:

Reported on status of the sign and cost

ART SHOW:

Discussion of participants and location; commercial use permit

VENDOR SHOW:

Discussion of participants and location; commercial use permit

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WAGON TRAIN:

Jan Jensen reported status of location

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE: - pending

HIKES: - pending

DOCTOR'S LIARS CONTEST & COWBOY POETRY: - during Coyote Howl Longstreet

TITUS CANYON: Closed

WHEELBARROW RACE: No

CORN HOLE: No

GOLD PANNING: - set up in vendor booth area (postpone)

KIDS CORRAL: - set up in vendor booth area (postpone)

ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE TO VETERANS – DV 11-12:30

COSTUME CONTEST/SHOW: as part of Centennial Celebration event on Saturday

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH BREAK

Robert moved to adjourn, Henry second

Time: 11:12 am



DRAFT - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2024

1 pm to 3 pm

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

Time: 1:03 pm

FLAG SALUTE: Pledge led by Robert Whipple

INVOCATION: Robert Whipple

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Issabelle Woodward , Todd and Patt

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 2024:

Motion to approve by David Blacker, Dennis Harders second; all approved

DIRECTORS MEETING REVIEW:

Janette Jensen reviewed board motions and approvals

APPROVAL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024/2025:

David Blacker reviewed slate of officers: Robert Whipple, Henry Golas, Janette Jensen, Tim Young and Jerry Eppler added to the Board of Directors.

TREASURERS REPORT:

US Bank Operations Account-5391	\$ 4,471.21
US Bank Reserve Account-6270	\$68,022.58
US Bank Online Sales	\$ 6,519.91
Total all accounts	\$79,013.70

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENT:

Mutual Fund	\$657,669.91
Money Market	\$ <u>25,875.41</u>
Total	\$683,545.32

Board approved removal of Rick Wilson from all accounts and adding Dennis Harders to them. The Board thanks Woody Adams for his continued oversight and support of the scholarship program.

Larkey White UNLV 3rd year; Theodore Lebra 2nd year; Angel ok; Samantha Stephens second check issued; Emily Pahrump one time check; Autumn Smith will start this fall.

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS

DV NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:

Issabelle Woodward Commercial Use permit coordinator. Read letter from Mike Reynolds, signage of MOU. Thank you to Jan Jensen collaborating with park service for creating the onsite display. Hoping for no more disasters over the summer so that the encampment will not have any impact. Mike and Abby will be having a talk on Friday. Isabelle will provide Secretary with copy of letter for records.

Update: Repairs are being made on the roads; many roads are now open; secured funding and use of over 300 employees to do the work. Westside Road quicksand like mud no equipment accessible.

LONGSTREET INN AND CASINO:

Marissa representing Mr. Marsh – no report

DEATH VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:

David Blacker due to lake and wildflower visitors the work has proceeded. 2 million in revenue 2023 required an audit. All funding projects have been completed. Regular cash flow and fundraisers provide the funding sources.

Scotty Castle flood recovery tours. Park service leads the tours. DVNHA led private tours only on Sundays. Construction is ongoing; redesign/rebuild of parking lot. Tours in the fall starting in October. December 2025/January 2026 possible opening date.

DEATH VALLEY CONSERVANCY:

Henry Golas nomination of Ryan to be on California Historical District; Recreation/church restoration; Washington DC delivered a one sheet info to representatives; Congressman Kiely Henry will work on getting more acknowledgements from others; Henry will try to work on tours of Ryan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CALLED BY THE CHAIRPERSON

FINANCE, INSURANCE AND CONTRACTS:

Robert secured entertainment and Tony Argento Cowboy Poet and MC; Marv Jensen questioned if another entertainer could be hired; Henry Golas has question on insurance to check to make sure insurance will cover event in Nevada

AUDIT COMMITTEE: No report

MEMBERSHIP SALES: Jan Jensen reviewed; David Blacker suggested a donation of \$100.00 by Life Members to contribute to the encampment; encourage corporate membership

MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION: Jan Jensen to pass to Marla Young

PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPONSORS & PUBLICITY: Jan Jensen reviewed current

ARCHIVES, LIBRARY & HISTORY: Marv Jensen reported digitization of photos and films; Richard Crowe book collection was given to Inyo County Library; BLM maps sent to Nancy Master; History programs will proceed at the encampment. Advertise Inyo County library DV history.

PARK LIASON & DEATH VALLEY REGIONAL SUPPORT: Robert and Jan working with Adam to organize the encampment use

MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: Robert; September 13-14th

TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBE LIASON: Robert unable to connect; David Blacker spoke to them about a Timbisha keepsake; update and publish

COMMUNICATONS & HOSPITALITY: Menti on going support to memberships with cards

49ERS ORIENTATION: Marv Jensen will be sending orientation information to new members

PUBLICATIONS, KEEPSAKES & NEWSLETTER: Marv Jensen updated on the keepsake; keepsake will be 8 ½ x 11; Leslie will be sending a newsletter out after the May meeting.

PARLIMAMENTARIAN: No report

RISK MANAGEMENT: No report

2023 ENCAMPMENT REVIEW

PROFIT AND LOSS/REVIEW OF EXPENSES AND INCOME:

\$16,000 loss overall for 2023 due impart to the last minute change in venue.

COMPARISON OF PREVIOUS YEARS PROFIT/LOSS:

Estimate shows that membership does not offset expenses so have been in the negative for a few years. There is a need to establish a working group to look into where the organization goes in the next 3-5 years as current income will not sustain it as is.

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2024 ENCAMPMENT PLANNING

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LONGSTREET INN AND CASINO: Reservations for hook ups sold out; dry camping; hotel reservations; Patty Q wants to reserve in blocks hook up locations for groups.

DV NATIONAL PARK SERVICE: continues to support our mission and the encampment.

COMMUNITY AND NON-PROFITS CO-HOST: Investigate shared activities and sponsorships.

DRAFT BUDGET: reviewed by David Blacker

2024 ENCAMPMENT EVENTS – HYBRID BETWEEN LOCATIONS

VOLUNTEER PIZZA PARTY – Thursday, Longstreet Inn

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER – Friday, Longstreet Inn 4-7 pm followed by music. Menti and Marla reviewed Anniversary planning; buffet, open bar; \$35.00; table decorations and invitations; 200 max; Jan Jensen suggested to invite current scholarship winners. Other dignitaries also suggested.

KEEPSAKE: Marv Jensen updated on the keepsake; keepsake will be 8 ½ x 11; Leslie will be sending a newsletter out after the May meeting.

VOLUNTEERS: Coordinator for volunteers

SET UP: Robert

TEARDOWN: Robert

ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND TIME: Sunday at 1 pm at Longstreet

WAGON TRAIN: Jan Jensen reviewed route and possible staging at Sunset Campground

DESOLATION CANYON MONUMENT UNVEILING: Jan Jensen reviewed status and funding

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE: pending Jerry Eppler

HIKES: pending with Mike Reynolds (?)

DOCTOR'S LIARS CONTEST & COWBOY POETRY: with Coyote Howl

TITUS CANYON: Closed

WHEELBARROW RACE: No

CORN HOLE: No

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ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE TO VETERANS – Auditorium Saturday 11-12:30; Leslie and Robert

COSTUME CONTEST/SHOW: part of the Centennial Celebration on Saturday

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NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: September 13th/14th at Ridgecrest

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Henry Golas – reviewed organization mission and dialogue started for future of organization.

James Graves – Boss of the Plains hat available

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Election of Officers:

Dennis Blacker no longer on the Board; Janette Jensen thanked him for his ongoing support and we look forward to a continued partnership with DVNHA.

2024-2025 – Jerry Eppler, Henry Golas, Janette Jensen, Robert Whipple, Tim Young

Secretary – Janette Jensen

Treasurer – Jerry Eppler

Vice Chairperson of the Board – Tim Young

Chairperson of the Board – Robert Whipple

With no other nominations from the floor the slate of officers and Board of Directors were approved by the voting members of the organization and were sworn in by Dennis Harders.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED

Janette Jensen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Henry Golas second; all approved.

Time: 3:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janette Jensen

Director/Secretary