

ANPR Business Meeting
Scheduled for Wednesday, December 19, 2012

8:30 pm Eastern / 7:30 pm Central / 6:30 pm Mountain / 5:30 pm Pacific

Board Members Attending: Stacy Allen, Paula Alexander, Jamie Bertram, Jeremy Kaufman, Amy Gilbert

Board Members Not Attending: Alison Steiner, Scot McElveen, Jason Allen, Jessica Korhut, Tod Underhill, Liam Strain

Other Attendees: Teresa Ford

No quorum present.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm Central Time

Review of the 7th World Rangers Congress (WRC) at Tanzania and brief planning discussion for the 2016 WRC – Stacy Allen, President

264 delegates from 40 different countries attended the WRC. The theme was Healthy Parks for Healthy People. Discussed issues confronting parks around the world specifically Africa. Impressive, well run and organized Congress. Nice facility and accommodations. Field activities and programs were successful. Stacy finished up with a warm invite for WRC 2016.

While at the WRC Stacy signed the MOU agreement with IRF. ANPR is off and running for 2016. Individuals interested in being a part of the organizing committee are letting Stacy know at this time. The committee will be comprised of roughly 5-6 people committed to a 3 1/2 year investment. Tony Sisto may not decide to stay the course for the co-chair position but will be the senior advisor and at this time the “interim co-chair”. The positions for Logistics, Corporate Sponsorship, Planning, and etc will be divided up and assigned amongst the committee members.

Stacy requested that ANPR board members jot down ideas for the “to do” WRC list. Concentrate on programming, presentations and theme ideas. Will require input from IRF too. Senior ANPR members have suggested focusing on stewardship, the work of the general employee - “Rangering: What it takes to get the job done”. The role of the employee varies around the world. This could be a good opportunity to share these differences among the delegates representing the attending associations. Should involve our Training Centers (FLETC, Mather, Albright). Be thinking about what it will take to carry it forward. IRF has an outline and Stacy would like to use that as a basic guideline and merge these ideas together. Stacy talked with other past organizers and received some good advice from them on lessons learned and what to watch out for.

The trip was outstanding. Stacy was impressed with East Africa and the work/civic ethic he witnessed in Rwanda. ANPR was well represented. Some world delegates expressed excitement as well as concern about coming to the US.

Review of Rendezvous 2012 @ Indian Wells, CA; and Update on Rendezvous XXXVI site selection

General Discussion:

Rendezvous 2012 was very successful. We have a good team forming for 2013. Stacy asked the board to forward lessons learned to him from this Rendezvous to use as a checklist to assist with planning our next Rendezvous in 2013. (Will add lessons learned as Addendum to our minutes.) Jeremy: There was some talk from our members regarding location cost and associated cost (food, meals and transportation). Amy noted that it was a nice location and fancy place. Rate and cost was reasonable for this type of location. The rooms occupied by the president, business manager, and program coordinator that were used for interview sessions were in a nice quiet atmosphere. Keep this in mind for 2013. A recommendation was made to shadow RR work positions, i.e. registration table, raffle, photo contest behind the scenes planning.

Rendezvous 2013 possible locations:

Holiday Inn in San Antonio: The hotel is currently under renovation. It should be done by March. General feeling is good. It is a high rise located in the downtown, right on the Riverwalk with multiple attractions. Other locations are a little farther away. Will check on changing the date from Oct. 19-24 to early November.

St. Louis – Hilton at the Ballpark. We need someone to perform an onsite review of the properties soon. Good reviews on Trip Advisor. Bid was for Nov. 2-7. Paula is willing to do a site visit of this and other hotels in St. Louis.

May have a conflict with the NAI conference since it is around that time too. This early November conflict was later confirmed – S. Allen.

Final Resolution on Board Position for Education & Training

Tod Underhill has not responded to Stacy's correspondence

The attending board members agreed unanimously to remove Underhill from the board and open the board position for Education and Training for presidential appointment of a new member to cover the remaining term through December 31, 2014. Stacy will send Tod a follow up letter regarding the board's decision.

Stacy will be looking for viable candidates and asked the BOD to forward recommendations. A decision will be made by the next formal meeting via board vote.

Possible discussion via email. Top choice at this time is Demmy Vigil, she is an active ANPR member and is also active in training programs and the park service.

Business reports/updates

Membership renewal – only at 36% so far. Teresa has sent out 4 reminders in the past 6 weeks.

Stacy will renew the memberships for those who participated in the Youth Panel at Ranger Rendezvous, which he pledged to do at Rendezvous.

To date, the Fall Fund Campaign has brought in \$5000. Teresa will be sending out another reminder just after Christmas.

Final resolution for expenditure for Ranger Rendezvous 2012 - profit loss statement shows that we made \$1,132. The venue was expensive so we didn't make as much money as usual.

Next *Ranger* Theme – Preventing Visitor Injuries in the Parks. There are too many articles – might have to whittle it down. Stacy suggested posting to our website the ones not published. Teresa noted that people like to see theirs in print. Stacy replied that if it doesn't make the publication it could still be offered online with a notation in the publication. Teresa will get with Stacy on what might go into the publication. She doesn't want the theme to occupy the entire publication.

New Business

Amy: The Coalition of National Park Ranger Retirees, was in downtown DC. Amy attended and was there when Jarvis was there. He pointed out his priorities for his 2nd term. She will send them out to the board via email.

Motion was made for the meeting to adjourn (Amy). Motion seconded. Stacy adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. (Central Time)

Since Alison was unable to attend the meeting she sent her update via email.

Oral History Project:

Five oral historians collected interviews at the 2012 Ranger Rendezvous (Brenna Lissoway from YOSE, Lu Ann Jones from WASO, Hannah Nyala West from JOTR, Jeremy Kaufman, and Alison Steiner). We conducted a total of 16 interviews, equaling approximately 35 hours of recordings. We have arranged for two interviews to be transcribed in January (J.D. Swed and Frank Hastings). We are using two different transcribers (Deborah Lattimore and Hannah Nyala West) for these initial interviews. The cost of these initial transcriptions should be ~\$600. After

January, we will decide how to proceed with the remaining transcriptions. A summary of the project was included in the most recent issue of Ranger magazine, and Lu Ann Jones plans on editing a part of J.D.'s interview for inclusion in the spring edition. We also plan to launch a fund drive in the spring, so that we can continue the project at next year's Rendezvous. Overall, we think that oral history project is off to a great start!