

**DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday, August 8, 2009  
Coldstream Room, Sugar Bowl

**Attending:**

**Board:**

Tam Lieberman, President  
Alisha Lee, Treasurer  
Sara Taillon, Secretary  
Carrie Hoyt

Ron Kolbe  
Nancy Latimer  
Rebecca Meyerholz  
Dan Wexler

**Members and Guests:** See Appendix A

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05am PDT

**1) Natural Capitalism Seminar: Oliver Dameron**

**2) Membership Meeting**

- a) Introduction and Welcome: What is DSAA really about?
  - i) Long-term, broad-based vision
  - ii) Monthly board meetings are open to the public
  - iii) Educational Seminars
  - iv) Community Building
- b) Year-End Recap
  - i) Parks & Trails Committee: Rebecca Meyerholz
    - (1) Overland Emigrant Trail: There was an introductory meeting with USFS, Placer County Parks Dept, Truckee-Donner Land Trust, and Oregon-California Trails Association and members of the community to kick off a long-term project to build an interpretive trail near the original Emigrant Trail route.
    - (2) DSPUD Latent Powers: DSPUD, DSAA and Truckee Donner Recreation and Parks District agreed that it would be easier to have TDRPD manage whatever park(s) we build with available Placer County funds.
    - (3) Combined Parks & Trails Meetings: We are currently investigating both a short-term project to build a small playground, and a long-term project to build a larger community park.
  - ii) Parents' Group: Sara Schrichte
    - (1) DSAA applied for and received a \$5000 grant from First 5 Placer County to support a playgroup with Donner Summit 0-5 year olds, Parents Night Out once a month, safety, nutrition, music and exercise classes.
    - (2) The committee worked with Sugar Bowl and Donner Trail School to provide an open-space play area for the playgroup. This program was a "winter survival program", which ended for the summer. The group anticipates resuming this winter.
    - (3) The Parents' Group also partnered with North Tahoe Family Resource Center to assess children's development and to help target the playgroup towards any areas in which children might be developmentally behind.
  - iii) Fundraising: Tamara Lieberman
    - (1) DSAA raised over \$6000 in membership fees and cash donations.

- (2) The Fundraising Committee initiated the first Annual Giving campaign.
- (3) DSAA Annual Community Picnic, held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, was a huge success, raising about \$7500 net profit, and most importantly was a very fun event which brought the community together.
- (4) DSAA held a Snow Sculpting Contest in December. While DSAA made almost no money from the event, it was very fun.
- (5) DSAA needs a volunteer to help update and maintain our membership and fundraising database. Please contact DSAA if you are interested in helping.
- iv) Conservation Vision for Donner Summit: DSAA, working with other local groups, authored a Conservation Vision for Donner Summit. The vision statement includes 12 tenants:
  - (1) Recognize Donner Summit as a region of local, state, and global significance, which must be protected for future generations.
  - (2) Respect and maintain the rugged rural character and existing scale of Donner Summit communities.
  - (3) Focus new commercial development on Old Highway 40 and in Soda Springs.
  - (4) Preserve natural open spaces and scenic viewsheds.
  - (5) Protect and restore the lakes, wetlands, and meadows of Donner Summit.
  - (6) Protect and improve the health of the North Fork American and the South Yuba River watersheds.
  - (7) Sustain and enhance the health and viability of our forests. .
  - (8) Maintain and improve regional air quality and limit greenhouse gas emissions.
  - (9) Protect and enhance the region's present and future biological diversity
  - (10) Invest in conservation to protect the region from the impacts of climate change.
  - (11) Preserve, protect and enhance the region's cultural and historical resources.
  - (12) Maintain quality of and access to passive recreation on the Summit where it is consistent with the well being of the environment.
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Guest Group: Save Van Norden Meadow: Tom Applebaum
- e) Continuing Projects:
  - i) Community Park
  - ii) Educational Seminars
    - (1) Natural Capitalism
    - (2) Defensible Space
    - (3) Parents' Group Seminars
  - iii) Economic Revitalization and Sustainability: DSAA will work with area businesses to write an Economic Vision for Donner Summit, to accompany this year's Conservation Vision for Donner Summit
  - iv) Emigrant Trail Project
- f) Election:
  - i) Board Members: All Board nominees were elected unanimously.
    - (1) Nancy Latimer
    - (2) Tam Lieberman
    - (3) Alisha Lee
    - (4) Maria Montano
    - (5) Sara Schrichte
    - (6) Sara Taillon
    - (7) Bryan Walker

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm PDT

**Appendix A: Attending DSAA Members and Guests (about 38 people total)**

Jeanne Applebaum  
Tom Applebaum  
Valen Brost  
Brian Cary  
Elizabeth Evans  
Mickey Gray  
Virginia Haliwell  
Tamara Hargis  
Bill Hargis  
Charlie Houtz  
Rob Kautz  
Anne Knudsen  
Brian Laschkewitsch  
Byron Lee  
Corinne Lee  
Nicole Lieberman  
Steve Lieberman  
Don Malberg  
Sara Schrichte  
Len Smith