

**DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Working Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday, March 8, 2008 – Donner Ski Ranch

**Next meetings:**

- **Tuesday, April 8 5:30pm - 9pm: mandatory Board training at Carrie Hoyt's house**
- **Saturday, May 3, 10am - noon: Fire Prevention Seminar**

**Attending:**

**Board:**

Pat Malberg, President

Mickey Gray, Vice-President

Alisha Lee, Treasurer

Sara Taillon, Secretary

Tamara Lieberman

**Guest:** Jennifer Montgomery

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 18:23 PST

**1) Monthly Business:**

a) Public Comments:

- i) Jennifer Montgomery announced that she has officially filed as a Placer County District 5 Supervisor. Her website is <http://www.MontgomeryForSupervisor.org>
- ii) Jennifer Montgomery would like to facilitate some meetings between DSAA and two other area groups: Forest Hill Residents for respOnsible Growth (FROG) and the Meadow Vista community group. Both groups have recent experience with Placer County Community Plans and large-scale development. Jennifer also talked to a Placer County Community Planner who said that we actually could sponsor our own Community Plan, which we would pay for and which would be written by a consultant (just as would be done for Community Plans sponsored by developers). We would have to officially request such a Community Plan process in front of the Board of Supervisors.

b) Approval of Agenda:

- i) Pat added an item to the Treasurer's report to approve the expenditure for the Board Training.
- ii) Tam wanted to add an action item under Fundraising: Citizen of the Year

c) Approval of Minutes: Alisha moved to approve the February minutes. Tamara seconded; Mickey abstained; everyone else approved.

d) Treasurer's Report: Alisha presented the Treasurer's report, which she also distributed to the Board in email. Tamara moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Sara seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- i) Truckee Rotary Grant: Tamara is going to check with Truckee Rotary to verify that we received the grant to fund Board Training. (Since the meeting, we did receive the \$500 grant, which has since been deposited to our account).
- ii) Taxes: Alisha still has not heard from Dan and Ron about taxes. **We need to get our taxes filed. Pat and Alisha and Mickey will contact Ron to see if he needs someone to take over this project.**
- iii) CA Tax Exempt Status: Bob Williams contacted us saying there is still missing information to file for our CA Tax Exempt Status. **New Board members need to email Board Bios to Sara.**
- iv) Board Training: We have not yet been formally notified about the Truckee Rotary grant. If we receive the \$500 grant, we still need \$370 to pay for the Board Training. Tamara moved that if we did not get the \$500 Rotary grant that we break the contract for the Board training. Mickey

seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (Since the meeting we received the grant and the Board Training will happen on April 8, 2008).

- v) Insurance: We have not paid for insurance. Dan was not present, but we assume that we still do not have insurance. **Dan needs to send an update on Insurance (Is there an invoice? Have we signed a contract?).**
  
- e) Correspondence:
  - i) Mickey asked about Plavada addresses in our database. Sara reported that we only have addresses of Plavada HOA members who agreed to be included in the Plavada HOA directory, which is only about 100 people. Jennifer suggested that we talk to the Plavada water district to get a more complete list.
  - ii) We received a formal letter of apology from the SLPOA Board for using our name on the leaflet distributed at the Royal Gorge parking lot over Christmas week. They assured us they will be more careful in the future
  - iii) We received a letter from Nevada County Supervisor Ted Owens, thanking us for having him at our January Board meeting.
  
- f) Committee Reports:
  - i) Fundraising and Membership:
    - (1) Next meeting is Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30pm at Carrie Hoyt's house.
    - (2) The theme of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic is "Community". We will have several tables for community members to provide informational materials on various topics. For example, we'll invite Norm Saylor and Margie Powell to have a history table, and the Donner Trails School could have a table. Local business people could leave business cards or brochures.
    - (3) We would like to present a Community Person of the Year award from the DSAA. Nominations would be collected from the community. Tamara motioned that DSAA sponsor a Community Member of the Year award. Alisha seconded and it passed unanimously.
    - (4) Location: Sugarbowl is very supportive. We can do the picnic behind DSL or at Judah or even Lake Mary.
    - (5) DSAA General Membership Meeting: The Fundraising Committee recommends that we do not hold the Annual Meeting on the same day because we will be too busy with the picnic. We will hold the membership meeting later in the summer and will propose a by-law amendment so we are no longer required to hold our Annual meeting in July.
  - ii) Economic Vitality:
    - (1) Donner Summit Economic Revitalization Plan: Jim met with Steve Frisch of Sierra Business Council to discuss how we could create an economic revitalization plan.
    - (2) Mickey suggested that we get a good, detailed aerial photo of the area and create a map of all businesses on the summit.
    - (3) Jeff Strange is putting together a slide show that will run continuously at Summit Restaurant on the big-screen TV. DSAA and any summit businesses can pay a small fee for a month's worth of publicity. More details to follow.
  - i) Education and Community Building: **Dan needs to contact Chief Bryce Keller immediately about the May Fire Prevention Seminar.** Bryce has good ideas about people for a Fire Safety Panel.
  - ii) Community Visioning: No report.
  - iii) Information Technology: No report.
  - iv) Organization Coordination:
    - (1) Nevada County Meetings: Pat and Peter VanZant met with the new Nevada County Planning Director, Jory Stewart. Peter brought up the Economic Development Study sponsored by Nevada County and recommended that we review the study because there is

good data and a few good ideas in it. Jory and Nevada County Supervisor Ted Owens will look to see if there is any money for economic revitalization of downtown Soda Springs.

(2) **Placer County Meetings: Pat is meeting with Placer County Planning Directory Wednesday at 3:30 at the Domes in Conference Room 2.**

v) Infrastructure

(1) Budget: **Committee heads need to send budgets to Alisha.**

2) **Continuing Business:**

a) Policies/Procedures:

(1) Articles of Incorporation: All Board members should review the following sections of the Articles of Incorporation for discussion at the next meeting.

- Section II, Subsection B: Mission Statement
- Section II, Subsection B: Vision Statement
- Section IV, Subsection A: Meetings
- Section V, Subsection B: Voting

b) Economic/Social Infrastructure Study

3) **New Business:**

a) **Starr Walton-Hurley Resignation**: Starr Walton-Hurley tendered her resignation. The Board accepts her resignation with regret. **Sara will send a thank-you letter to Starr for her past contribution and encouraging her to continue to participate in the future.**

4) **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 19:30 PST.

**NEXT DSAA MEETINGS:**

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- **Saturday, May 3, 10am - noon: Fire Prevention Seminar**
- **June: Preparation for Annual Meeting**
- **July 5: DSAA Picnic**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Taillon,  
Secretary