

DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION
Board Working Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
Summit Restaurant

Notes

Next Meetings:

Donner Summit Geotourism Group: Sunday, April 11, 2:00pm, Coldstream Room at Sugar Bowl

Truckee Community Choir and Orchesta: Saturday, May 1, 7pm at Squaw Creek

DSAA Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 4, Location TBD, 5:30pm dinner; 6:30pm meeting

DSAA Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, Location TBD, 5:30pm dinner; 6:30pm meeting

Picnic Meeting: TBD

Donner Summit Cleanup: Saturday, June 5, 2010, 10am PDT.

Annual Community Picnic Fundraiser: Saturday, July 3, 2010.

Annual Meeting and Appreciation Party: Saturday, August 28 in the afternoon at Tam's

Community Event Planning Open Space: Saturday, October 2, Location TBD

Attendees:

Board: Carrie Hoyt, John Kirrene, Ron Kolbe, Nancy Latimer, Alisha Lee, Tam Lieberman, Rebecca Meyerholz, Sara Taillon

Not Attending: Maria Montano, Sara Schrichte, Bryan Walker, Dan Wexler

Guests: DSAA Member and Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery, Mickey Gray, Ted Lurch.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 18:50.

1. Monthly Business

- a. Welcome
- b. Public Comments: Jennifer passed along a message that Don Malberg would like to help with logistics for the picnic again.
- c. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.
- d. Approval of Minutes: *Ron moved to approve the March 2010 minutes; John seconded and the Board approved.*
- e. Financial Reports:
- f. Correspondence:
 - i. We received Annual Giving responses / membership renewals from Val & Linda Brost, Anne Chadwick, Anthony & Heather Griffin, Henry

& Marjorie Hayes, Margie Powell, Linda Waddle, and William Zschaler

- ii. We received a notice from Nevada County about a hearing on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 2:00pm in the Supervisor's Chambers, 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA about a proposed amendment so that gates on county access roads shall not be locked and near these gates there shall be posted a sign saying gates must not be locked (see attachment).
- iii. Non-profit training available in San Francisco on April 27, 2010. Contact Tam for more information.

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g. Monthly Board Forms

- i. Monthly Forms: **Please send Alisha your March time and expense reporting forms ASAP.**

h. Committee Reports

- i. Trails and Parks: Placer County has a policy that park mitigation funds do not cross county boundaries, so the park *must* be located in Placer County. Per Jennifer, TDRPD *could* be the agency that manages the park. Jennifer suggested talking to Andy Fisher of the Parks Department. Jennifer also mentioned that the land has to be signed over to Placer County for the Park in perpetuity. **Rebecca will contact SLCWD 426-7800 to talk to Wade Freedle and Bill Oudegeest about possibly using SLCWD land for a park.** Jennifer also reminded us that ongoing maintenance must be provided. TDRPD has offered to maintain the park if the site is annexed into their district.
- ii. Trail Access: Palisade Peak was identified as public land in need of public access. Point Mariah was also mentioned because the peak is actually on public land, even though most of the trail is on private land. The Painted Rock Trail is all on public land, so access is not an issue. **Rebecca will draft a letter to Joanne Roubique (USFS) summarizing the above points.**
- iii. Fundraising:
 - 1. Annual Giving: We received another \$325 in donations, including \$100 from Anne Chadwick and \$100 from William Zschaler. Sara will update the database and deposit checks tomorrow.
 - 2. Thank-You Calls: Thank you to Board members for calling major donors to thank them. **Tam will call new donors, William Zschaler and Anne Chadwick.**

iv. Programs:

1. Emergency Preparedness: We would like to sponsor another emergency preparedness seminar this summer. **Ron is putting together specific topics for discussion. Ron will contact various local agencies to invite them to participate.**
2. Speak Your Peace: No report. Tam will ask Bryan about it.

v. Newsletter:

1. The first DSAA newsletter was mailed in early March! Sara reported that the most difficult part was getting the email addresses from our database into a format appropriate for the email service. Nancy suggested that some of the text was a bit hard to read. Jennifer suggested a way for our members to opt out of the paper newsletter.
2. **Sara will send a second newsletter in May and will include announcements about the Donner Summit Cleanup and the DSAA Community Picnic.**

i. Community Group Reports

- i. Business Group: Maria will have a full report at our next meeting (they have not met recently).
- ii. Parents Group: The Parents Group continues to meet casually at people's homes. By the end of the season there will have been six playgroups and two Parents Nights Out. First 5 is changing its strategic plan and will change the way grants applications are structured. There will be a sing-a-long at Sittaa Lotus Yoga, TBA. Deanne Maas suggested organizing an organic vegetable distribution in conjunction with a childrens event.
- iii. Geotourism Sites: The sites have been identified. The Donner Summit group expects to finish its work shortly. There is another meeting on Sunday, April 11, 2:00pm, Coldstream Room at Sugar Bowl.

2. Continuing Business

- a. Donner Summit Marker: Ron has reviewed several sites and currently suggests Gould Park at Cisco as a potential site for a Donner Summit marker / monument. Jennifer suggested that a sign at Gould Park at Cisco would not be visible from the freeway. Ron is also working with Donner Summit Historical Society to coordinate this marker with the 20-mile museum.
- b. Donner Summit Event Planning Meeting

- i. Presenter: Tam contacted Penelope Curtis about possibly giving an introduction to Geotourism at our Donner Summit Event Planning Meeting. Jennifer suggested SBC might also be able to introduce the concept of Geotourism. **Tam will contact SBC and Penelope Curtis and find out how much it would cost to have them give a presentation.** Tam suggested asking Heidi to facilitate the Open Space event. *John moved that we allot an amount not to exceed \$300 for presenters, facilities and food. Nancy seconded. The Board approved. Ron did not participate in the discussion or the vote.*
- ii. Date: Saturday, October 2, Location TBD
- c. Economic Vision: Tam is waiting for the end of the season to resume work on the vision. She expects to work with a few local prominent business owners to take existing input and put it together into a draft vision document to circulate to the community.
- d. Donner Summit Cleanup:
 - i. The cleanup will be Saturday, June 5, at 10am, meeting at Soda Springs Cleanup.
 - ii. Nancy needs a volunteer to call local businesses to ask for dumpster donations. Jennifer might be able to get a couple dumpsters from Truckee Tahoe Sierra Disposal. **Rebecca offered to talk to Steve Beattie about requesting 1-2 dumpsters donated by Sugar Bowl.** Carrie offered to donate a dumpster on behalf of Cascade Snow Removal. **Nancy needs a volunteer to contact local businesses to ask for dumpster donations.** Tam suggested thanking donor businesses in our newsletter.
 - iii. Helen Conway offered \$100 towards a dumpster. If local businesses donate all the dumpsters, Nancy will talk to Helen ask if she might make a donation to defer general expenses for the cleanup if we don't get the grant.
 - iv. Nancy has applied for a grant for \$900 from Placer County. We won't hear about that grant until mid-May.
 - v. Sara T. will print posters. Our staff person will send out a press release. **Sara Schricte will add an event on our DSAA Facebook page.**
 - vi. Party: Nancy suggested working with Summit Restaurant to give out drink tickets to our volunteers to redeem for beer. **Nancy will talk to Maria about the party.**
 - vii. **Nancy will present a budget to the Board for our May meeting.**

- e. Scenic By-Way Letter: Tam drafted a letter to Ted Owens and Jennifer Montgomery in support of a small section of Old-40 as a State Scenic By-Way from Tri-Lodges to West End Donner Lake. There cannot be much development along a scenic by-way. *Rebecca moved that we send the letter in support. Carrie seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously.*

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3. New Business:

- a. Administrative Assistant: The Executive Committee interviewed two candidates for the Admin Assistant position: Lisa Drake and Sara Schrichte. Both candidates were well qualified, but Sara was the stronger candidate. The Executive Committee recommends hiring Sara. *John moved to hire Sara Schrichte as our Administrative Assistant. Nancy seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously. Tam will call a meeting with Sara S., Sara T and Alisha about logistics.*

- b. Community Picnic: Tam will propose a meeting date for picnic planning.

- i. Sara Schrichte volunteered to take care of the database and publicity.

- ii. Carrie will be in charge of food.

- iii. John will be in charge of the raffle.

- iv. Sara T. can make the signs and send letters with Sara S.

- v. Rebecca is in charge of entertainment. She contacted Todd Wees who is interested in playing. **Rebecca will look into an additional band, including cost.** Rebecca will also talk to local organizations, Smokey the Bear, etc.

- vi. Sara T. confirmed that Jump for Joy Lake Tahoe will bring a bounce-house, per Bryan's reservation.

- vii. Proposed Picnic Schedule:

- 1. Todd Weiss: 11:30am – 12:30pm

- 2. Auction: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

- 3. Another Band?? 1:30 – 3pm ?

- viii. Meeting: **Tam to call a Picnic Committee meeting**

- c. Annual Meeting Date: The Executive Committee recommends holding the Annual Meeting on the same day as the Appreciation Party on Saturday, August 28 in the afternoon at Tam's house (time TBD).

4. Announcements:

- a. MAC: Tam met with Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery about the idea of forming a cross-county MAC (Municipal Advisory Committee) to advise Placer and Nevada County. MACs are appointed organizations, which would be appointed by both counties and act as a conduit between the counties and the community. Another option would be to form two MACs (one from each county) that meet jointly. There are some complications with a bi-county MAC and one way to avoid those issues would be with two separate MACs. **Tam is going to meet with Nevada County Supervisory Ted Owens about the MAC idea.**
 - b. Pig Roast: Saturday, August 14 at Ron's house.
 - c. Truckee Community Choir and Orchestra: Saturday, May 1, 7pm at Squaw Creek
5. Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 20:51.

Items in bold are to-do items.

Items in italics are motions and official action