

SPA BOD Meeting minutes –January 24, 2015

Meeting called to order on January 24, 2015, at 9:10 a.m. via Skype. Directors present included John Dukes, John Runkle, and Tom Ganner.

Also present was Paul Sieving, who was nominated to the board by John Runkle. The motion was seconded by Tom Ganner, and the board unanimously voted to approve Paul Sieving to the Board of Directors. It was agreed to update the SPA website to reflect the change and include director titles on the contact page.

The Board discussed the SPA Forum policy of allowing unregistered guests to post to the forum. It was decided to change the permissions on the forum to allow unregistered guests to be able to view posts on the forum, but to require registration to be able to post to the forum. Tom Ganner indicated he would look into how to make those changes. (Those changes have subsequently been made.) It is also approved that all board members be made administrators of the Forum for the purposes of monitoring forum activity.

The Board discussed changing the Association by-laws

The Board has approved and directed Tom Ganner to include the Association FEIN number on the SPA website on behalf of donors for tax advantages.

The Board agrees to hold annual meetings during the first quarter of each calendar year.

The Board has become aware of the possibility of the Palm Springs Camp Hosts (Georg and Ria) not returning next year. John Runkle will be traveling to the springs shortly and will inquire as to how SPA can help resolve any issues that would prevent their return the following season.

Tom Ganner will send an inquiry to Jonathan Penman-Brotzman, Environmental Protection Specialist (Compliance) with the DVNP, to inquire as to the disposition of the park to a recent requests by SPA to reconsider the recent donation of picnic tables to the Lower Warm Springs. This will also be a good opportunity to request a copy of the report being prepared by the anthropologists contracted by the DVNP to study historical and cultural landscape of the Saline Valley