

Save Our Trails!



Promoting trails in Santa Clara County for the benefit and enjoyment of all

Minutes

Board Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024

Zoom

ADMINISTRATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Attendance

Bill Rankin, SOT President

Bruce Victorine, SOT Vice President

Tom Schaefer, SOT Board Member

M.E. Petrich, SOT Secretary

Laura Levin, SOT Treasurer and Docent with MidPen

Eleni Jacobson, SOT Board Member and Communications Manager, SVBC

Keith Ball, SOT Board Member, Park Commissioner

Ronald Horii, Trail Fan & Photographer

Larry Ames, SOT Nomination Committee

Melissa Hippard, SOT Nominating People

Stepane Maes, San Jose Conservation Corps

Ross Heitkamp, FoSCT and Ridge Trail

Deb Kramer, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful

Current Board Members: Bill Rankin (President), Bruce Victorine (Vice President), Laura Levin (Treasurer), Mary-Ellen Petrich (Secretary), Eleni Jacobson (Communications Manager), Tom Schaefer, Chuck Cantrell, Justin Triano, Keith Ball.

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No objections or changes were proposed for the past minutes. Minutes for November have been approved by consensus.

President's Report

None

Vice-President's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

None

Secretary's Report

Let the secretary know if you have any changes for these minutes.

Discussion

There was a discussion about the recent appearance of unhoused residents on the Three Creeks Trail.

There is a plan afoot to tour a portion of the City Loop Tour, about 10 or 12 miles in the first half of the year.

There was a discussion about the website and Keith Ball's efforts to finish it up. The mailing lists are up and running. If there are any questions, ask Keith Ball.

There was discussion about Martin Delson's email to the board about clearing the trails after big rain events, especially the Guadalupe Creek Trail. Eleni Jacobson talked about what SVBC members are doing to solve the problem and how they can contact city staff. Stephane Maes also discussed how SJCC is involved with cleaning creek trails.

There will be a creek cleanup on the Coyote Creek Trail on April 13th.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/781508632357?aff=oddtcreator>

We also discussed doing something about un-housed people on trails and parks. The other was trail cleanup/support for keeping trails open. Something also from the person who was working on park usage studies.

There was a discussion about the meeting schedule for next year. Bill proposed moving to 4 times a year instead of 6 times a year. Most of the board felt that every two months was a better schedule and proposed agenda topics: continue inviting electeds, hosting presentations on educational topics,

On March 18, 7:00 pm, there will be SOT elections and a general meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm. The next meeting of the Board will be the General Meeting on March 18th and will be held online by Zoom.