Amigos de Cerrillos Hills State Park

2023 Annual Meeting

February 25, 1:00 PM

1. In attendance: 15 people
2. Board Members introduced: Cathy Weber, President, Ann Murray, Vice President, Karen Stoll, Janet McVickar, Secretary. Also, though not a Board Member: Steve Talbot, Treasurer. Cathy and Janet completed their first year of a 3-year term; Karen completed her 3-year term and is retiring from the Board. Currently 35 members.
3. Treasurer’s Report: Total revenue: $6850.70, Total expenses: $4176.75, Net Income: $2673.95

Beginning net assets: $9642.94, Ending net assets: $12316.89. Details provided in Steve’s report.

1. Park Manager’s report: a. Currently there is a 50-60% vacancy at State Parks. At CHSP Jamie is coming on as another seasonal position.

b. Event reminders-2/26 at 11:00 AM Geology hike; 3/10 at 7pm Star gazing; 4/7, 6:30pm Twilight hike.

c. He asked for suggestions for outside speakers.

d. Concession fees- no longer required

e. Park fees: ongoing talks about whether to eliminate them, raise them, keep same. For CHSP, fee excused for members currently

f. Peter will attend a NASA event in October in Abq on climate change.

g. Shade structure- Peter made request. Temporary structure idea rejected in favor of a permanent one, to be determined.

5. Gift shop Report: Sue is stepping down as manager after 12 years in the position. Board gave her an engraved wood plaque/cutting board honoring her service. [It was also her birthday!] Linda Smith has stepped up as new manager. She would like a committee of 6 to help manage it and is asking for volunteers.

6. Old News Review

a. Goathead Patrol. Last year’s efforts included laying and stapling down mesh, then covering it with wood chips. Looks great. Pat kept a crew busy for many weekends. Thanks Pat! Cathy reported that she researched goathead rollers. Found one online for $227. It was agreed to purchase it.

b. Events: 2022 Art-in-the-Park was very successful (revenue total $2252; expenses total $690). 22 people have already signed up for this year’s event 5/27/23 from 10am to 4pm. Will ask Beer Creek for pizza donations.

4th of July. Last year 155 hot dogs were served. It’s scheduled for 3 hours this year.

Burro Race, May 6. Discussed offering coffee and bfast burritos in the morning pre-race. Robert with Street Food Institute will look into bringing a food truck (for other events too). Peter said from March 18-May 14 he’ll have an exhibit on burros in the Visitor’s Center.

Yard Sale, August and/or Fiestas de Los Cerrillos, September - will discuss them later.

7. New News (covered in other discussions)

8. Event Discussion: (see above discussion)

9. Newsletter: Linda offered to begin a newsletter (Ann read her presentation as she was not present). It would be bi-monthly (once every other month). It will be sent by Mail Chimp. Members are welcome to submit to the newsletter.

10. Additions to the Agenda and Miscellaneous

11. Honoring Sue Schneider (see above).

12. Election of New Board of Directors.

a. Returning board members: Cathy Weber, Ann Murray, Janet McVickar.

b. Nominating new board members: Pat Brown and Kim Davis offered to join. Ann nominated both and Janet seconded. Voted by acclimation. Both accepted. Welcome Pat and Kim.

13. Adjournment.