

ESAC BOD meeting

June 15, 2009

SP's house, Swall Meadows

Present: SP, Forrest, Nate, Scott, Allan, Howie

Treasurer's Report

- Calendar Year for IRS- We can close books out anytime so we'll now make it a July 1 – June 30 fiscal year
- ~\$36,800 in bank presently

MLTPA

- FOI and MLTPA got grants for summer of stewardship
- ESAC could give sponsorship and gain publicity at a couple events
- July 18 & September 26 – horseshoe lake & inyo craters
- Use gear given by sponsors as giveaways
- Motion by SP to work with MLTPA for the September event
 - Seconded by Scott and approved
- Measure R funds for trails and recreation
- Forrest will look into it more to get funds for beacon basin
- Forrest will look into the Sherwins project with Turner Propane

Beacon Basin

- Systems in major disrepair.
- Looking into getting a new Ortovox system for \$2500.
- Mountain seems fine with it
- A couple hundred people estimated to have used it on the mountain.
- Look into getting a beacon checking unit for key backcountry access points? Good publicity for ESAC.
- Kiosks for ESAC info in good locations
- Kiosk in the Visitor Center?

Website

- Nate sat in on the UAC web development
- Dharma Tech – team that works for non-profits
- 10K for a similar website to make something like UAC website
- 5K for just a simpler template
- NAC would like to see a more standardized system (but can't fund it)
- We are looking to take that step anyway, but NAC might be able to pay for a template creation that individual centers could buy into for lower cost.
- Nate can try to work with Dharma Tech to help create a shell for ESAC website.
- Allan: possible to get this funded with a grant from Sunset
- Nate to talk with Dharma Tech, NAC, and other centers to create a platform
 - \$3-5K is about what we are willing to spend
 - get together with other companies to create economies of scale
 - We need a product soon! – October 1
- Motion: Allan proposes that we move forward on the above by starting the dialogue
 - SP second, all approve
- Motion: SP proposes we spend up to \$5K on website regardless
 - Howie second, all approve

USFS

- Not upholding their end of the collection agreement

- Because of Jon R. ad Sue
- We need an end of season meeting
- We just received end-of-season report at start of the meeting
- Allan set a meeting w/ Jim on July 8, 3pm
- Allan found out recently that Sue told Inyo County to give the money to the FS directly and not to ESAC.
- BOD unanimously against working with the FS as we did this year. Many, if not all, would resign if the situation was the same.

Nate will come up with a draft by week's end outlining the points we will make to Jim at the meeting. When finalized by the board, it will be sent to Jim in advance of the meeting. This document will include:

- Detail of the ways the FS did not fulfill their end of the signed collection agreement this season
 - Recourse: we would like compensation in the form of a refund or by other acceptable action that satisfies ESAC that the agreement has been upheld.
- End of season report – inadequate & offensive
- What, specifically, ESAC needs from FS to continue partnership for next season

We will also prepare a plan for the likely event that the FS is unwilling and/or unable to satisfy ESAC's needs.

- Options discussed for next season:
 - Sign a new Collection Agreement we can live with
 - Spin off and go private as originally
 - Go back to volunteer status for the forecaster, if possible?
 - ESAC not operational for next season
- Investigate the above options and come up with a plan for next season.