

Friends of Tonto National Forest Board Meeting, February 24, 2020, Mesa Fire Station #218, 845 N Alma School Road, Mesa

Meeting called to order at 6 PM by Board President Brian Stultz, present were:

Ann Adkins, Don Pike, Susan Sridharan, Erin Bradham, Bert Roy, John Matteson, Scott Wood, Patti Fenner, Greg Kurth(from Boeing) and Eric Yamane

Presidents Report—Brian just found out we can't have the orientation meeting at the Goldfield, Brooke said we could use FS Staff room instead. Brian suggested we the orientation outdoors. Discussion was held, then decision to have the orientation outdoors at Goldfield site, later changed to Phon Du Sutton site. It was noted we can't sell or take any money at the event without at FS permit.

Executive Director report—Patti handed out copies of work agreements with Tonto National Forest, more discussion on how to report work hours.

Wallace Garden at Boyce Thompson has invited FOTNF to attend the garden opening on 3/21, Patti and Brian plan to attend.

Patti and Brian discussed the raffle at the orientation, Don donated \$200 to use for gift cards, it will be a free raffle.

Patti noted \$135 was given anonymously, the group "Desperado Trail Scouts" donated \$1000, presented by Susan.

Patti—Insurance, the group Wilderness Coalition uses quoted \$900, we also need a separate policy for the officers and board. Erin made a motion to go with the quote Patti had, approved.

On Going Projects:

Arnett/Telegraph, Discussion on where we are and where we are going next and long term funding, hiring a part time director, where do we want to be in a year or so.

Motion by Erin that Don and Brian get a news release put together and published. 2nd by Ann, approved.

Scott—ShooFly, he has an agreement and working on a work date—probably towards end of March a long with an open house. Sears-Kay—a work party this coming weekend, needs minor maintenance.

Patti—Orientation Day Preparations—bring extra chairs, everyone needs to register, Don to bring table and sign boards. Everyone needs to arrive one hour early for set up. We need someone at Goldfield to direct traffic to Phon du Sutton site.

Invasive Plants—CAZCA, Don attended a meeting—this group does a lot in Maricopa County, purpose of the meeting was to set up committees and get more involvement. Their website is CAZCA.org. Patti—Herbicide application at Cave Creek at District boneyard will be tomorrow.

Financial—Susan-Bert, handouts were given of financial reports. She has assigned account numbers to various items and has a depreciation schedule on the trailer. Some discussion was held on various investment ideas.

New Business:

Brian 2 grants we could apply for, who wants to apply for the grants, John will explore these grants.

Eric commented that volunteers are hard to find and keep. Boeing is working on an Earth Day Event.

Erin made a motion to Apply for a grant from AWSC, 2nd by John, motion passed. Deer Creek trail would be a good one to start with for the grant, application is due March 30.

Scott—Rim Trails working group—wondering why FOTNF isn't part of it. This group was in-active but is active again.

Eric noted that he recently assisted a botanist from Washington DC, they are using Wild Spotter.org to map for volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM

Ann Adkins