

Friends of the Tonto National Forest  
Minutes for Board Meeting 26 July 2021

Attending via Zoom: Trent Shue, Scott Wood, Susan Sridharan, Patti Fenner, Pete Allard, Urb Weidner, and Helene Tack

6:06 Call to order – Patti

President's Report - None

Executive Director's Report – Patti

- Closure Order terminated July 21
- May have someone to assist Elizabeth to update website
- New Volunteer Agreement/Liability Waiver & Project Protocols are on the website under Operations
- Combined Federal Campaign – FOTNF has been accepted into the program. Will publicize so people will know to donate
- Small group working on mail list and managing volunteer info. Looking at how other organizations manage their lists. Will report back to Board.

Financial Report – Susan (Detailed financial report submitted prior to the meeting and a summary presented at the Board meeting)

Highlights:

- A \$10,000 donation was received from the Desperados Trail Scouts to be used for the Cave Creek tail signage restoration.
- Anonymous donation of \$2,500
- Donation valued at \$528 from Home Depot for materials to be used for the Milkweed project.

Cultural Committee Report – Scott

- Planning to meet with Forest Service archeologist in Aug.

Natural Resources Committee Reports -

Water Source Inventory Project – Trent

- Intend to schedule a water inventory run something in Aug

Noxious Weed Project/grant proposal – Patti

- Don & Patti working on a on grant proposal to the Dept of Forestry & Fire Management. Have three letters of support.

#### Riparian Photopoint – Patti

- Completed

#### Milkweed –Patti/Susan

- Started 2021 growing season
- Donation from Home Depot
- Material (seeds, bags, trays) delivered to twenty-two growers
- Plan to plant in mid-Nov

#### Membership Committee Report – Pete (Previously submitted by Pete)

- Have 37 individual, 21 family, and 2 organization memberships
- Working on problems encountered with group mailings

#### Recreation/Trails – Susan/Patti

- Susan & Patti met with Eric Norman, the Cave Creek Recreation Staff person. Discussed plans for trail signage. Will develop a grant for installation in addition to the donation which was received. In addition, the Forest Service will donate 20 Carsonite trail markers. Will have confidence and junction markers, and trailhead kiosks.

#### New Business

- Will conduct two weekends per month starting in October for invasive grass control in the Superstitions
- Continued milkweed watering
- Events will be entered on the calendar
- Bylaws & Strategic Plan committee. Included will be Dayan, Urb, Eric, Patti, and Brian

Adjourn: 6:42pm