

Minutes of the Friends of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo
Board of Directors Meeting
February 22, 2017

Board members present: Sam Baca, Donna Blatherwick, Shelley Golden, Sue Morrissey, Carol Surack, Sandy Tocalino, and Bill Treadwell.

Others present: Bob Cisneros and Nancy Sargent

Board meeting was called to order by Shelley Golden at 11:00 am.

. Minutes from the January 2017 regular meeting were approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sandy, and 2nd by Carol. All approved.

I. COO/Presidents Report

a. Kathy Greenwood is not present today.

III Curator – Bob Cisneros

a. A request was made to the Board for funding the purchase of a used large mammal anesthesia machine. He states it is a good purchase; piping, tubing, and filters have been changed out with new parts. It has been certified every year, was serviced in April, and will need servicing in March. It will be in his budget to perform the yearly maintenance.

He does not wish to pull funding from his discretionary fund, and has raised approx. \$2500 in “T-Shirt money”. He asks for the additional funding from FOBBAZ, not to exceed \$5000.

Bill Treadwell supported the financing and put forth a motion to approve the request. Sam Bacca 2nd the motion. There was a brief discussion, wherein the motion passed.

b. Huckleberry is being trained for blood draws.

c. There is effort underway in Wolf Pack Management. There are plans to reintroduce the wolves prior to moving to the new zoo location.

d. Roofing repairs were done on the kit foxes enclosure to help keep the snow out.

e. There are still issues with parking and traffic. Vehicles are being cited and towed.

f. We lost two animals. They had to be euthanized. Red Fox “Fire” had a nasal terminate tumor, and Raccoon “Caity” suffered from geriatric issues.

It was asked if the FOBBAZ office could please be notified ASAP of any future demise, so we can be sure not to process any “adoption” paperwork on those animals.

- g. Wellness exams have been completed on all grey foxes, bobcat “Sassy”. Red foxes are scheduled soon, as are the mountain lions and snow leopards.
- h. Several animals have been moved into a different exhibit area.
- i. Measures are being taken to assist with keeping snow level accumulations to a low level in the exhibits. Snow level mitigation is always a challenge.
- j. New signs that were acquired were passed around for all to see. The signs are to do with enrichment, outreach, and also a “Biggest Loser” sign to showcase the mountain lion weight loss.
- k. San Diego Zoo donated a heated surgery table to us. Bill Treadwell asked if some point in time we could see the new “Hospital” area at the new zoo.

IV BBV Recreation & Parks – Reese Troublefield and/or Lorie Judd

- a. Not present.

V. VP Report- Sue Morrissey

- a. Nothing to report.

VI. Treasurer’s Report – Bill Treadwell

- a. We have three-quarter of a million dollars, of which there is \$300,000 available to “do stuff”.
- b. Kathy is doing a great job. A local book keeper was hired to help.

VII. Directors Reports

- a. Sam is checking on the water that is labeled “Big Bear” water, for purchase and use in the Grazing Coral. The supplier will store it for us until we need it.
- b. Carol reports that the donation cans have brought in \$1275.00 to date. She is waiting to get the rest of the cans in.
- c. Bill asks the board to think about if they want to do another mid-year mailer campaign.

VIII Office Report – Nancy Sargent

- a. Progress is being made with the adoption program. We need to decide what the gift structure will be, and finalize the application.
- b. The Reciprocal Zoo Brochure is almost ready for the printer.
- c. The new Docent Directory has seen progress.

IX. Old Business

- a. We are still working on the new tiered animal adoption structure. We still need to make a few decisions and adjustments. One idea is a larger plush animal with a larger donation. We need to investigate the exact plush animals we can get. Should we sell the ones being presented as a gift in the gift shop also, or should they be “exclusive”?
- b. We are still working on finalization of the 2017 Photo Contest rules and procedures. We will charge no fee. Should we have winning pictures printed on postcards, notecards, with credit given to the photographer? An idea is to have the “top” picture framed and posted on the zoo wall. Should there still be a calendar?
- c. There was a discussion on what we could do for 2017 Special Events. Donna suggested having children up to grade 3, draw pictures of animals. We could use some of those pictures for a calendar? Shelly suggested the pictures could be displays at the zoo, and Sandy thought the pictures could be framed and placed near the specific animal enclosures.

May 19th is the Golf Tournament at Classic Club. We need to get more sponsors for it.

The Run for the Grizzlies was discussed. It is not feasible to host this event again this year. A motion was put forth by Sue to cancel it. Donna 2nd that motion. It was voted unanimously to cancel it.

Shelly discussed that it is a bit late for a Casino Night, but she would like to consider it for next year.

It was agreed that we need to have ideas about fundraisers, and Sue is planning a meeting to discuss potential events.

- d. Sue reports that the docent training is being planned for May 6, 13 and 20. We will have the quarterly meeting the week after it is finished. It was agreed that the March meeting should be cancelled. The first meeting will be at the office, the second and third at the zoo. Lori H and Kimberlee K will be helping to coordinate and hold the classes.

X New Business

- a. Sam is taking care of the Facebook page. He would like to open a twitter account for the zoo. Bob stated that anything on the Zoo Facebook can be used by FOBBAZ for our Facebook page.

XI. Future Dates

- a. The next board meeting will be held March 22nd 2017.

XIII.

- a. Nothing else to report, and the meeting was adjourned at 12.20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Sargent, Administrative Assistant