

## **SKOS Board Meeting Minutes**

### **8/19/24**

#### **Roll Call and Affirmation of Agenda**

- Location: Connecticut Yankee
- Present: Daniel, Greg, Jeremy, Joel, Debie, Justin and James.
- Agenda approved: Quorum is 50% plus one. We have a quorum
- Minutes approved. Yes.

#### **Financials:**

- Debie indicated that our premium is paid for this year. We are covered for liability through August of 2025.
- Coverage Level: GL/D&O: \$1.0M/\$2.0M; D&O \$1.0M
- She noted that our current broker is dropping us and other organizations for whom the premium was too small. However, our insurer, Non Profit Insurance Alliance, referred us to a new broker who works with small organizations such as ours.
- Board Action: Motion to approve new broker. Unanimously passed and Joel will execute the authorization.

#### **Fundraising:**

- Daniel shared an outreach/ask letter he had drafted to connect with organizations. He also asked for input into the draft (which he shared) and then approval to contact orgs for outreach. James and Justin will review the draft letter. Justin will create a spreadsheet to build outreach to new lists of potential businesses.
- Jeremy will follow up by adding potential contacts in new development.
- These tasks are for all board members to take on, so deep gratitude to Daniel and Jeremy for carrying these pieces and getting us moving.
- Jeremy: drive through local fundraising effort with NABE or by ourselves. Jeremy will follow up on a contact to price out local mailing to entire neighborhood, i.e, the direct holiday ask in October/November
- Members proposed a tiered list of donors on the main information board, with tiers being in levels of wildlife found on the hill.

## **Outreach**

- Greg made contact with Richard Romero [58romero@gmail.com](mailto:58romero@gmail.com) (440) 213-7329 who is a Board Member for Green Business District. Richard also works for the Potrero View in PR and wants to write an article about SKOS. Several members committed to speaking with him if a time can be arranged. They are James, Daniel and Joel.
- Greg presented suggesting - a naming opportunity that would raise funds by allowing individuals in the community to plant and tend an Oak tree and have it marked by a plaque with words provided by the donor.
- Justin indicated he was in process with a website redesign: More to be provided at our next meeting. Bios to be added to the website.
- Workday Update: It went quite well in that we accomplished a lot of invasive species removal, an abundance of rocks added to the labyrinth, and a number of brand new volunteers. The board discussed vandals who moved the huge eucalyptus logs and indicated that he would use his truck and chains to get the logs back in place before the rains. Teal volunteers showed from an instagram post.
- The New design for T-shirts will be part of our next meeting. For volunteers, the old design will be used and made available for sale.
- Board members were apprised of the Terrimoto link that is said to show some of the activity they have engaged in the open space. Information item only.

## **Land Stewardship**

- The board tabled an item regarding recruiting of conservation experts. Sarah has committed to this and has committed to following up.
- Advocacy opportunity: newsletter. There may be a poisoning issue that relates to multiple hawk deaths. We might speak to this by rearranging the webpage to post updates; new items. Both website and instagram should echo same messages
- Open question: What is our incident response policy in general in terms of stewardship of the land?

- Key monitor. What shall our policy be and do we need to change the lock for access control. That option remains available. Board members thought to take a wait and see approach.
- Ongoing question regarding weed whacking. How much, when to do the whacking of foxtails, such that their spread is limited.

**Adjourned**

8:02 meeting ended. Thanks to James for these minutes.