

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship"
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 1-2, 2017
IDPR Headquarters
5657 Warm Springs Ave.
Boise, ID 83716

Minutes – Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Call to Order – Chairman Black

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:34 A.M. MT, November 1, 2017. Board Members in attendance were:

Pete Black
Gordy Hansen
Doug Eastwood
Randy Doman
Mike Boren

Also present during all or portions of the meeting were the following individuals:

David Langhorst – Director
Betty Mills – Management Assistant to the Director
Keith Hobbs – Operations Administrator
Anna Canning – Management Services Administrator
David White – North Region Manager
Steve Martin – Fiscal Officer
Tammy Kolsky – Reservation Program Manager
Jim Thomas – Development Bureau Chief
Jennifer Okerlund – Public Information Officer
Evelyn Mason – Fundraising Coordinator
Scott Williams – IT Resource Manager
Debbie Hoopes – Human Resource Officer
Adam Straubinger – Park Planner
Jamie Little – Experience/Education Coordinator
Steve Strack – Deputy Attorney General
Rick Just – Friends of Idaho Parks
Dennis McLane – Friends of Idaho Parks
Matt Warnick – DFM
Katrine Franks – Governor's Office
Dan Holley – BSU
Rob Humphrey - BSU

Consent Agenda

July 20, 2017 and September 12-13, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Hansen moved to approve both sets of minutes presented today. Mr. Doman seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Board and staff discussion followed as to why the Motor Vehicle Entrance Fee (MVEF) was waived during the Harriman Wine in the Park event.. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report

The Director provided a PowerPoint presentation discussing the following topics:

- Passport Program Revenue FY2018
- Deferred Maintenance = \$2.7 million of General Fund money
- Infrastructure Report Card – Solutions
- Fire Transfers and declining Forest Service budget for recreational programs.
- Non-Motorized Trails – IDPR staff has decided to make the wisest use of the funds we are already receiving. Jennifer Okerlund and Dave Claycomb have worked on drafting an MOU for IRTI. Dave Claycomb gave a brief update on the Lemhi County Trails Group, Motorized and Non-Motorized.
- Potential Legislation, 2018 Session

SCORP Final Draft – Adam Straubinger

Adam provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation on the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) for 2017. Adam discussed:

- SCORP Basic Requirements
- Plan Contents
- Programs and Supply
- Outdoor Recreation Demand
- Outdoor Recreation Issues
- Next Steps – Board approval of draft SCORP, Final public and agency review, Final edits, Submittal to National Park Service.

Chairman Black asked Adam if he feels the Board would be able to approve the SCORP Plan being presented today with added changes that were suggested by the Board. Adam confirmed and stated the changes will be made as presented today. Adam requested the Board's approval today in order to meet the timeline for submittal of the SCORP Plan. Board and staff discussion followed on the timeframe allowed the Board to review and approve this draft. Board Member Boren stated that he would like to have seen this draft during the September Board meeting, had the additional changes made following that meeting and then have the updated plan ready to present during this meeting for Board approval.

Mr. Eastwood made a motion to approve the SCORP Plan in concept with the amendments forthcoming that were discussed today. Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Board and staff discussion followed pertaining to the timeframe allowed to review and approve the SCORP Plan. **Mr. Eastwood amended his previous motion and asked for the Board to approve the SCORP Plan as presented.** Mr. Boren stated that he would like to include as part of the motion to say that **the Board recommends the changes and the Board expects the changes to be made. Mr. Hansen updated his second to the motion. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

BREAK 10:45 A.M.

RECONVENED 10:58 A.M.

Policies

- New Parks – Ms. Canning stated that this policy was carried over from the September Board meeting to allow new Board member Eastwood the opportunity for additional time to review the policy.

Mr. Eastwood moved to adopt the policy as presented today. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doman. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Alcohol in Parks – Ms. Canning stated this draft policy is being provided today with a small revision from the Board, to revise the standard requiring Board approval of all alcohol sales in our parks. Ms. Canning stated that item one reflects the specific direction given by the Board at the meeting. However, the Board seemed interested in other options so alternatives are being provided as well. Board and staff discussion followed pertaining to the level of approval needed for this policy and the reasoning for proposing this change in policy.

Mr. Hansen moved to approve the changes in policy 6010 Management of State Parks as defined in recommendation one, "Any sale of alcohol in the parks must be approved by the Board except as follows. When an applicant demonstrates two years of successfully managing alcohol sales, the Director may approve future alcohol sales. That is to say, the Board must approve the sale of alcohol for the first two years, and the Director may approve all subsequent sales". Motion was seconded by Mr. Boren. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Elections

Chairman Black reminded the Board that during the February 2017 Board meeting the Board approved holding the Board elections in November of each year and including this in the Board policy.

Mr. Hansen nominated Chairman Black to continue as the Board Chairman for the upcoming year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eastwood. Mr. Boren nominated Mr. Doman for Chairman. Mr. Doman seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Ms. Mills conducted a roll call for the first nomination.

Board Member Eastwood – Aye
Board Member Hansen – Aye
Board Member Black – Aye
Board Member Doman – Nay
Board Member Boren – Nay

Motion to nominated Chairman Black to continue as the Board Chairman for an additional year passed with a roll call vote of three Aye and two Nay.

There was a majority vote for Board Member Black to remain as the Chairman, the Board concurred that there was no need to conduct a vote for the second motion for the Chairman position.

Mr. Boren nominated Mr. Hansen for the Vice Chairman position. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eastwood. The Chairman asked for further nominations for the Vice Chairman position. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

Board Member Eastwood – Aye
Board Member Hansen – Aye
Board Member Black – Aye
Board Member Doman – Aye
Board Member Boren – Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Dates and Locations for 2018 – Betty Mills

Ms. Mills provided the Board with proposed meeting dates and locations for the 2018 IDPR Board meetings. There was discussion on the proposed February meeting dates due to Board member scheduling conflicts. Ms. Mills will check on alternative dates for February and send them to the Board via email. The Board approved the following dates and locations for the 2018 Board meetings:

- o May 21-23 in Orofino, ID
- o August 21-22 in Priest Lake
- o November 13-14 at Headquarters

Mr. Doman invited any Board members or IDPR staff who were interested and available, to attend the Clearwater Basin Collaborative (CBC) meeting in Lewiston, ID on May 23rd.

Idaho State Park Economic Impact Study Update – Keith Hobbs

Mr. Hobbs provided the background information on the Draft Economic Impact Study being presented to the Board today and stated the objective is to assess the economic impact of state park usage in the state of Idaho at both the local and statewide level. Mr. Hobbs introduced Dan Holley and Rob Humphrey, staff from Boise State University Economics Department. They were available to answer

questions and to receive direction on the development of the final product. Board and staff questions and discussion arose pertaining to the numbers that were presented today regarding visitor's use in our parks. Mr. Holley stated that he would make the revisions and provide the numbers to the Board soon.

- Economic Impact Study Outreach Plan. Ms. Okerlund provided the Board with an outline of IDPR's Economic Impact Study Outreach Plan. This covered the:
 - Outreach Goals
 - Presentation Kits
 - Editorial Board
 - Keynote Speaking Opportunities
 - General Media
 - Infographic
 - Social Media - Ms. Okerlund stated the Outline provided today was informational only and she stood for questions. Director Langhorst stated there will be a template and standard language that will be used when discussing this topic with constituents.

LUNCH BREAK

1:00 – 5:00 P.M. LOAD CARS FOR PARK TOUR (Eagle Island State Park)

RECESS TO NEXT DAY AT 8:30 A.M.

Minutes – Thursday, November 2, 2017

Chairman Black reconvened the meeting at 8:34 A.M. Board Members in attendance were:

Pete Black
Gordy Hansen
Doug Eastwood
Randy Doman
Mike Boren was absent

Recreation Bureau Report – Dave Claycomb

Mr. Claycomb reported that the Recreation Bureau is tasked by the IDPR Strategic Plan to "continue to meet regularly with Federal Land and Management partners and document successes and/or failures and present results to the Board prior to July 1st each year". Mr. Claycomb also provided a list of official comments submitted by IDPR to various land managers across the state as it pertains to Parks and/or Recreation opportunities and access. A sampling of those comments were provided for the Board to review. Mr. Claycomb also provided a list of some of the working groups they are involved with that often serve as a precursor to travel planning decisions and what they are focused on. Board and staff discussion followed regarding trails that are available for public use. Mr. Claycomb requested to continue this discussion at the February Board meeting so he can prepare additional information for the Board.

Rental Fees (Glamping) – Tammy Kolsky

Ms. Kolsky provided information on the new Glamping Yurt at Castle Rocks and the proposal for the rental fees at this new facility. Staff recommended a rental fee of \$100 per night for instate renters and \$110 per night for out of state renters (without the electricity) and \$125 per night for instate renters and \$135 for out of state renters, when the facility is upgraded with electric lights, heating and additional appliances (mini-fridge, TV, and outlets for personal items such as charging computers, cell phones, hair dryer, etc.).

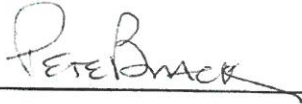
Mr. Hansen moved to direct staff to set a rate of \$135 for non-residents and \$125 per night for Idaho residents for the use of the new glamping yurt at Castle Rocks. Motion was seconded by Mr. Eastwood. The Chairman asked for further discussion. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Reports / Staff stood for questions

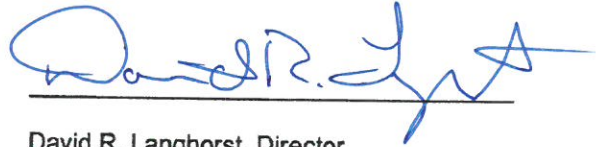
Board members inquired about:

Mr. Just stated that their purpose is for advocacy for State Parks, which is reflected most in supporting and promoting the existing state parks but is not limited to that. They are advocates for improved funding and for the creation of new state parks. Mr. Just commented on an article that was published in the Statesman on Monday, reflecting their belief that the Idaho system is not keeping pace with the population growth and they believe IDPR staff is capable of determining the need for new state parks and recreation facilities and planning for future acquisition as the need arises. Mr. Just stated that no such planning exists due to no one having the political capital to go down that path since the beginning of the agency. Mr. Just stated they have shied away from advocating for traditional state parks for years due to the fear of political repercussions. Mr. Just stated they feel future parks can be built with local support and they encourage IDPR to advocate for new state parks. In the meantime, Friends of Idaho State Parks will continue to advocate for them. Mr. Just stood for questions. Board questions followed regarding where Mr. Just obtained his information he provided to them today. Mr. Just stated that in the article in the Statesmen, they did suggest that Horsethief would be an appropriate state park. Director Langhorst commented that the Board made a decision not to pursue managing Horsethief last year. The Director thanked Mr. Just for being here today and stated IDPR is very glad to have a Friends Group.

Mr. Doman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eastwood seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 A.M.



Pete Black, Chairman
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



David R. Langhorst, Director
Ex-Officio Member of the Board

