

Minutes of the Board of Directors of
Restore Hetch Hetchy
February 4, 2023

I. ATTENDANCE

- A. Board Members: Mark Cederborg, Jim Fousekis, Lance Olson, Mark Palley, Craig Reynolds, Lucho Rivera, Mecia Serafino, Virginia Stock, Melanie Webber, and Roger Williams (all but Jim, Mark P and Roger by zoom) (Pete Van Kuran and Ann Hayden are traveling and Rex Hines is severely ill)
- B. Staff: Spreck Rosekrans (ED), Carlos Antunez (Outreach Liaison), Marissa Leonard (Development) (Julene is unavailable due to her mother's passing.)

II. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. 2022 Income Actual (\$283K) to Budget (\$323K), \$40K below
- B. 2022 Expenses Actual (\$296K) to Budget (\$361K), \$65K below
- C. Current Cash Balance. About \$380K
- D. Accounting Discrepancy. After a foundation inquired, Spreck ran a balance sheet and found a minor accounting issue involving RHH's stock account. The Board recommends that Spreck and Pete Van Kuran work with an auditor to update the profits and loss statement.
- E. Income Projections: Spreck projects \$25k for bequests, such as from the Bobbit and Brown estates, and at Craig's suggestion will advertise further how to include RHH in their estate. He also projects a likely grant from the Conservation Alliance.
- F. 2023 Budget: \$350K income, 399K expense. Mark P proposed and Craig seconded approval of the budget, all agreed.

III. VISION AND CONCEPT

- A. Vision Statement: Spreck and Roger thank Melanie for the "living" document reflecting speaking points to try out and emphasize.

IV. KEEPING PROMISES

- A. Meeting with NPS October 36, 2022. Spreck, Mecia, Mark C, and

Mark P. attended, along with several YPS staff. General impressions are that Superintendent Cicely Muldoon is supportive (she mentioned the benefit of information at the dam on the controversy) and that Ed Dunlavy (the Hetch Hetchy Liaison) less so.

1. Boating: Muldoon said flatly not interested.
 2. Hours: Before 9/11, the NPS did not restrict hour-access to Hetch Hetchy. Shortly afterward, the government created a secret risk assessment and restricted hours to daylight, and then later, probably for financial reasons, restricted the hours from 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. (at the gates in Camp Mather, 10 miles from Hetch Hetchy). NPS is working with other government agencies on an updated assessment. Mark C is creating a clear record of changing excuses from Dunlavy, leading to resolution, messaging or a petition.
 3. Camping and Disabled Access. Mark C notes that Muldoon suggested ADA access issue is a good point to push.
 4. City Cabins. Spreck points out that the city's exclusive use of these cabins for reasons not authorized by the Raker Act is a good PR point for us. Craig emphasizes that the cabins should be open to the public like any other park amenity.
- B. Petition to Dept. of Interior on Access: Jim introduced RHH to two large law firms, who declined to assist us on the petitions. For now, he'll go with the Louzeau firm. Lance noted possible standing issues. Mark P explained the administrative review process but indicated that we'll need legal review to evaluate those standing issues. Craig noted that enforcing the Raker Act is a mixed bag, since our objective is to repeal that Act.
- C. Re-constitution of Legal Sub-Committee. To aid the petition work, Mark P and Jim will meet periodically with Spreck and outside counsel as the Legal Committee.

V. LEGISLATION

- A. Spreck met with Congressional staff to McClintock about reintroducing the proposed access and rent increase statute.
- B. Lance notes the changing of the guard, with Pelosi and Feinstein playing a lesser role and others from outside SF recommends reaching

out to Grace Napolitano to see if she would support the legislation.

- C. Legislative Sub-Committee. Lance, Craig and Virginia volunteer to provide advice to Spreck on reaching out to congressional offices and evaluated proposed legislation.
- D. If legislation is introduced, Spreck will circulate it for comment but will use his judgment about telling reporters whether RHH generally supports the legislation. Spreck will seek greater Board buy-in before formally and officially endorsing such legislation.

VI. WATER SOLUTIONS

- A. Ground Water Recharge. Spreck met with water agency officials in Eastside about planning for recharge for agricultural use. SF can use the recharge as a bank for an exchange with farmers. The water districts would in exchange grant to SF and BAWSCA rights to store municipal water in Don Pedro, Cherry and SFPUC's existing reservoir systems. As a messaging matter, we can assure SF and Peninsula residents that they would still get Tuolumne River water, just not stored in Hetch Hetchy Valley.
- B. Recycling is a secondary solution for improving water storage. Spreck indicates that local ground-water recharge from city run-off is only a minor part of the solution due to technical issues.

VII. TRIBAL AFFAIRS

- A. Southern Sierra Miwok. Spreck reports a productive meeting with the Southern Sierra Miwok, and following on concerns expressed there will draft a resolution on steps we will work on to assure preservation of grave sites and other objects of historical concern to the Native communities.
- B. Carlos: the new staff-member does not have the experience working with Native communities that his predecessor Mike Gaffney (who recommended him) did and will be meeting with him to build on his work.
- C. Mono and Bridgeport Piute: Spreck, Carlos and Jim will explore meeting these communities, possibly in the east side of the Sierras.

VIII. DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH

- A. New Development Staff: Marissa will work 800-1,300 hours per year, with 4 weeks training in Berkeley. Marissa met with Lisa Domitrovich and Spreck yesterday to work on the mechanics of grant proposals.
- B. Foundations. Spreck and Lisa submitted a funding proposal for the access petition to the Conservation Alliance on the recommendation of one of the board members of that foundation. The petition is pending. Mecia recommends reaching out to Susie Thompkins' foundation.
- C. Slide Deck Presentation: Craig, Virginia, Jim and Mark P recommend that Spreck and Marissa create a slide deck that describes the long-term plan for restoration and the interim access etc. measures, with specifics of staffing needs for uses in approaching foundations and high donors, and with modifications for use with smaller donors and with politicians and administrators.
- D. Hetch Hetchy Film: Lucho and Spreck are working on promoting the film.
- E. Annual Dinner. Possible speakers include Kim Stanley Robinson and David Kennedy, possible schedule in September or October, location in SF or East Bay probably preferred to the Peninsula.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Minutes. Roger proposed, Jim seconded approval of September 10, 2022 minutes. All approved.
- B. Board Recruitment. Some ideas for approaching water officials, academics, and others were discussed, possibly for a reinvigorated Advisory Committee.

X. CALENDAR

- A. Next Board Meeting is May 6, 2023.