

**Minutes of the Board of Directors of
Restore Hetch Hetchy
May 18, 2024**

I. ATTENDANCE

- A. **Board Members:** Mark Cederborg, Jim Fousekis, Lance Olson, Mark Palley, Lucho Rivera, Mecia Serafino, and Roger Williams (Mark C, Lance, Lucho and Mecia on zoom)
- B. **Staff:** Spreck Rosekrans (ED) and Julene Freitas (Administrator)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. **Minutes.** Roger moves, Jim seconds, all approve February 17, 2024 minutes.

III. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- A. **2024 Income to date.** Actual (\$42K) to Budget (\$55K), \$14K below. RHH got a \$10K grant from the Chouinard family trust.
- B. **2024 Expenses to date.** Actual (\$88K) to Budget (\$109K), \$22K below.
- C. **Current Cash Balance.** Around \$300K

IV. SPECIAL PROJECTS AND EVENTS

- A. **RHH 25th Anniversary Meeting:** July 13 Event for Board Members, Friends and Key Supporters at the Spreck Family's Woodside property.
- B. **Capstone Research Project:** U. of Colorado water taste quality comparison & review of Western reservoir rules for boating, fishing and other recreation.

V. KEEPING PROMISES – IMPROVING PUBLIC ACCESS

- A. **Other State Dam Removal Projects:** At Mark C's suggestion, the Board agrees to support the Eel River Dam Removal Project due to comparisons to the Hetch Hetchy project. The Board also supports the Klamath River Restoration Project.
- B. **Boating:** We sent a boating letter April 8 regarding self-propelled boats. Spreck and Jim both want the electric-driven boat option to

remain in discussion but Spreck is not pursuing it at this time given the Superintendent's objection.

- C. **Fishing:** Spreck talked to David Gregory of Yosemite Outfitters, and with his help got many fishing groups to sign on to the letter, as did the Tuolumne Trust and the Evergreen / Rush Creek group (which indicated they also strongly support boating).
- D. **Signage:** Spreck sent a thematic letter on March 12 to NPS about objecting to SF's signs on the dam. On 5/17, he sent a letter going into greater detail about objections to the SF brochure and dam signs.
- E. **Trails:** Spreck reports that park officials contend that NPS has complied with the Raker Act's provisions for building trails.
- F. **Cabins:** Mark P still needs to submit a Public Records Request to SFPUC and a FOIA to NPS about the cabins.
- G. **Sanitation and Potable Water:** Spreck will push for expanded sanitation to meet greater public access need.
- H. **Lawsuit and Negotiation Strategy:** Mark C and Mark P recommend exhausting to negotiate with the Park to implement our recommendations before pursuing a lawsuit.

VI. DEVELOPMENT

- A. **Hetch Hetchy Visionaries:** Spreck and Lisa Domitrovich have redesigned the Legacy Society web page to encourage greater commitments to include RHH in their estate planning. Spreck filmed Mark P and his granddaughter in a short film about the society. Spreck is also putting together a plan to match legacy commitments.
- B. **Annual Dinner.** Tom Philips has confirmed that he will speak at the dinner. Lance suggests that someone from the Eel River removal, such as Grant Davis, the water district's general manager, also say some words about their project. The dinner will be at the Veterans Memorial Center in Lafayette.
- C. **Fundraising.** Jim questions Lisa's effectiveness as a development consultant given her expertise in foundation work and inability to obtain foundation interest. Spreck notes that Lisa spearheaded the legacy project. Roger points out that the foundations' lack of interest was not Lisa's fault – they weren't interested in our issue. Mark P

suggests looking for someone who can do small donor appeals. Julene and Mecia suggest reaching out to interested businesses, such as hiking outfitters, to support specific access efforts and get sponsorship values. Roger agrees to serve on the Development Committee.

- D. **Budget.** Revised budget proposes a budget of 2024 \$327,348 in expenses and \$221,479, with a shortfall of more than \$100,000. The Board discussed increasing the expected income expectation but decided not to revise the numbers. Mark P moves, Roger seconds, all approve the 2024 budget.
- E. **Dinner:** Spreck plans an invitation-only event at his family's property in Woodside for July 13. Julene says the 2023 auction netted about 5K. Spreck asks Board members to contribute auction items. Roger recommends against a separate dinner committee; instead, the Development Committee will serve that function.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. **Staffing.** Discussion of potential restructuring of Julene's health benefits and possible refocusing of her position.

VIII. CALENDAR

- A. Next Board Meeting is September 14, 2024.