

DONNER SUMMIT AREA ASSOCIATION
Board Working Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 3, 2008 – Clair Tappaan Lodge

Next meetings:

- **Wednesday, May 7, 3:30pm: Executive Committee meeting at Sara's house (6502 Tamarack Way in Serene Lakes)**
- **Wednesday, May 7, 5:30pm: Fundraising Committee meeting at Tam's house**
- **Wednesday, June 4, 6pm – 9pm: DSAA Board Meeting, at DSL at 6pm. Dinner will be before the meeting (please contact Pat if you would like dinner).**
- **Saturday, June 7, 10am at Soda Springs General Store: Summit Cleanup**
- **Saturday, July 5, 11am – 3pm: DSAA Annual Community Picnic**
- **Monday, July 14, 5pm, location TBD: Board Working Meeting**
- **Saturday, August 23, 10am, Clair Tappaan Lodge: Annual DSAA Membership Meeting**

Attending:

Board:

Pat Malberg, President

John Kirrene

Mickey Gray, Vice-President

Carrie Hoyt

Sara Taillon, Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:23 PDT

1) Monthly Business:

- a) **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- b) **Approval of Agenda:** Pat added Resignation of Kathryn Gray and nomination for citizen of the year to New Business.
- c) **Approval of Minutes:** John Kirrene was not included in attendees of April minutes and should have been. Carrie moved to approve the minutes with that correction and John seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- d) **Treasurer's Report:** Alisha distributed the Treasurer's report by email. Alisha's email has changed to **alishamlee@gmail.com**. Sara moved to approve the Treasurer's report. John seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved it. Mickey asked if there was a payment to our insurance company and there has not been, so presumably we have no insurance. Sara reported that we received \$274.25 in new membership fees and donations that were not included in the report (these checks were deposited within a week of the board meeting).
- e) **Correspondence**
 - i) PARC is holding the American River Confluence Festival, Sunday, June 8 in Auburn. We have been invited to participate. We could have a booth for \$35.
 - ii) SBA Newsletter: SBA has also offered student volunteers for DSAA projects
 - iii) Sierra Club Newsletter from Clair Tappaan
 - iv) Sierra Nevada Alliance Climate Change Toolkit
 - v) **Sierra Nevada Alliance 15th Annual Conference September 12-14: We need to send a representative to this conference.** Alisha attended last year and gave rave reviews of it.
 - vi) **Royal Gorge Ramble, Wednesday May 7 at 9am at Ice Lakes Lodge: Topic is wastewater management**
 - vii) Nevada County Planning Department: We received a letter for Nevada County Planning Department asking for comments on Nevada County General Plan Proposed Safety Element

Update – Incorporation of Nevada County Fire Plan. Comments must be received by June 2, 2008. See <http://mynevadacounty.com/fireplan/> for details.

viii) Mike Livak email: Mike Livak of Royal Gorge would like to be a sponsor of our Annual Community Picnic, but has concerns that there will be skits that ridicule Royal Gorge. We will assure him that any skits would be reviewed by the Fundraising Committee and that we will not allow any skits or other entertainment that ridicule any person or group.

f) Committee Reports

i) Executive Committee:

(1) Executive Committee will meet this Wednesday, at Sara's house at 4pm (6502 Tamarack Way, Serene Lakes).

(2) Pat handed out the Democratic Deliberation Principles for us to consider accepting. The Executive Committee will review these principles and possibly recommend approval by the entire Board.

(3) Executive Committee will also review the bylaws and come up with recommended changes for approval by the membership at our annual membership meeting.

ii) Fundraising:

(1) The Fundraising Committee will meet this Wednesday at Tam's house at 5:30pm.

(2) Preparations are well underway for the DSAA Annual Community Picnic to be held on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at the picnic grounds behind DSL from 11am – 3pm.

(3) Pat will follow-up on the special event insurance and will also apply for our liquor license for the Community Picnic

(4) Carrie has already gathered commitments for donations for raffle prizes. If you know anyone else who can donate prizes, please contact Carrie ASAP.

(5) Sara moved to approve up to \$350 to either update the old DSFD banner or to buy a new banner. Jim seconded the motion and the Board approved. This money can come from the \$14,000 TTCF grant because it is community building.

(6) Carrie moved to approve up to \$400 to send postcards to our entire mailing list. John seconded and the Board unanimously approved. This money can come from the \$14,000 TTCF grant because it is community building.

iii) Community Issues and Programs:

(1) Mickey has been thinking about possible standing sub-committees of the Community Issues and Programs. These committees would be permanent, but may spawn temporary sub-committees.

(a) Business Committee / Economic Revitalization:

(i) Mickey has started putting together a list of Donner Summit Businesses. **Mickey will send the list out for review this week, looking for new additions and removal of defunct businesses.**

(ii) Pat has attended three meetings to discuss Economic Revitalization with other local group representatives including SLPOA. Steve Frisch, Sierra Business Council, came and talked to the group at one meeting and recommended a book about economic revitalization in the Sierras called *Investing for Prosperity -- Building Successful Communities and Economies in the Sierra Nevada*. Peter VanZant, Sierra Watch Field Director, also attended a meeting and recommended that the group develop a brief survey about economic revitalization to discuss with local businesses. He also recommended that the group review the 2003 Soda Springs Economic Development Study and request an updated study from Nevada County based on results of the business survey. The survey interviews will be held this month. Pat distributed the draft list of questions. The main goal of the survey is to generate a dialog with business owners. Pat and Mickey will work with Bill Oudegeest to review and suggest changes to the survey questions. Sara suggested

that a question be added about very specific suggestions to affect change. **We need volunteers to do some of the interviews. Please contact Pat if you are available to do a few interviews.**

(b) Community Plan / Vision

(c) Events (might be some crossover with Fundraising here)

2) **Continuing Business:**

- a) **Fire Prevention Seminar: Jim motioned that we pay \$100 to Clair Tappaan Lodge for hosting the meeting today and providing food and beverages. Carrie seconded and the Board unanimously approved.**
- b) **Insurance: Dan was not present to report about insurance. There has apparently not been an insurance policy written, as no check for insurance has been issued. We agreed that we would get a special policy for our Annual Community Picnic fundraiser. **Pat will follow-up on the special event insurance and will also apply for our liquor license****
- c) **Clean-Up Day:**
 - i) **Clean-up day is Saturday, June 7 at 10am; meet at Soda Springs General Store**
 - ii) SBA has offered student volunteers for summit cleanup. They are not available on the day of the cleanup, but we will ask them to cleanup a particular area in advance. **Pat will contact Bryan Walker, Headmaster, to ask them to cleanup their area a day before.**
 - iii) **Pat will be in charge of organizing the after-party which will start at 2pm**
 - iv) Nancy and Jennifer are in charge of organizing the dumpsters
 - v) **Someone needs to contact businesses to ask them to clean up their own property and also the Donner Trail School and the Fire Station. Pat will talk to SBA, Sugarbowl and Royal Gorge.**
 - vi) **We need a few people to drive around and pick up garbage bags that have been filled as part of the cleanup.**
 - vii) **Sara moved to approve \$50 for Nancy to buy garbage bags and gloves and other supplies. Carrie seconded and the Board approved unanimously**

3) **New Business:**

- a) **Board Annual Retreat: We should meet before the Annual Membership Meeting, which will be in August. Our regular Board meeting will be Monday, July 14 at 5pm and the Board Strategy Planning Strategy will follow immediately after.**
- b) **Annual Membership Meeting: Saturday, August 23. We will see if we can hold the meeting at Clair Tappaan. We will need to prepare Board Nominations and By-law update recommendations. We will solicit for Board Nominees at all upcoming events.**
- c) **Kathryn Gray Resignation: Kathryn Gray submitted her resignation from the Board. Sara will send a letter of thanks for Kathryn's service.**
- d) **Community Person of the Year: We received our first nomination for Community Person of the Year for Bill Oudegeest.**
- e) **Membership in Other Groups: There is nothing in the bylaws that prevents us from becoming members in other groups, like SNA. Board approval would be required. We will discuss this policy at the Executive Committee for possible approval at the General Membership Meeting.**

4) **Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PST.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Taillon,
Secretary