

**BOARD OF UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

December 4, 2012

Present:

Irene Hansen	Jaren Davis	Joe Hull
Tom Guinney	Lois Bulloch	Eli Anderson
Kimberly Schappert (telephone)	Marty Ott	Fred Hayes
Jeff Rasmussen	Scott Strong	Deena Loyola
Wendy Wack		

Visitors:

Darin Bird	Brett Prettyman	Darren Simons
Mike Long	Dan Clark	Chris Haller
Christopher Quick	Heather Shilton	Mike Styler
Tiffany Swaner	Robin Watson	Brody Young
Justina Parsons-Bernstein	Sherri Petersen	Dale Bartholomew
Leon Tate	Kent Goble	Tammy Wright
Stacy Webster	Hollie Brown	Stefanie Borys
John Good		

Board Chair Irene Hansen welcomed board members and staff to the board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Hansen asked board members for review and approval of the August 8, 2012, board meeting minutes.

Ms. Lois Bulloch noted a change that needs to be made--the "groundbreaking" of the Hunter House was rather a ribbon cutting. She also asked if the golf report that was supposed to be available had been sent out. Director Hayes said there were some issues with the draft that needed to be changed. The report will be available either January 22 or 24.

MS. KIMBERLY SCHAPPERT MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2012 BOARD MEETING AS AMENDED. MR. ELI ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Hansen asked board members for approval of the board agenda.

MS.LOIS BULLOCH MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA. MR. MARTY OTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Member Reports

Chair Hansen asked the board members to give a report if they have been to the parks since the last board meeting.

Mr. Joe Hull said he spent time at Antelope Island and it was wonderful. He said the Bison Round-Up and the Balloon Stampede were held at Antelope Island since the last board meeting and both events went very well. He attended the ChristKindIMrkt at This Is the Place Heritage Park last

week and said it was a great event. He went back up that evening for the light show and there were a lot of people in attendance. He said Mr. Ellis Ivory has done a great job at that park.

Ms. Lois Bulloch brought a newspaper article from the Southern Utah paper that talked about Antelope Island. She said there have been a number of activities held at Frontier Homestead State Park. She ran into Sand Hollow State Park Manager Laura Melling at the grocery store one day and talked about that park and said everything is going well there.

Mr. Marty Ott said he spent most of his time this Fall at Kodachrome State Park and said it was beautiful, but a little bit slow. He talked with the horse concessionaire while he was there. He said the campsites were in good order. He said they are working on the tiger beetle issue at Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. He said the county commissioners are working on this issue and he has been working with them closely.

Chair Hansen said they held their Family Day at Starvation and it went very well; the park was completely full. That event is growing and bringing more people in every year. There will be additional camping available next year due to the BOR project going on. The repository at the Utah Field House has been completed. This was a massive project. We would like to hold a board meeting there after the legislative session.

Vice-Chair Jaren Davis said he spent a lot of time in Utah and Wasatch Counties on the water with his family. They were able to take some foreign visitors to Antelope Island and they were very impressed. He thanked Director Hayes and Deputy Director Rasmussen for allowing him to carry out his duties as a board member. He said it was a good experience riding with staff to Cedar City to the board meeting that was held in August.

Mr. Eli Anderson said he was driving by Henefer the other day and there was a sign that said there was a state park about ten miles away. He said he was not aware of East Canyon State Park. He reported going to Hyrum State Park about a month ago and found the staff putting firepits in each campground. He spoke with the Park Manager Chris Haramoto and said he was very excited about what was going on in that park. A couple of weeks ago he went to Willard Bay. He showed some pictures of what he found there. He said he was offended to find a port-a-potty in front of the closed restrooms. He went to the South entrance and showed some pictures of signs he found there that he was bothered by. He feels like we need to have the restrooms open during the Fantasy on the Bay Light parade at that park. Director Hayes said most of the northern parks have seasonal closures, but he will work with Deputy Director Rasmussen to find out what is happening there and they will know by tomorrow.

Mr. Tom Guinney said he has a hard time getting out to the state parks, as he spends a lot of time at the state capital. He said there are a lot of new faces at the capital that we need to get to know them and work closely with them.

Ms. Kimberly Schappert said when she heard Mr. Hull talking about Antelope Island, she was reminded of when she spent time at Antelope Island ten years ago in November after she got married. She said it was beautiful that time of year. Ms. Schappert said she spends a lot of time at Dead Horse Point State Park. She talked with Southeast Region Manager Tim Smith about extending the bike trail by about twelve miles. She said the trail brought in extra \$23,000 of new money in 2009 and has increased since then. They also have been looking at the group sites and possibly bringing yurts in for that area to better use them and bring in more revenue.

Chair Hansen thanked the board members for taking the time to visit the parks and reading the news articles regarding state parks.

Director's Report

Chair Hansen welcomed the new Deputy Director Jeff Rasmussen and congratulated him on his new position. She said she had the pleasure of being on the interview panel for this position. She asked Director Hayes to present his report. Director Hayes has asked Mr. Rasmussen to introduce himself during this report. He said the Utah Field House repository has been an incredible project. He gave

RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL. MR. JOE HULL SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

State Park Annual Pass for Non-Residents

Public Affairs Program Coordinator Deena Loyola said we currently offer our State Parks Senior Adventure pass to Utah residents only. There are some out-of-state visitors that would like to purchase this pass. This would be a policy change and would like to know if the Board has any major problem with this. Director Hayes said he had a request from a St. George resident that works in Nevada, so all of his identification says he is a Nevada resident. There were some questions asked and some discussion regarding this.

MR. JOE HULL MADE A MOTION AND TOM SECONDED.

Snow Canyon State Park Johnson Canyon Rule Amendment

Director Fred Hayes reviewed the background on the request for this rule amendment, which is included in the board packet.

MS. LOIS BULLOCH MADE A MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO RULE 651-633-2 AS PRESENTED. MR. MARTY OTT SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Snow Canyon State Park Management MOU

Director Hayes mentioned that the Snow Canyon Memorandum of Understanding was discussed a little bit at the last meeting. The day after that board meeting, the newspaper in Cedar City reported that the issue was taken care of, which was incorrect and got the public there worked up. The MOU is still a working document. This draft is the most recent document that includes the division, city officials and county officials reviewed the background for this rule proposal. Once the MOU is finalized, it will be brought back to the board for final approval. There was discussion regarding the concern that local communities may get the idea they can micro-manage state parks. Ms. Lois Bulloch voiced some concerns defining commitment and other areas feeling like they should get free entrance. There is nothing in the MOU regarding how the verification of Washington County residency is made. Mr. Marty Ott agrees with Lois—on page 42. Ms. Kimberly Schappert said her concern is ????? Mr. Tom Guinney said there are discounts all over the nation, but has never seen anywhere that where you pay property taxes you get a discount. Mr. Joe Hull said he agrees with everything that has been said. He feels like Davis County will want to go the same direction if this passes. Mr. Marty Ott gave some background on this. The issue was brought up that there is a commuter pass available. Chair Hansen welcomed Ms. Heather Shilton and asked if she has anything to add on this. She has some concerns with this document. Director Hayes has her comments electronically that he will send to the board members. She said her first concern is the definition of oversight. She said the board members are welcome to call her if they have any questions or concerns. Chair Hansen asked if there would be a benefit of having a board meeting in that area in the Spring to discuss this with the local officials. Mr. Eli Anderson said they put together a Snow Canyon Friends group and can buy an annual pass rather than a \$10 commuter pass. Director Hayes said there is an active Friends group there. Director Hayes asked Ms. Bulloch to sit down with the officials there and let them know the Board's concerns with the MOU. Ms. Shilton said and MOU is very difficult to enforce and is a very weak contract. Director Hayes said the more we work with that group of people, the more likely this MOU is to go away.

Fee Schedule Discussion

Chair Hansen welcomed Financial Manager Scott Strong. Director Hayes asked Mr. Strong to give a report on the financials prior to reviewing the fee schedule. He shared a graph with the board members. Mr. Strong said he is excited to see where we go this year with the financial situation. Director Hayes said we will present a chart that shows the profits and losses to the legislature this

year. At least half of them are in the black, rather than how many we had in the red the last couple of years.

Mr. Strong explained every fee schedule for each park has been individually designed for that park. Last year park managers were given more latitude to incr. Director Hayes feels like the Legislature will be very receptive to this concept. Chair Hansen and the rest of the board members. This has been sent to the fiscal analyst and will be presented to the legislature.

Mr. MARTY OTT MADE A MOTION THAT THE FEE SCHEDULE BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. MR. JAREN DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Eli Anderson asked if the fee schedule presented ?????????????? There was a curation fee that was increased. This fee was explained by Director Hayes.

IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

State Park Program Introductions

Chair Hansen said as she sat in on the Deputy Director interviews, she was able to hear some of the exciting things some of the program managers do in their programs

Dan Clark, Facilities and Construction Coordinator, made a presentation about how his section operates. Chair Hansen thanked Mr. Clark for everything he does.

Brody Young, Boating Coordinator, made a PowerPoint presentation

Chris Haller, OHV/Trails Coordinator, introduced the staff members. Sherrie Petersen reviewed her duties; Dale Bartholomew reviewed his duties; and Stacy Webster reviewed her duties.

Darren Simons, Maintenance Shop Supervisor, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Robin Watson, Volunteers and Friends Coordinator,

Justina Parsons-Bernstein, Heritage and Outdoor Resources Coordinator, PowerPoint presentation.

Public Affairs and Law Enforcement will make their presentations at later meetings.

Other Business and Next Meeting

Chair Hansen will check with the repository to see if it will be available sometime in the spring to hold the next meeting.

MS. KIMBERLY SCHAPPERT MADE A MOTION THAT THE STATE PARKS BOARD CONVENE INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO START THE NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING REAL ESTATE AND CONTRACT STRATEGY AND LITIGATION ISSUES, PURSUANT TO THE CONTRACT EXEMPTION AT UTAH CODE ANNOTATED 52-4-5 (1A). MR. ELI ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Eli Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.