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Cabrillo National Monument Volunteer Navigation Committee Minutes-Nov. 5, 2022-hybrid meeting in CNM Auditorium & via Zoom/Virtual

Attendees in Person: Dan Wieder, Chair, Mohamad Yassin, Vice Chair, Eve Jones Burton, Recording Secretary, Ferol Henkels, Gary Reilly, Becky Wieder, Jack Vallerga, Mark McFann, Beth Gramoy, Community Volunteer Ambassador(CVA) Hannah Marquez, & Ranger Sandy Hernandez. **Attendees via Zoom:** Patty Fares, Eileen Frame, Patrick Raetzman, Kathy Wellbrock, & Heide Macbeth.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 by D. Wieder in the CNM Auditorium. Minutes from the Oct. 2022 meeting were approved unanimously, after a motion by B. Wieder, 2nd. by F. Henkels.

Chair Comments: D. Wieder expressed gratitude to the Foundation for the use of their equipment for the virtual connections. On Sat. Dec. 17. 3-4 pm, Ranger Amanda Gossard will present on whalewatching.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Ranger S. Hernandez provided info. on many park happenings, including staff changes, promotions, and absences; she will provide updates in the newsletter to VIPs. VIPs are invited to the Management Winter Potluck on Dec. 16 during lunch hours. She said to look for more events, possibly quarterly. Volunteers donated the equivalent of at least 6 full-time employee hours during the last fiscal year, yet volunteer numbers have decreased recently, and so there will be a focus on recruitment. All VIPs need to finish the annual Volunteer Service Agreement. VIPs are reminded to continue to report dead bird sightings to Natural Resources, as avian flu continues; bird rescues have been discontinued.

Team Lead Reports: Many were submitted in writing prior to the VNC meeting and included as part of the agenda, including those for VIP Appreciation-How Did We Shine?, Ebinder, TPERP & Lighthouse, Tidepools, Lighthouse Training & Military. B. Wieder updated the YTD contacts to 32,305 for Tidepools. M. McCann reported on Safety, Health & Wellness, including info. from a staff meeting, which covered many safety topics. Ranger S. Hernandez will provide additional info. on these topics to VIPs. CPR training by staff is scheduled to begin in Dec. Management is currently considering a site for privacy for nursing at CNM. G. Reilly reported for Military, that the audio tour info. is very preliminary.

Working Groups:

Continuing Education-A Naturally Speaking talk on whales in Baja CA is scheduled for Jan. 2023, per D. Wieder.

Digital Content-M. Yassin proposed a new app idea using a QR code, for Natural Resources that will record geographic info. along with photographs taken in the park. He plans to introduce the idea to Weed Warrior & TPERP supervisors; others could help by trying it.

Open Discussion:

D. Wieder started a discussion, What Can We Do for You?, soliciting both positive & negative comments. He emphasized that the VNC is a bridge between staff & volunteers, with B. Gramoy adding that we want to help staff. The VNC can provide stability for the park with the current staffing challenges, concerns which are shared by staff, per Ranger S. Hernandez. Comments included desires for staff & volunteers to interact more.

Next meeting: tentatively Sat. Dec. 3, 2022, 9am, CNM Auditorium-but may not meet if insufficient content.

Adjourned at 10:21 am.

Submitted by Eve Jones Burton

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