

Friends of Daley Ranch Board Minutes

May 2, 2025

Present: Donna Leon, Rick Mercurio, Chris O'Donnell and Dave Roberts were in attendance.

1. Minutes: Donna opened the meeting at 10:00 am at the Train Depot. The minutes from the April meeting were approved by acclamation.

2. Treasurer's Report: The April Treasurer's report was reviewed by Rick and approved by acclamation. Rick now has a key to the La Honda entrance iron ranger. A deposit was made for \$65.59. With cash going the way of the dodo bird, it was suggested we post QR codes inside our kiosks to allow people to go directly to our FODR donation page. Chris to generate a non-lapsing (?) QR code. Dave and Donna will make a small sign to post.

3. Website and Google Drive updates: Chris has hit the ground running on our website. She has already tidied up a lot of content and formatting. She suggested replacing the phone numbers on our contact list with links and/or QR codes that lead to a "contact us" email form. All were in favor.
Another suggestion was to clean up the emails now set up on the @daleyranch.org address. To be further discussed at the next meeting.
Dave flagged for Chris an earlier idea to add hiking trail info to the Hiking section of our website. In particular to use the text from Bill Sherrard's Daley Ranch Guide along with maybe a picture for each hike. Rick reminded us that a Word Doc doc exists with the text from Bill's Guide. He will look for and resend to Dave. Dave also mentioned it is possible to link to All Trails content. They already have 30 hikes in their system for Daley Ranch.
Dave to send Chris the PDF file for the update Trifold.
Dave and Donna to work with Chris on plant and animal content to add to our site. Dave has uploaded some plant and animal photos to the Google Drive but more are needed, as well as some short text to accompany them.
All agreed that the FODR Google Drive is in dire need of some organizing. An agenda item for our next meeting.

4. "Discussions" Event: Rick and Donna reported that the April 13 event went very well. There were 45 attendees. The presentation got excellent reviews. There is still a concern about the large step up needed to enter the shuttle vehicles that needs to be resolved before our next event. Options are being looked at with the Rangers.
Next Discussions event is set for July 13 and will be all about

SNAKES. [Presenter's name?]

5. Limitless Adventures: This is a worthy cause for disabled people but is remote (Crown Point) from Daley Ranch. Rick will let them know we appreciate their invite but will pass on their upcoming event.
6. Volunteer Question: An interested local resident asked about volunteering in the park. Rick will offer him options to connect with Scott Hansen (SDMBA), help at an event or, take the lead on organizing a trash pickup day.
7. 7th Grade Field Trips: Two more days to go the week after next. These are the make-up days due to an earlier rain out. Gifts for the wonderful volunteers were discussed and approved. Rick to coordinate and give out.
8. ECF Grant Update Status Report: Rick reported that most of the money has been spent. The split rails for the Cougar Pass TH were received. A list of materials is still needed for the new kiosk. The trail markers are still left to do. Rick to contact the welding company about the new informational signs.
9. Newsletter: Topics for the next newsletter include: A short Chris bio, a Dick Althouse thank you, the next "Discussions" event announcement, the species of the season, a board member contact list and a redesigned membership box. Chris asked Rick to see if the Pages software can export the newsletter as a Doc file.
10. Bio Monitoring: No news. Dave to touch base with Liz Ridder.
11. Other:
 - > Put parcel acquisition on next month's meeting agenda.
 - > Donna suggested for this year's picnic to have Ranch House tours available both before and after the picnic for interested people.
 - > Rick still has SDGE on his donation list for follow-up.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18 at 2:00 pm at the Train Depot.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Roberts