

Piedras Blancas Light Station Association
Board Meeting
Rabobank Conference Room - Cambria, CA
April 27, 2016

Board Members in attendance: Tim Postiff (Vice chair), Jim Harris, David Cooper, John Brass
Board Members absent: Jackie Howland, Harry Thorpe
Others present: Ryan Cooper (BLM), Jodie Nelson (BLM), Holly Gant (PBLSA), Abel Martinez

Tim Postiff called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Announcements: None

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.

Reports:

1. Secretary Report- *M/S/P Minutes of March 23, 2016 approved.*
2. Financial Status and Treasurer's Report- See attached. Tim asked if ASAP can be extended and Ryan said no. David said that the financial committee hasn't met with the new Fidelity representative yet, but Harry has spoken with her.
3. Gift Shop Report- See attached. Jim asked how online sales are and Holly said it has increased in the last year averaging 2-3 transactions each month with bricks and memberships the best sellers. Abel commended everyone involved with the gift shop remembering that it was a table with 3 items when it first started.
4. BLM Update- See attached.

Old Business:

1. Tower Update- See attached.
2. CA National Monument Initiative- See attached.

New Business:

1. None

Discussion Items:

1. Credit cards for tours- Ryan proposed ending accepting credit cards for tours and handling those few remaining credit card fees for tours through the gift shop. Possibly have PBLSA write a check for the cc amounts to BLM every month to maintain transparency. Holly to add a tour pass item to Square register.
2. Volunteer office computer- M/S/P approved for up to a \$2500 computer
3. Board agreed to provide the Hind Foundation with a progress report after the bolt test

Board meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT for March 2016

1. OPERATIONS INCOME: Last Month: \$3,665.81 YTD: \$10,871.11
PROFIT: Last Month: \$1,015.59 YTD: \$3,430.97
BLM SUPPORT EXPENSE: Last Month: \$5,774.00 YTD: \$7,279.89
BALANCES: H. O. Bank: \$2,872.36 ASAP: \$73,272.01

2. INVESTMENT BALANCE – FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

<i>Month</i>	<i>Beg Bal</i>	<i>Market Chg</i>	<i>Div/Int</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>W/D</i>	<i>Ending Bal</i>
Mar 2016	557,389.78	14,069.23	901.73	--	--	572,360.74
Feb 2016	558,361.95	<1,838.42>	866.25	--	--	557,389.78
Jan 2016	567,138.60	<9,564.35>	787.70	--	--	558,361.95

3. OTHER:

- Audited March transactions and made adjustments.
- Talked with new Fidelity representative, Molly Hughes.
- Reviewed Co-op Agreement – waiting for BLM direction.
- Continued to follow up on funds request for entrance gate – awaiting BLM purchase request.

Harry M. Thorpe, Jr.

Appendix 3: Gift Shop Report

Net Sales

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2011	884	1,009	1,354	2,517	1,435	2,216
2012	862	922	1,497	1,812	1,366	2,121
2013	1,848	1,270	1,931	2,849	2,208	3,407
2014	1,853	3,263	3,072	2,447	2,186	2,697
2015	2,873	2,278	2,512	2,604	2,783	3,628
2016	1,798	2,609	2,830			

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	3,481	2,973	1,733	1,445	1,158	1,837
2012	3,718	3,725	1,951	2,653	1,207	1,344
2013	4,351	4,121	2,314	2,048	1,872	1,965
2014	3,838	4,283	3,045	2,528	1,412	1,635
2015	4,862	4,356	2,609	3,216	2,258	2,157

	TOTAL	Jan - June
2011	\$ 22,042	\$ 9,415
2012	\$ 23,178	\$ 8,580
2013	\$ 30,184	\$ 13,513
2014	\$ 32,259	\$ 15,518
2015	\$ 36,136	\$ 16,678
2016		

Appendix 4: BLM Report

BLM Update 4/27/2016

Communication Tower

Chase system is on order and the grants are going out to the users.

Fog Signal Bldg. (FSB)

Dan has submitted a quote for \$3300 for the tests and Dan is trying to schedule the tests soon.

Special Event:

Jacks Helping Hands Tour	May 14 th , 2016 1:30-4 pm
Volunteer Summit	June 10 th , 2016
Hike in Tour	June 15 th , 2016
Start 5 day a week tours	June 16 th , 2016

Educational Outreach

We have finished up for the year and will soon be scheduling and budgeting for next year.

Water System

We are hitting roadblocks with a new well. Even though we think that is the best option I have had discussions with our State office about upgrading the current system.

Entry Gate

I need to get an update from the archeologist. We should be good to go soon.

Whale Team

Whale Team is here and loves the new platform and the renovations in D. Next is to work on the electrical issues.

Reservation System

Jodie and I are working on getting us online on recreation.gov. We should be online this summer some time.

Interns

One intern will start mid-May, and second intern will start in June.

Appendix 5: Tower Update

Summary of tower top project
4/27/16 Jim Harris

Bruce Elster of Shoreline Engineering has not received any comments on the final documentation from the phase 1 tower study from the BLM engineers in Denver. He continues to work on his design for stabilizing the tower in preparation for submitting a proposal for the next phase of the tower study. The design for the tendon placement has matured to three different sets of rods, and he wishes to contact the BLM engineers (Barry Weldon, I believe) and Joe Jakubic of International Chimney to discuss his idea for placing the tendons before further effort. After getting some confirmation from his colleagues that his design approach is viable, then he can proceed to develop his proposal for the next phase of the study. The remaining work for the study is in two parts: the first is to verify the tower stabilization design with the modified RISA-3D simulation model, and the second is to develop construction drawings for both the stabilization of the tower and for the restoration of the top three levels. He continues to approach the design of the tower stabilization with the constraint that it will support all the options possible for the eventual restored top three levels. The expectation and hope is that Bruce will get the confirmation that he seeks from his colleagues that his tendon design approach is a good one, and then he will have the technical direction that he needs to prepare his proposal for the completion of the tower study. This will allow the board to be able to review a proposal at the May board meeting.

Appendix 6: National Monument Update

April 26, 2016

TO: PBLSA Board of Directors
FROM: David Cooper
RE: Piedras Blancas California Coastal National Monument (CCNM) Update

On April 5, 2016 the County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act, the jewel in the crown of local endorsements.

I want to brief you on two significant shifts taking place in the campaign to secure national monument status for the Piedras Blancas Outstanding Natural Area. First, under the leadership of the Conservation Lands Foundation, the focus is changing from local initiatives like ours to coordinated attention on a unified front of all five on-shore sites included in the Expansion Act. They include: Cotoni-Coast Dairies (Santa Cruz County), Piedras Blancas (San Luis Obispo County), Trinidad Head, Lost Coast Headlands, and Lighthouse Ranch (Humboldt County). Second, the campaign is shifting gears from the legislative process to executive branch proclamation under the authority of the Antiquities Act. The goal is to secure President Obama's proclamation by mid 2016.

I am requesting informal consent from the PBLSA Board to include a home page link on our website to the new website organized by the Conservation Lands Foundation (YourCaliforniaCoast.org) that focuses on the unified five site strategy. As local co-sponsor of the Piedras Blancas National Monument Initiative, it is important that we cooperate in this statewide effort to present various expansion campaigns as a unified movement. I also want to encourage *The Beacon* editors to include a front-page story about the important role the PBLSA has played in the campaign for national monument status. We are succeeding, and we need to let association members know about it.