

Piedras Blancas Light Station Association  
Minutes  
Rabobank Conference Room - Cambria, CA  
June 26, 2019

Board Members in attendance: David Cooper, Tim Postiff, Harry Thorpe, Jim Harris, Zale Schuster, John Brass, Gary O'Neill, Zale Schuster, Sharon Flaherty  
Board Members absent: Ryan Cooper (BLM)  
Others present: Holly Gant (PBLSA), Jodie Nelson (BLM), Interns Daniel Dodero and Veronika Kocen

David Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

**Announcements:**

Welcome to new ACE interns Daniel Dodero and Veronika Kocen.

**Executive Session:**

Nomination of New Board member: Sharon Flaherty was nominated by Tim and Zale. *M/S/P approved.*

**Approval of the Agenda:**

*Agenda was approved with consensus.*

**Reports:**

1. Secretary Report – *M/S/P Minutes May 22, 2019, approved.*
2. Financial Status and Treasurer's Report - See report.
3. Gift Shop Report- See report.
4. BLM Update- See report.
5. Fog Signal Building Restoration– See report.
6. Tower Report - See report.
7. Power Line Report – See report.
8. Capital Campaign - See report. Capital campaign to meet before July meeting; David to coordinate. Zale suggested talking about other projects (like the Victorian and painting the tower) on a regular basis. Harry wants the board to review 5-year cooperative agreement plan.

**Old Business:**

1. Fresnel Lens Update – Spring-cleaning with Zale, Holly, and Carole Adams was completed in less than 2 hours. Zale cautioned that the structure is rusting severely at the bottoms of the pillars.

**New Business:**

1. Nomination of new board member- See executive session.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Social Media – Jodie suggested hiring a part-time social media coordinator. Board agreed moving forward with this.
2. Legacy Gifting – Holly suggested adding a charitable notice to the newsletter and website so people are aware of that option for legacy gifts. Holly and Harry to contact Fidelity manager and get ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

## Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report 6/26/19 – Harry Thorpe

### TREASURER'S REPORT for May 2019

1. **OPERATIONS INCOME:** Last Month: \$4,074.00 YTD: \$16,992.66  
**PROFIT:** Last Month: <\$706.53> YTD: <\$2,437.68>  
**TOWER RESTORATION FUND BALANCE:** \$6,538  
**BLM SUPPORT EXPENSE:** Last Month: \$696.40 YTD: \$95,462.95  
**BALANCES:** PP Bank: \$9,050.88 ASAP: \$57,074.00

### 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>
<b>May 2019</b>	553,300.17	<11,341.95>	1,211.11	--	--	543,169.33
<b>Apr 2019</b>	546,396.61	5,716.30	1,187.26	--	--	553,300.17
<b>Mar 2019</b>	539,600.51	5,729.46	1,066.64	--	--	546,396.61

### 3. OTHER:

- Reviewed April/May transactions – made adjustments.
- Completed audit of ASAP funds.
- Confirmed Wellsona start date for first week of June.
- Signed ACE agreement.
- Updated grants.gov password/information.

*Harry M. Thorpe, Jr.*  
*Treasurer*

## Appendix 2: Gift Shop Report 6/26/19 – Holly Gant

### NET SALES

\*Shaded month indicates lower sales than that same month last year

	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	1,988	2,142	2,586
2017	2,196	1,461	2,678	3,909	2,864	3,350
2018	3,077	3,094	3,104	3,316	3,133	3,707
2019	1,015	1,605	2,565	3,350	3,641	

	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
2016	4,861	3,410	2,716	2,647	1,930	2,103
2017	4,666	3,701	2,218	3,022	2,793	3,491
2018	6,225	4,157	3,383	2,552	1,597	1,730
2019						

	TOTAL	Jan - Jun
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	\$ 31,620	\$13,953
2017	\$ 36,349	\$16,458
2018	\$39,075	\$19,431
2019		

\*Government shutdown effected Dec 2018 and Jan 2019

## Appendix 3: BLM Report 6/26/19 – Ryan Cooper/Jodie Nelson

### Past Events

#### **Volunteer Summit**

Good food, good people and good discussions.

### Projects

#### **Fog Signal Bldg. (FSB):**

Dan has started on the FSB. He is working on the grout and then sealing the outside.

#### **Lens:**

Art has submitted his letter to the Coast Guard and then I followed up with my own email to Arlyn Danielson at the coast guard. I am waiting for a response.

#### **Power lines underground:**

Had discussions with the BLM realty folks and they have made me aware of some other costs; approx. \$30,000 for a survey of the road and \$10,000 for an appraisal. After that we will have to pay for the easement. She said that cost would be based on the appraisal. BLM is looking for funds to pay for the survey and appraisal. I also spoke with State Parks and it sounds like they don't do donations or deals with easements or rights of way so we will need to find funds for all of that.

#### **Restroom in Parking Lot:**

Looked at a few different options for toilets. There are regular CXT vault toilets, Composting Toilets or there is a company called Green Flush a self-contained flushing toilet.

### Special Events

Libations for the Station

October 5

Hike in tours

Last Wednesday of June, July and August

### Educational Outreach

Getting ready for next year.

### Ryan's new supervisor

John Hodge will be taking over for Gabe as the Bakersfield person assigned to the Light Station. John has been with Bakersfield BLM for a long time and has vowed to be more present at the Light Station and our activities.

### Tour Numbers

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
October	637	605	516	500	506	441
November	622	503	474	357	523	433
December	404	464	426	273	829	251
January	661	731	623	266	608	0
February	573	570	572	284	780	318
March	696	754	560	502	662	784
April	663	616	581	666	684	790
May	432	629	352	572	362	555
June	658	916	521	787	732	434*
July	1178	990	850	1125	1169	
August	985	809	693	836	1001	
September	601	481	442	437	591	
Total	8110	8068	6610	6605	8447	

\*partial month

## **Appendix 4: FSB Report 6/26/19 – Harry Thorpe**

### **Status Report as of June 24, 2019**

Work started on FSB Phase 4 – Finishing (Item 1) in early June. Wellsona moved necessary materials and scaffolding on site and began to fill in mortar (repointing) as required.

Sealant was ordered and will be applied in early July. Work will then shift to the interior of the building (Items 2-4).

*Harry M. Thorpe, Jr.*  
*Treasurer*

## **Appendix 5: Tower Report 6/26/19 – Jim Harris**

Bruce Elster is on vacation until July 22, and therefore until his return we will not have the schedule for the preparation of a preliminary design document. After receiving the date when the design document will be available, the plans can be made for the scheduling of a preliminary design review facilitated by the Architectural Resources Group under the direction of David Wessel. Hopefully, the schedule can become known upon the return of Bruce Elster next month.

## **Appendix 6: Power Line Report 6/26/19 – Jim Harris**

There are two items that must be addressed before construction can commence on putting the PG&E power lines underground: obtaining a timeline for the completion of the necessary documentation for both the BLM and California State Parks, and providing support for the construction cost of about \$253K. The three proposals submitted so far to cover the construction costs to Robert F. Schumann Foundation, Letter of Intent to the Lazar Foundation, and the Harold J. Miossi Charitable Trust have not been successful. We are using Instrument I to determine the next step in obtaining funding. Work continues on the cost estimation for a sustainable option to allow electric power for the light station with or without grid input using a microgrid system with solar and motor generator input and battery storage.

## **Appendix 7: Capital Campaign/Grants Report 6/26/19 – Jim Harris/Holly Gant**

The capital campaign committee's (Holly Gant, Jim Harris, Harry Thorpe, and David Cooper) first order of business continues to be the development of a planning document for the capital campaign. Ryan Cooper and Jodie Nelson led a volunteer summit this past week, and the results of the action item addressing the capital campaign need to be incorporated into the development of the planning document. Holly continues work on a capital campaign brochure. Work is at a pause for submitting new proposals for undergrounding the power lines as we have gotten word that our three submissions (Robert F. Schulmann Foundation, Letter of Intent to the Lazar Foundation, and Harold J. Miossi Charitable Trust) were not successful. We are reviewing Instrument I for new possibilities for funding.