

## Programs Committee

Minutes – June 9, 2020

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Meeting ID: 243 480 6612

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Attending: Kimberly, Michele, Peter, Richard, Bill (Bambrick), Karen & Bill (Nay), Jeffrey, Mary, Leslie, Barbara, Amelia, Hollis

COVID Safety Protocols for Volunteers: Sets drafted for Visitor Centers, Stewardship & Trail Crew Programs and Citizen Science & Public Education Programs; available on the website under Volunteer Resources. Include procedures for touch points, use of equipment & number of people allowed in VC's at one time. Kim's working on a poster for the Visitor Centers.

Zoom Meetings w/Volunteers: good participation & feedback from volunteers re concerns. Will be using Zoom for pinniped monitor training on 6/23 & looking at ways to move other trainings online.

Videos: Kim's done a series of short videos for social media: wildflowers on the Kortum w/Laura Morgan & Peter Warner & natural resources in tide pools with Bill Nay & Stephen Beck. They've been posted on Facebook and Instagram - will be going onto Twitter. All video are available for viewing on our YouTube Channel - [https://www.youtube.com/user/stewards9177/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/user/stewards9177/videos?view_as=subscriber)

Status of Programs: Foot patrol & roving docents in Armstrong began with opening of the park; information for visitors available at table. Trail Crew back together with a backlog of work since trails have overgrown; Seabird Monitoring began on Friday & Monday with site visits for new volunteers scheduled on Thurs; Seal Watch began on Saturday – will need to post someone with radio outside the JVC in case of emergency. Tide Pool rovers visited Campbell Cove Monday morning. Pinniped monitoring training scheduled on 6/23 (Zoom); Visitor centers are equipped with plexiglass – waiting for State Parks OK to open. Jeffrey did a dog patrol on Bodega Head & violet survey along the Kortum over the weekend. Kim reports that volunteers have been contacting her looking for opportunities to get back into the parks. We have a Pond Farm special tour scheduled for August 1, which we are going to try to do with social distancing. Other monthly tours are cancelled for now. We also have resumed the Artist-in-Residence program at Pond Farm with an artist coming in July, September and October.

Pinniped Training: We have scheduled our first Zoom training for the Pinniped Monitoring program with Sonoma Water on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. Registration information is available on our website.

Concerns: difficulty in maintaining distance when not all visitors are wearing masks on narrow trails (Nature Trail/Armstrong & boardwalk on Kortum); lack of handwashing stations or soap dispensers in rest rooms. Markers indicating 6-ft on walkway to VC?

CDC Guidelines for Schools – Safe Reopening: Virtual outings recommended in place of field trips. Can we bring Steward Ship to schools? Funding so financial burden isn't placed on schools: grants, transportation scholarship fund. Challenge: organize small enough groups to comply w/distance guidelines. Kim looking at ways some camps are managing this

Year Two Action Plan and Objectives: Need to review & update in light of COVID-19 and social equity & inclusion priorities. Perhaps look at what PRNSA is doing with their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

New Armstrong Resources for Docents and Students: Mike Roa working on these – look at portability for Steward Ship

Upcoming Events: Family Day and Tide Pool activity Day at Campbell Cove cancelled. Online auction instead of Sunset Dinner? Different ways of doing Old Grove: reduced physical attendance with virtual concert for remainder?