

## OMRT Monthly Minutes Mar 19, 2022

Present: Robin Donnelly, Dave Zeretzke (minutes taker)

Via Zoom: Tod Kaden, Jeffrey Gillette, Mike Vouri, Tim Dustrude, Julie Fonseca de Borges

### Agenda — Mar 19th at 9:00 at Island Rec Conf Rm & Zoom

**Minutes of Feb mtg** review-omissions/changes: Dave noted all subject on Feb agenda on this agenda or added to it

**Shaun Hubbard Welcomed** to the OMRT Committee as a **new member!** All Present lauded the acceptance by Shaun as a compliment and as a complement to the differing skills and experiences of the OMRT Committee. Shaun's work to date has already made an invaluable contribution to the work. WELCOME SHAUN. **Your bio and photo will be added to the website soon.**

**New OMRT website** and what's still to come: Robin and Tim Discussed at various times the portions of the website needing work. Photos and labelling each one with a description consistent with the scheme set out by Tim in an email and video about the subject. **Dave to resend Tim's email with video link to all Committee.**

Long discussion at various times during mtg re the survey and it's location. Tim suggested the simple solution (astronaut and pencil in space idea of using questions on the survey to address issue of what preparation specifically respondent has achieved before answering survey. Todd suggested just one question with multiple possible answers. **Tim Todd and Val Curtis to figure out best way to go.**

**Sunshine Alley Historical Panels:** Robin with Mike's help got the 4th of July celebration painting of the parade ground when the occupation ended. In NPS archives with high DPI density for enlarging it. Robin to work with Shaun on panels with deadline for submission to Town of FH historian, Sandy Stehlow, a bit uncertain. Andy from Historical Museum vey helpful with archives of Historical Museum and new scanner.

**Spring Newsletter:** Robin has started and will finish when website ready for public viewing (survey, new member, photo gallery complete, etc.) Newltr will invite visitors to the site among other things.

**Island Rec Summer Brochure:** Robin working on with some help fr Dave and Shaun. Deadline 3/23. Next wk!

**Need for GREAT Spring Photos:** Tim reminded all OMRT members about **high quality photos** as the goal this Spring of segments and subject matter. People, animals, history, farming, flora, etc. **Julie and Tim to assist Robin in getting new and old photos a proper "description" on Google Dr** so search can be done across all folders with no duplicate photos and multiple descriptions for any one photo to aid its usefulness.

**May 7th OMRT public walk:** Mike and Robin coordinating hike at English Camp with possibly two components: short and longer. Mike will lead wit Robin and Jim and whoever else wishes to come. Last yr's American Camp hike by Mike was so popular. Big group.

**Cowichan book: "Those Who Fell From the Sky"** - only self-published written history of the Cowichan Nation. Jeff lead discussion. Dave read from last paragraph of the Preface about reasons the Elders agreed to the first ever written history. Liaison info as well fr Jeff. Jeff also extended again invitation to Elders of Cowichan Nation to come to SJ Is and inspect the OMRT effort and walk the land together. Interim liaisons in contact with Jeff.

**SJ County Parks, Trails and Natural Areas plan:** Todd, Dave and Mark re the recent visit with Brandon Cadwell, new SJ Co Parks Superintendent. Todd discussed 'Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Plan' process'. All discussed usefulness of OMRT survey results fitting nicely into the public input for the revision and adoption sometime next yr. (every 6 yrs). Brandon said "no countywide survey re trails this yr but Revision Committee will use existing and recent surveys from other groups. Consultant will be hired to oversee process and results of public input. **OMRT Website survey is target for getting max. number of visitors to offer their opinions as most recent survey of public opinion re trails on SJ Is. Presentation to Parks Commision of SJ County about OMRT to be sought and possible attendance at monthly Parks Comm mtg when trails on agenda.**

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**County Fair and Farmer's Market:** Dave offered three possibilities for OMRT to share a booth with existing landowner: NPS, Island Rec or Land Bank. in 2016 OMRT Comm shared with NPS. OMRT display very popular. **Dave will explore and report next month.** Fair seems to be 'On' for August 2022. **Jeff to inquire re Farmer's Market OMRT presence - next month.**

**Next mapping GPS project:** Mark not able to attend. Subject moved to next month.

**English Camp signage:** Jeff has mtg set up with Elexis Fredy to discuss next steps.

**OMRT Movie update:** No info - subject moved to next month.

**Boy Scout assistance for visiting Scouts in Spring and Summer:** Dave reported Eric Stone, Scoutmaster, has been put in touch with Doug McCutcheon and the schedule of visiting scout troops look for a historical trail project to fulfill merit badge requirements. Eric to work directly with NPS re work on trails on federal land close to OMRT trail.

**Public Wrks update** re trails on SJ County right-of-way by Christine Coray: **Subject moved to next month.**

**Final Report for RTCA of NPS** re grant of technical assistance: **Julie to send via email info needed for final rpt.**

**OMRT in-person presentations to be scheduled in May or June:** Rotary, SJ Co Council, Parks Commission, & ? Dave and Jim to schedule.

**Next OMRT Mtg: April 30th, 9-11 at Island Rec Conf Rm and via Zoom**