

NIABI ZOO COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD – JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING

IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Nelson – Chair	Kat Broughton	John Peters
Liz Dierolf – Vice Chair	Dr. Laura Crowe	Luke VanLandegen
Gerald Correthers - Secretary	Mik Holgersson	
Lee Jackson – Niabi Zoo Director	Kathy Matherly	

MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes approval for November and December – approved
2. Visitors: Scott Lohman
3. Survey Discussion
 - a. No questions or further comment from group; focus groups underway and may be able to report additional information at Feb. meeting
4. Accreditation
 - a. Accreditors at Zoo first week in Dec. to conduct audit for AZA accreditation
 - b. Visit went well, no major issues identified. Visit unable to be completed due to zoo being closed for the season (accreditors needed to visit gift shop, see customer relations, customer facilities – concessions/restrooms). Accreditors plan to return during open season to finish audit, decision to be made by AZA commission late 2019
5. 501(c)3 Update: nothing to report, Bill will check in with Forest Preserve and attorney and report in Feb.
6. CAB Year-End Report to Forest Preserve
 - a. Report available for CAB members to review prior to meeting, no questions or concerns
 - b. Motion to approve report and deliver to Forest Preserve – Gerald, 2nd – Peter. Motion passed and report will be submitted to Forest Preserve
7. Member attendance, 2019 meeting schedule
 - a. Liz – reminder to members that attendance is needed to be most helpful to Zoo on assigned projects. Members in attendance agreed current day/time still works best (first Monday of the month at 5:30pm). Liz will put out to full group for consensus.
 - b. Due to resignations by members during 2018, need to consider additional members for 2019. CAB recommends adding at least two more members; Bill – will put to Forest Preserve for decision.
8. Director’s Report:
 - a. Suggestion made to host golf outing fundraiser

- i. Liz - over-saturation of golf fundraisers in QC and not enough planning time for Zoo to host in summer of 2019. Recommends holding on a specific fundraiser until a specific project or purpose is identified and can be vetted through what type of fundraiser would work best. Liz offered to consult in this area if needed. John – could work well to tie to AZA accreditation in 2020 if received.
- ii. Endowments: Scott – reminded group of Niabi Zoological Society’s establishment of two endowments at Moline Foundation and Quad Cities Community Foundation; group questioned whether endowments had been finalized and funds received by Foundations, as no discussion or official paperwork has been received since initial idea brought to CAB early in 2018. Lee – has no paperwork or procedures outlined from Society or Foundations on how funds will be distributed or on what schedule. Scott volunteered to follow up with Society and report back.
- b. Lesser Sirens’ breeding unsuccessful as of yet but keepers are confident more viable eggs will be produced in the future
- c. Monkey born 32 days ago, doing well; new primate exhibit construction on schedule
- 9. Next meeting agenda items:
 - a. 2020 Budget review
 - b. Identify master plan next steps
 - c. Revenue ideas, including fundraisers/events
 - d. Review fee structure

Adjourn: 6:30pm

Next meeting: Monday, February 4th, 2019 – 5:30pm at Niabi Zoo