**Tonight’s Board Meeting took place at 6pm at Sasona.**

**Here is our agenda:**

Vote on new Secretary of the Board

GMM Agenda

ARNL Project

**In Attendance:**

Matt Dietrichson, Sasona Board Rep

Natalie Morgan, Sasona Board Rep

Barak Bullock, Chair of the Board (La Reunion Board Rep)

Gatlin Johnson, Treasurer of the Board (La Reunion Board Rep)

Indya Flanagan, Outgoing Secretary of the Board (Former Sasona Board Rep)

Natalie San Luis, Staff

**Last Time’s Minutes**

Barak moves to approve the minutes from June 5th, Natalie Morgan seconds.

**Vote on new Secretary of the Board**

Gatlin as Secretary: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

Matt as HR: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining

**GMM Agenda**

Barak asks if we have a central GMM agenda document. Matt created one and shared it with the rest of the board. Natalie S asks if we are actually verifying income or just asking members to self-report. Gatlin suggested it’s the latter. Matt asks to see the member survey from previous years.

Barak asks about a prior GMM agenda item “NP Year in Review.” Natalie S clarifies this was a presentation by the NP Rep (currently Matt) to the GMM.

It is suggested that we could have a Strategic Planning event could be a roundtable discussion.

Barak asks what tasks need to be done before the GMM. Natalie S has already confirmed Black Star donations.

A document has been created with the proposed agenda.

*Action items:*

Gatlin volunteers to add an item to La Reunion’s house agenda to allow the GMM to be held there; write a financial report; send out the GMM agenda.

Barak will write a Year in Review speech.

Matt will investigate food options for the GMM and write an NP Year in Review.

**ARNL Project**

Matt discusses potential requirements for any employees we hire, and suggests we might want to have two separate roles.

Matt and Gatlin discuss details of the proposed CTAP budget document.

Matt brings up that we have important open questions: where would funding initially come from? How much actually is there? Are there other sources of funding?

Barak and Matt point out that ROC-USA has been difficult to contact recently.

Barak opines that if we can get our feet in the door with ROC-USA, we have an almost certain chance at receiving grants, as well as securing future assistance.

Barak introduces three questions from Daniel Miller we would need to figure out before our application can be completed.

Natalie S suggests this depends on more detail from ROC-USA and JPMorgan Chase: what is the process of applying for these funds? What is the timeline?

Barak says that lack of detail from ROC-USA presents an obstacle to solidifying our application. Matt and Barak point out that we need employees anyway so we should consider the roles they would be playing and work it into our strategic planning efforts.

Barak suggests a working meeting to discuss employee and hiring issues. Matt offers to draft two different staffing arrangements.

Natalie S informs us of her time constraints. Matt suggests we brainstorm this before the upcoming strategic planning meeting.

Matt clarifies our hiring scheme for the foreseeable future: we hire one person full time in line with existing proposals, whose duties will include coordinating with NP so that we can lean on their real estate development capacity; we may need to consult outside contractors.

Barak suggests that we should focus on ARNL’s needs to determine the employee responsibilities.

Indya suggests we need to be looking for people with community organizing skills over real estate development skills; general sentiment is that finding someone who has both sets of skills is asking a lot.

Summary:

We need to discuss who we’ll be hiring for what responsibilities. This may be something we can discuss at our strategic planning meeting but regardless we need to prioritize it. If we can come up with what kind of staff we need to hire and what their responsibilities are, we can go to NP confidently and continue the process of drafting an MOU.

*Action items:*

Natalie S agrees to document responsibilities for an administrative employee.

Matt agrees to bring a few different staffing arrangement proposals to the next board meeting; reach out to Greg Casar’s staff.

Barak agrees to reach out to ROC-USA again.

Gatlin agrees to write an explanation of the current financial plan and keep it up to date with our different assumptions.

**Maintenance at La Reunion**

Gatlin updates the board on this. Gatlin expresses skepticism that this needs to be on the agenda and updates Matt. Indya notes that maintenance issues are definitely the board’s purview because of the shared maintenance budget. Barak and Gatlin agree this can be tabled.

**New business**

Indya wants to clarify the time and place of the upcoming strategic planning meeting.

Time: 9:30 AM, Saturday, 23 June

Location: TBD, likely La Reunion or Sasona.

**NEXT MEETING**

(Tentatively) Monday, July 2 at 6:00 PM, at La Reunion.

People started leaving. De facto adjourned.