

DRAFT MINUTES

Friends of Snow Canyon State Park Board of Directors' Meeting May 14, 2026

Place: Snow Canyon State Park

Attending Board Members: Alan Risenhoover, Ellen Nathan, Barry Neff, Lori Capshaw, Linda Neff, Sandy Nelson, Lisa Kindred, and Kristen Comella. Excused absences: Don Drabant and Jenean Cammpo

The meeting was called to order by President Risenhoover at 3:00 pm.

Part I. Written / Oral Reports

- Minutes: The minutes of the April 9, 2026, meeting were approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: The written report was approved unanimously.
- Membership Report: The written report was approved unanimously. The Board discussed what to do about memberships that had not been renewed for over 90 days even after the automatic reminders generated by Membership Works. The recommendation was to either contact these past members if a Board Member knew them, or send a short note asking whether they were going to renew or would like to be removed from membership emails. **Action:** Alan will draft such an email based on a version used in the past for review by the Board.

Part II. FoSC Business Updates

- Park Update: Kristen provided a detailed presentation on the Park's accomplishments and activities over the last year. During the presentation she specifically highlighted where Friends had contributed. Included in the presentation were infrastructure improvements such as the new West Canyon restroom, new south entrance station, and new bridge timbers; recreation improvements such as the Scout Cave stairs and Chuckwalla trailhead work; interpretive work such as ranger hikes, docent programs, and new signage; and the continued work of the trail stewards. She discussed some possible future actions such as identifying canyoneering routes, the Master Naturalist Program, a Star Base focus, and a Lower Galoot shade pavilion.
- Events: Lori noted that a Yoga in the Park was scheduled for May 19th. Kristen noted that about 150 people attended the daytime Night Sky program and 80 or so attended the nighttime program.
- Trail Stewards' Report: The Board reviewed the written report Jenean provided in her absence.

- Docents Report: The Board reviewed the written report Don prepared in his absence.
- Communications: The Board reviewed Web report Sandy provided, and noted the slight drop in visitation and number of hits from Singapore. Alan indicated an email on the yoga event had gone out in the morning and he was monitoring the “opening rate.” No Facebook report as Jenean was out.
- Fundraising: Sandy reported that the hike and lunch with members of the Kish Foundation had gone very well. The Park staff’s hike with the Foundation was a high point of their trip. Based on the associated discussions, she and Alan hope the Foundation will continue its donations in the future. Sandy noted that she and Don were planning on conducting presentation at another local retirement facility. She indicated that the previous one was very well received. Don is planning on touching base with the Eccles Foundation as well. Alan suggested that perhaps the new REI store would be a possible contributor. In addition, Sandy noted the possibility of a summer request for donations in addition to a year end one.

Part III. Business Discussion Items

Old Business

- Board Member Roles: Alan indicated the need for someone to assume the Vice President and Secretary positions on the Board. He also indicated that each Member should consider their current role and make sure they are not over tasked and, more importantly, still enjoying their role.
- Donor recognition board design/location: Kristen presented initial mock ups of potential plaques for the future donor board. The Board may review the drafts of the white throated swit and gila monster plaques over the summer. The Board voiced full support for her continued work on the board.

New Business

- Review/approve revised signing privileges at State Bank of Southern Utah: The Board discussed the issue of who should be authorized to have such privileges for signing financial/banking documents in addition to Treasurer Linda Neff. Barry made a motion to remove such privileges for past Presidents Dick Coe and George Ottot, and add President Alan Risenhoover. The motion was seconded by Sandy. The motion was approved 6 to 0, with President Risenhoover abstaining. **Action:** Linda and Alan will ensure the Bank makes the appropriate changes.
- Summer homework: Alan asked whether the Board thought anything needed to be accomplished by the Board over the summer. The Board did not suggest anything specific, but Members will monitor email regarding past due membership communications, fundraising opportunities, new or revised Board roles, the donor board, and any Park funding requests.

- Open discussion: **Action:** Alan will update the Board Member contact list and circulate to all.
- Next meeting is September 10th at 3 pm.

Action item summary:

- Alan will draft an email regarding memberships not renewed over 90 days based on a version used in the past for review by the Board.
- Linda and Alan will ensure the Bank makes the appropriate changes regarding signing privileges.
- Alan will update the Board Member contact list and circulate to all.