

**Mojave National Preserve Conservancy Board Meeting
June 28, 2022 Minutes**

In Attendance

Gary Spiers, Michael Gordon, Chris Clark, Shaun Gonzales, Britney Penouilh, Emily Buchi

<At the last meeting, we voted for Emily Buchi to be a new board member>

Emily introduced herself as Education Director for Wildlands Conservancy with a background in Native Studies and Anthropology.

We discussed Andrew's email to replant and water Joshua trees in MNP. We must log in to map and plan a trip to water some of the remote sites.

MNPC to tour Bonanza Spring

Tortoise Campaign

People are speeding +120mph on Kelso, Ivanpah, and Cima Roads. This presents a public safety for people driving but also increases the mortality rate for bobcats, tortoises, and bighorn sheep. Public safety and law enforcement campaign to include public service announcements. Michael Gordon has tortoise photos we could use to create a graphic to add to social media. Chris to provide more information from NPCA.

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Gary owes us bylaws. Consequences for violating a Code of Conduct. Vague and optimistic bylaws can be destructive. A Code of Conduct stresses how we act with each other, especially when we disagree with each other. Chris will have a sample Code of Conduct to share.

Star Party - Confirm with Andrew before outreach

October 22nd - costume optional

We discussed bringing kids out, but this still poses some issues with Covid. Alternatively, we can invite educators to join us and collaborate on ways to share the experience in the classroom. Share Emily's lesson plan and Britney's art program. Environmental education. Bring in new educators to show them how to

camp and hike throughout the desert. Teachers can come out to experience on their own before they propose a field trip. NPCA might be able to shuttle some people out there for network building for educators. We should create a program for that weekend.

Campsite, Kelso Dunes, Hole-in-the-Wall Hike. Encourage educators to use the experience in the classroom and potentially bring kids out there in the spring. (Emily mentioned the San Bernardino Astronomy Club is also doing an event October 29 and she can bring some activities for us as well.)

Chris invited MNPC to camp at Indian Cove in Joshua Tree on September 9-11 (full moon).