

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION  
February 25, 2014

A meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at the Commons, Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS PRESENT

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman  
Greer Johnson, Vice Chairman  
Scott Johnson  
Ray S. Smith, III  
Dick Childers  
Roy Roberts  
Joan Thomas  
Perry Tindol

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ABSENT

Becky Kelley, Director State Parks & Historic Sites

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Stephens, C.E.O.  
Bob Cowhig, Director of Planning and Development  
Chief Chuck Kelley, Director of Public Safety  
Duane Studdard, Administration Manager  
Members of the Public – Barry Brantley, Lilburn, GA  
and Mark Posner, Tucker, GA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Meadows, SMMA Chairman, called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and unanimously approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting and to adopt the minutes as printed. A draft copy of the minutes was sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mark Posner and is the past President of the Tucker Civic Association. He is a regular climber of Stone Mountain. He said that many thousands of visitors hike or ride the Skyride to the top of Stone Mountain each week. Many visitors are not aware of the sights at the top of the mountain. When visitors have questions there is no one to ask when atop the mountain. He is asking SMMA to set up a volunteer training program and allow

volunteers to distribute information about biology, geology, animal life, and other pertinent facts about Stone Mountain. This would include information about Confederate Hall, shuttle service during the summer, and help with directions. He distributed a flyer with more information about his vision for the volunteer program. He said the program will help with public relations.

Ms. Meadows asked Mr. Posner where he lived and he stated Tucker. The Board thanked Mr. Posner for his attendance and said the staff would evaluate his suggestion.

Mr. Barry Brantley said he is a Gwinnett County resident and has been a frequent Park visitor. He has enjoyed fishing, biking and hiking in the Park. He is attending the meeting to find out more about the Stone Mountain Memorial Association and would like to volunteer in some capacity to help continue the efforts to insure the Park's enjoyment for future generations.

### SILVER DOLLAR CITY/STONE MOUNTAIN PARK REPORT

Mr. Rakestraw was not present and no SDC/SMP report was presented.

Mr. Stephens stated that Snow Mountain was continued for one week and was reported to be very successful.

### FINANCE REPORT – YEAR-TO-DATE

Mr. Stephens reported that net operating profit before depreciation was \$314,000. The net loss after depreciation for the month of January was \$179,000 compared to a budgeted loss of \$214,000. The balance sheet reflects an amount due to GEMA of \$463,000. Claims were filed in 2009 after the flood for all damages in the Park. SMP/SDC sustained damages in the leased area which were reimbursed by their insurance coverage. The funds due to GEMA reflect claims filed for this leased area which was later reimbursed by the SMP/SDC insurance.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Kelley stated that the previous weekend was extremely busy. The natural district was well attended. Many bicycles and walkers slowed traffic and filled parking lots.

Car break-ins are still an issue. Signage has been added to warn guests not to leave articles in their vehicles. The parking lots are also well patrolled, but this crime can occur in a matter of thirty seconds.

Ms. Meadows inquired about the calls for allergic reactions. Chief Kelley stated there are many calls for this issue. He stated the officers are equipped with epi-pins.

Chief Kelley also discussed the mutual aid agreements with DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

Ms. Thomas commended the staff of Stone Mountain Park for their efforts during the recent ice and snow storms. Chief Kelley said that with Mr. Stephens approval, the decision was made to close the Park. The Services and DPS departments along with staff from SDC/SMP worked together to clear roads and open the Park when it was safe.

### NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

---

Carolyn Meadows, Chairman

Submitted by Duane Studdard