

Indian Valley Associates  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.  
Rodney Bosche's Home @ 1682 Indian Valley Road



**Present:** 12

President	Rodney Bosche
Vice President	Nita Bruinsslot
Treasurer	Jonell O'Day
Secretary	Mike Foley
Board Members	Bob Abeling
	Diane Gasson
	Ed Grundstrom
	Kitty Houghton
	John Isaacs
	Mike Murphy
	Barry Sheppard
	Tom Tharsing

Emeritus

Unable to attend	Gary Frugoli
	David Price Jones
	Sherman Leland
	Nancy Norstad
	Vivian Poole

**Call to Order:** Rodney Bosche called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

**Rodney's Message:** Rodney took a moment before agenda items to express his desire that participation in IVA be a prerequisite for Board and Committee membership. There was a general nodding of heads, and we proceeded as below:

**Selection of New Officers:** Rodney skipped this item until it was brought up by Mike later in the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike presented minutes from the 3/10/09 and 4/14/09 meeting, which were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jonell reported a Treasurer's Report correction from the amount given at the Annual Meeting {\$6261.35} to \$6236.05 as of this meeting – the treasurer's report was approved. Both will be appended to their respective meeting minutes.

Jonell said that the Flower Fund remained a voluntary board member contributions. Also, our bank reconciliation shows we have \$36 more in our account than the IVA register shows, this to be resolved.

**Road Safety:**

Rodney reported that the brick pillars @ 1803 IVR appear to violate code, and the matter has been turned over to the County of Marin for resolution (Code Enforcement – Public Works).

Visibility at McClay and Indian Valley Road was noted to be a problem – cars must pull into Indian Valley Road from McClay to see oncoming traffic. Bushes previously cut have grown – Judy's Aide, Tanya, is handling the issue.

The mystery surrounding Indian Valley Road's solar powered vehicle speed signs grew deeper – Rodney said the County of Marin installed the signs without the knowledge of Indian Valley Associates – in fact he has no knowledge of how they came to be installed, but the expense came to \$20,000.

Bob seconded that the action was taken without knowledge of anyone in IVA, at the possible behest of Judy Arnold's office, but for reasons unknown.

What is known, but from an indeterminate source, is that the signs will be in operation (lit) next Wednesday, meaning a week from tomorrow. Rodney said they are collecting speed data now, the better to gauge vehicle speeds before and after they are lit to motorists.

**Selection of New Officers:** Mike said that Rodney had missed the first agenda item, selection of new officers, and that we should do so at this point. Monica Brett has resigned from the board and Mike Foley was voted in to fill her slot.

Mike also mentioned that his tenure as Secretary and Nita's as Vice President were expired as of this meeting – both were unanimously voted in as Secretary and Vice President, respectively.\

Bob proposed a nominating committee of three members, to start the process of collecting names of those running for office; IVA Board membership approx. 90 days before the election should be held.

Rodney & Mike will review committee members to update the web site.

**Variance/Use Permits:**

Nita: No activity since last meeting.

**Web Site:** Mike reported no changes.

**CSA20:** No new business.

**President's Report**

- A. Lori Jessel has left the Fall Chipper Days dates to us; money will be approved when Novato Fire's budget is approved.

Mike Murphy volunteered to administer this Fall's Chipper Days.

This year, Hector's services will be separate from Chipper Days, and he should pay for our mailing if he is to be the vendor.

Bob recommended Hector be paid \$2,000, \$750 from IVA, \$750 from Novato Fire; \$500 from FireSafe Marin.

- B. This year's Annual Meeting's attendance was 130, the best ever. Monica said that larger signs/boards were needed as this year's signs were barely readable as she drove past. Everyone felt likewise, and larger signs were mandated by general agreement.
- C. Our next three meetings will be at Rodney's 7:30 pm, on Sep 15, Nov 10 Jan 12 (Annual IVA Board Dinner – spouses invited again).

**Open Discussion:**

Last CSA20 meeting was 4/14/09 – the report should be routed to Marin County Supervisors. Involved were discussions on the proposed bridge and the spillway @ Pacheco Pond.

Bob proposed that IVA pay for the bridge – his plan would accommodate ATV's and horses.

Bob passed around a sketch of the proposed bridge vs. path around the other side of the pond, to be evaluated.

Gary and Jonell renewed their membership with CSA20; Diane declined.

Monica mentioned that 3 dogs were killed by rattlesnakes this year so far and warned that there is no anti-venom available. Be especially careful by the vernal pond.

Novato is reviewing their general plan – they claim 5540 acres of open space, including Hill Ranch and possibly other areas not actually open space.

Ed wondered about the deep ditches (instead of shoulders) on Wilson Road by the end of Indian Valley Road. He asked that if we all donate \$1, would the County fill the ditches? Supervisors' discretionary fund was noted to be depleted.

Bob has the CSA20 key to Open Space; wonders if all locks still work with that key. Important in the event of a fire, at least. Bob noted that locks are change periodically.

Regarding recent mass bicycle rides through Indian Valley, it was noted that 5 or more bikes in a group must pull over for vehicular traffic – there are no other regulations.

**Next Meeting:** September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm. Location: Rodney Bosche's home

Motion to Adjourn at 9:15 p.m.: M/S/C

Respectfully submitted - - *Mike Foley*