

Indian Valley Associates
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.
Rodney Bosche's Home @ 1682 Indian Valley Road



Present: 13

President	Rodney Bosche
Vice President	Nita Bruinslot
Treasurer	Jonell O'Day
Secretary	Mike Foley
Board Members	Bob Abeling
	Diane Gasson
	Kitty Houghton
	John Isaacs
	Sherman Leland
	Mike Murphy
	Nancy Norstad
	Vivian Poole
	Tom Tharsing

Unable to attend Gary Frugoli
Ed Grundstrom
David Price Jones
Barry Sheppard

Call to Order: Rodney Bosche called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Rodney's Tribute: Rodney took a moment before agenda items to congratulate Ron Witzel on the naming of a trail in his honor within CSA20, in recognition of his contributions to the creation of and long service to CSA20.

Bob wrote a letter of appreciation for the naming of Ron Witzel Trail, and read his letter aloud to the board.

Note was made of the torturous path and obstacles overcome that led to the Marin County Board of Supervisors officially naming the trail. A dedication ceremony will be held to open Ron Witzel Trail – notice will be posted at www.ivahome.org on notice of the date:

Election of New IVA Secretary: Nancy Niche was elected Secretary as Mike resigned effective end of this meeting. Kitty and Sherman were designated alternates should Nancy not be able to make any meeting; all materials given Mike for the office were transferred to Nancy.

Approval of Minutes: Mike presented minutes from the 7/14/09 meeting, which were approved with Larry Hoytt's name omitted as a possible CSA20 member, as he is in fact a member.

Treasurer's Report: Jonell reported a balance of \$5924.66 per the attached Treasurer's Report – that report was approved unanimously by the Board.

The amount does not include \$100 that Hector paid in re: last Chipper Days.

Novato Youth Center sent a request for a donation from IVA, but in accordance with the bylaws, Nita motioned that IVA could not support any one organization as that is not our purpose; private donations, however, are encouraged. The motion was passed by the Board.

Ron Witzel donated \$20 to the flower fund at the end of Jonell's report.

Road Safety:

Rodney reported that no information is forthcoming from Marin County about the status of or action to be taken on the brick pillars @ 1803 IVR. Inquiries will continue to be made by IVA.

It was noted that 9 vehicles were traveling at or above 55 mph on Indian Valley Road as recorded by the new speed signs in the 14 days prior to switching the speed display on.

Bushes have been trimmed at McClay and Indian Valley Road, improving visibility.

Variance/Use Permits:

Nita noted that Marin County has extensively reviewed and changed Title 22. It is unclear how that changes the Indian Valley Specific Plan, if at all, which is not required to be updated until 2014 at the earliest. Nita will review Title 22 vs. IV Specific Plan as time allows.

Web Site: Mike reported no changes.

CSA20: Bob reported that the Pacheco Pond foot bridge is awaiting approval – must comply with various codes and will not be able to be done until Jun 2010 earliest.

Approval is needed from State Fish & Game as well as Marin County Public Works.

Bob has a bridge construction materials list amounting to \$889 @ Novato Builders.

The bridge and its 4' wide dimension was the subject of much debate – many felt walking a horse on such a narrow span would be dangerous with some animals.

Bob has a drawing of the proposed bridge, and Mike will post it on www.ivahome.org on receipt for all to see.

Jonell proposed a site visit for all concerned, and will email the board to arrange a look-see.

President's Report

- A. All presenters to our 2009 Annual Meeting received thank you letters for participating.
- B. Novato Fire has written IVA a letter offering speakers for our events.
- C. The subject of board members missing more than 2 consecutive meetings was brought up as a certain member has done so. Mike pointed out that a board member missing 3 or more meetings in a row can have his or her board membership terminated by vote of the board, but cannot be terminated without a board vote. The member in question will be contacted and intentions discussed, to be reported to the board at or before our next meeting by Rodney.
- D. Rodney requested spouses names to be entered in the Roster, which is distributed to board members only, and not publicly posted on www.ivahome.org or other venues.

Open Discussion:

Sherman suggested that we make Indian Valley Associates T-Shirts available for sale to residents. No decision was reached on that, but many suggestions for marketable, IVA ID'd items were made, including our own brand of wine, possibly that we brew Indian Valley Beer. The matter remained open for ideas.

Bob says he has 50 email addresses and there are more available for IVA notification of emergencies or other events. Nancy & Jonell have a database of Indian Valley residents to merge with same. It was pointed out that telephone contact, particularly cell phone contact, is more effective as people generally don't look at email often enough to respond to emergencies, and SPAM filters are frequently used to filter email, possibly our communication. No decision was reached at this meeting.

Bob said 560 Trumbull, on the NorthWest border of Indian Valley, may leave the City of Novato to become part of Indian Valley. IVA will write a letter in favor of the action – 3 acres involved.

Next Meeting: November 10th @ 7:30 pm. Location: Rodney Bosche's home

Motion to Adjourn at 9:17 p.m.: M/S/C

Respectfully submitted - - *Mike Foley*