

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES  
MINUTES OF MEETING ON  
JUNE 19, 2014  
1834 Indian Valley Road

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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Present were Craig Knowlton, Claudine Le Moal, Gary Frugoli, Jonell O'Day, Nita Bruinsslot, Bob Abeling, Tom Tharsing, Ladd Cahoon, Barry Sheppard, Sherman Leland, Ron and Joanna Witzel and Monica Brett.

Nita passed out the minutes from the last meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> and since the board had not had a chance to read them, it was decided that Craig would email the board for any comments, changes or approval.

President's report

1. Open Space: the new dog waste station will be installed on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Location to be just inside the Open Space. One of the rangers will look after servicing the waste bin. 2 dog walkers have also volunteered to help pick up dog waste on the trails.
2. There are 4 board members up for re-election – Sherman Leland, Tom Tharsing, Gary Frugoli and Skip Fenner. Craig asked for any ideas for nominations of new members. Monica remembered that Mauna Brookes had volunteered her services a couple of times. Jonell found her name in her notes and Sherman will contact her to see if she is still interested.
3. Craig asked if Ed Grundstrom had served enough years to become emeritus and it was agreed that he certainly had. Gary made a motion that Ed Grundstrom should become emeritus, Nita seconded the motion and all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jonell reported that the bank balance had not changed since the last meeting - \$7,460.53 with \$193 in the flower fund. Jonell made a motion that the bank account should be moved to Redwood Credit Union. Tom seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jonell said that the newsletter was ready to be mailed out tomorrow.

Chipper Days

Tom gave Jonell a check for \$1,500 from the Novato Fire District. This covers the fall of last year and this spring Chipper Days. Tom and Jan put some time into making a spreadsheet to show hours spent in fire suppression activities. When all was added up, 200 hours had been spent which far exceeded the requirements for our grant. FSM wants to use the format that Jonell set up for use at other Chipper Days in other locations. A number of board members spent time monitoring the Chipper Day sites but it was suggested that some High School students might want

to take over this monitoring as community service to be included in their required service hours. Tom suggested that we might like to look out for the new FireSafe Marin website which is supposed to be very helpful and user-friendly. Tom said that FireSafe Marin wants all our email addresses so that they can disseminate information to all Indian Valley residents but IVA is against giving out email addresses so it is up to each resident to log onto our website for information from FSM.

Craig reported that FSM offers a \$500 grant to individual homeowners who clear their properties of brush and combustibles. Each homeowner has to apply individually.

### Permits

Nita reported that she had just picked up the plans for the old Levorsen property at 1763 IVR. Tyler Dodd is the new owner who wishes to demolish the old house and build a 3,035 square foot house with an attached 1,326 foot garage. The total footprint would be larger than that specified in our Specific Plan. The committee has 2 weeks to notify the County of any objections to the plans. Craig recused himself since he lives next door to the property, so Nita will write to the County, rather than Craig.

### General Meeting and BBQ

Monica reported that donations for the raffle were coming along and another meeting will be held at her house on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> to finalize plans. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Bob Abeling will call Jennifer at the Good Shepherd to make sure the chairs are available for July 12<sup>th</sup> and Tom will take his truck to pick up the chairs. Some volunteers with strong arms are requested to help Tom to pick up and take back the chairs.

### Open Time

Jody Haas died recently, a short while before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Craig will add our condolences to the book of remembrance in the Independent Journal. A \$50 donation to the charity designated will be made in Jody's memory. Jonell will make the donation.

### Hydrant monitoring

Bob said that he had been doing this service for some time and he agreed to carry on making sure that the blue reflectors in the middle of the road were indeed indicating the location of fire hydrants.

### Parking for the Open Space

There was a discussion regarding the noise and inconvenience as a result of so many people parking on Indian Valley Road before walking in the Open Space. It was suggested that the Sheriff's office should be called with regard to late night users of the Open Space and the attendant noise on the road.

At 8.50pm Barry made a motion to adjourn and Tom seconded.

Respectfully submitted.

Monica Brett