

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES  
MEETING at the WITZEL HOUSE  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Nita Bruinsslot at 7.40 pm. Present were Nita Bruinsslot, who presided in Craig's absence, Barry Sheppard, Tom Tharsing, Claudine Le Moal, Gary Frugoli and Monica Brett. Also present were the emeritus members Bob Abeling and Ron Witzel. Absent were Skip Fenner, Ladd Cahoon, Michael Goldin, Vicki Martinez, Bill Stewart, Lynn Perry and Craig Knowlton. It was decided to go forward with the meeting despite there not being enough board members for a quorum, with the understanding that any voting needed would be done via email.

The minutes were presented and will be emailed to all board members to be approved or amended.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10,534.18 as of September 7. The flower fund has a balance of \$161.36. The barbecue expense was \$522.62 and the raffle made \$624.

The president's report was not made because, at the last moment, Craig was not able to make the meeting.

Nita read a letter from The Arc thanking the Association for its contribution in memory of Jody Haas who died in July this year.

Tom reported on Chipper Days. Felix who did our chipping in the Spring wants an additional \$250 to do the chipping for October. He was paid \$1,700 then and now wants \$1,950 and IVA will pay the fee to dump the chips. Tom found this to be the cheapest route. Tom and Craig went to a FIREsafe Marin meeting seeking funding and learned that FSM had granted Ross Valley Fire Department \$27,000 toward the purchase of a heavy duty chipper. Ross Valley FD will also purchase a large truck to go with the chipper. In return RVFD, at no cost, will make the rig available to groups that FSM funds for chipper day events. FSM feels that the onetime grant to RVFD will reduce the amount of money FSM spends on annual chipper day funding. If this all works we can use the chipping rig in the Spring. It will involve hiring a crew to do the chipping, perhaps the North Bay Conservation Corp. FSM has agreed to award the IVA at least \$1,500 and maybe as much as \$1,950. The final dollar amount will be decided at their Oct meeting. Tom is looking into places that take chips and the dumping fee. Gary offered to contact Ratto in this regard. Meantime, the October Chipper Days will go ahead. A draft of the post card to go out to all Indian Valley residents was shown to us all. Nancy will have the cards printed and get them to Tom. He will address and stamp the cards then off to the post office.

Nita reported that there were no use permit applications.

In open time, Bob suggested that *everyone* not able to attend a meeting should email the board so that the meeting could be postponed to a time when most could attend. CSA20. Gary reported that this committee now has a vacancy. He asked if anyone was interested in volunteering to fill the vacancy.

At 8.30, Barry made a motion to adjourn. Claudine seconded.

Respectfully submitted.

Monica Brett