



Board Meeting Minutes of the Indian Valley Associates (IVA)

For meeting held on May 10, 2011

Home of Rodney Bosche, Indian Valley, Novato CA 94947

Board Members:

Present: Rodney Bosche, Nita Bruinsslot, Jonell O'Day, Kitty Houghton, Bob Abeling, Monica Brett, Gary Frugoli, Ed Grundstrom, John Isaacs, Sherman Leland, Mike Murphy, Vivian Poole, Barry Sheppard, Tom Tharsing, and Ron Witzel.

Absent: Bill Stewart

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by President Rodney Bosche.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 9 meeting were reviewed as amended and were approved. Minutes of the February 8 meeting were reviewed and an additional amendment was suggested. They will be submitted for approval at the next Board meeting in July. Minutes of the April 12 meeting were reviewed as amended and were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jonell distributed the report dated May 10, 2011. The balance in the General Fund was \$5,646.06. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Road Safety: The CHP and the Marin County Sheriff's Deputy have been patrolling Indian Valley Road regularly.

Use Permits/Variations: Nita had nothing to report. With respect to the Lane property, Rodney was contacted by the attorney and he responded. With respect to the former Schwindt property on the hill above Bill Stewart's house, Rodney talked to the new owner. There are still concerns about run-off and erosion, and the County is aware. In discussion it was noted that dirt roads need maintenance including ditches for drainage. There is normally a road maintenance agreement with the relevant property owners spelling out everyone's responsibility. Rodney will e-mail the County listing the concerns.

Website: Nancy Niche has redesigned the website, after meeting with a consultant, at minimal cost. The site is now up and running, but with additional minor work still to be done. The new URL is www.indianvalleyhome.org. Visitors to the old site, www.ivahome.org, will be directed automatically to the new site. The Board voted to have a simple roster of Board members posted on the site. Board minutes will be posted only after the whole Board has met and has approved them.

Chipper Days: Tom signed a contract with Mr. Arbor for this spring's Chipper Days, to be held on the weekends of May 14-15 and May 21-22. The two sites for deposit of brush are ready. They will be accessible in the morning each day and locked at the end of the day. Clear signs will be posted at the entrance, and a sign at the exit will say "Provided by Indian Valley Associates".

Tom will take photos before and after for the Fire District. Bill Tyler of Novato Fire, which provided a donation that was twice the amount expected, will attend the Annual Meeting.

Annual Newsletter: Nobody had anything specific to contribute to the annual newsletter, which is in preparation. Rodney will meet with Nancy Niche to decide content. Jonell will mail the newsletter to IVA members as soon as it is finished, and before the Annual Meeting.

CSA-20: Work is being done around the Ron Witzel Bridge to install fences to keep small children and animals from slipping down the banks into the creek. Workers are also restoring vegetation along the trail and making other improvements. CSA-20 will pay for the work. Usually the Marin Conservation Corps does this type of work for the Open Space District. Young people from groups such as the Boy Scouts or 4H could also be recruited. IVA residents wishing to volunteer should be referred to the CSA-20 office. Marin County Parks and Open Space Director Linda Dahl will talk about this work at the IVA Annual Meeting.

IVA Board Elections: Up for re-election this year are: Rodney Bosche, Nita Bruinsslot, Jonell O'Day, Monica Brett, John Isaacs, Sherman Leland, Vivian Poole, Barry Sheppard, and Bill Stewart. There are nine openings, and potentially eleven if two current members decide to resign. The Board discussed possible candidates. For this year's elections, the Nominating Committee is Ed Grundstrom (Chair), Bob Abeling, Gary Frugoli, and Sherman Leland.

President's Report: President Rodney queried Board members on preparations for the Annual Meeting and BBQ, to be held June 11, 2011 at 1 pm at the Loftus barn, 1848 Indian Valley Road.

Annual meeting and BBQ: The ad hoc committee to organize the event -- Vivian, Sherman, Jonell, and Monica -- met after the Board meeting to plan next steps. Rodney suggested that the Board election be streamlined, and that raffle sales be done at a table separate from the sign-in table, so as not to delay the start of the business meeting. Lunch with BBQ will follow the meeting.

Next meeting: The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on June 11. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday July 12 at 7:30 pm at Rodney's house.

Open time: (1) John again voiced his concerns about possible low income housing development in Novato. (2) Tom noted the large number of cars that had been parked along Indian Valley Road during the recent Feathered Nest Barn Sale. There was discussion about whether such occasional activity in the valley constituted quasi-commerce.

Meeting adjourned by Rodney at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kitty Houghton, IVA Secretary, May 2011

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