



## **Board Meeting Minutes of the Indian Valley Associates (IVA)**

For meeting held on May 8, 2012

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, Craig Knowlton, Sherman Leland, Vivian Poole, Barry Sheppard, Tom Tharsing, and Ron Witzel.

*Absent:* Ed Grundstrom, John Isaacs, Vicki Martinez, Lynn Perry, Bill Stewart.

Lisa Marvier, a guest of Vivian Poole and a member of IVA, attended the meeting.

*Meeting called to order* at 7:00 pm by President Rodney Bosche.

*Minutes:* Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Board meeting were approved.

*Treasurer's Report:* Jonell distributed the report dated May 8, 2012. There were no changes since April. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

*Road Safety:* Rodney had nothing to report. Sherman related that a young driver had lost control of his car at the entrance to the Open Space near his house and had crashed into a fire hydrant, causing a geyser and flooding. The water authority arrived within half an hour, capped the flow, and replaced the fire hydrant.

Bob reported that the Caltrans project to collect data on traffic volume in Marin County would not include Indian Valley this year. Also, there are no plans to widen the road. The Public Works Department has not received information but will forward it to IVA when received from Caltrans.

*Use Permits/Variations:* Nita had no applications to report.

*Website and Newsletter:* Kitty reported that editor Nancy Niche had not yet received all material requested for the IVA **newsletter**. Rodney said that Nancy would repeat last year's content for any articles she didn't receive before the deadline. As Toni Shroyer is no longer responsible for 4H, that topic was referred to Marla Leland for news. Bob suggested that an information piece on LAFCO be put in the history section of the IVA website. Craig suggested a blurb on the website stating that all residents of Indian Valley are members of IVA, but new residents are encouraged to come to the annual meeting, pay dues for the year, and get involved. New residents should contact Nita Bruinsslot, giving their contact information. Kitty will pass these items on to Nancy for inclusion in the newsletter.

*Elections:* Ed Grundstrom was out of town. However he had confirmed to Rodney that everyone currently on the Board who is up for re-election has agreed to run again except for Vivian Poole.

Her slot on the Board will be open for new candidates.

**Chipper Days:** Tom said that all was ready to go for Spring Chipper Days, to be held on the weekends of May 12-13 and May 19-20. He reported he had received funds from Fire Safe Marin.

**President's Report:** Rodney reported that plans for the Annual Meeting and BBQ to be held June 9, 2012 at 1 pm at the Loftus' barn were underway. He requested helpers to move chairs, which are borrowed from a local church on Friday and are returned on Monday. He reported that he had gotten a mock-up done for a vinyl poster inviting Indian Valley residents to the annual meeting, to be posted in several spots along Indian Valley Road. Nita asked about the planned poster urging residents to join IVA, also to be posted at four locations along the road. There was no reaction from the Board. It remains to be seen whether the call-to-meeting poster will replace the proposed call-to-join-IVA poster.

Rodney said that he had asked Supervisor Judy Arnold for a meeting with Rod Myers of Accredited Septic Monitoring to discuss the proposed new EHS regulations for stand-alone engineered septic systems in Marin County, and she had agreed. The meeting will be held before the IVA Annual Meeting, at which both Judy and Rod will speak.

Rodney and Tom measured the culvert needing repair at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and Indian Valley Road. The existing under-sized driveway culvert needs to be replaced and the remainder of the ditch repaired. Rodney will recommend this to Judy Arnold.

Rodney suggested that a \$100 donation be made to the CHP 1199 Foundation, a motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

He also asked for the name of the volunteer who has done so much trail work in the Open Space, so that he could thank him. Someone said that the Ranger would have the person's name.

Rodney reported that Monica will take the lead in organizing ad hoc committee members to conduct the bike survey on the fire road. It was pointed out that the County calls the narrow side trails off the fire road "single track trails", but the Marin Horse Council suggests "footpaths." This is to make the point that the trails are meant for feet (both human and equine) not bicycles.

**Open time:** Bob reported that he had recently tried to locate a septic tank in the open space that had been used by the occupant of a trailer some years ago. He wanted to make sure it had not begun to deteriorate.

**Meeting adjourned** by Rodney at 7:54 pm.

Following the regular IVA Board meeting, Rod Myers of Accredited Septic Monitoring addressed the Board, briefing them on the background of new fees and regulations proposed but not yet adopted by the County for inspecting and maintaining engineered septic systems. As mentioned in the minutes, Rod and Rodney will meet with Supervisor Judy Arnold in the next couple of weeks so that Rod can explain some of the problems that would be created if the new regs went into effect. Rod will then address residents at the Annual Meeting, to bring them up to speed.

Respectfully submitted by Kitty Houghton, IVA Secretary, May 2012

