



Board Meeting Minutes of the Indian Valley Associates (IVA)
For meeting held on February 28, 2013
Home of Monica Brett, Indian Valley, Novato Ca 94947

Board Members Present: Craig Knowlton, Nita Bruinsslot, Gary Frugoli, Sherman Leland, Bob Abeling, Ron Witzel, Bill Stuart, Barry Sheppard, Ed Grundstrom, Skip Fenner, Lynn Perry, Monica Brett, Nancy Niche.

Absent: Rodney Bosche, Jonell O'Day, Vicki Martinez, Lisa Marvier, Tom Tharsing

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm.

Craig Knowlton initiated a moment of silence for Kitty Houghton, observed solemnly.

Approval of the minutes from the meeting on January 24th – these were minutes recalled by Nita and Monica after Kitty's death because she had left for New Hampshire the day after that meeting and had not yet typed them. A draft had been circulated via email and some small changes were made, then seemingly satisfied, they were submitted to Nancy to post on the website – Gary Frugoli moved, Lyn Perry seconded.

Craig Knowlton moved that Nancy Niche be appointed to an interim term on the board and to serve as board secretary in Kitty's stead until elections at the annual meeting. It was unanimously approved.

Monica said that Jonell couldn't attend the meeting, but had told her that the treasury report was the exact same as last meeting's.

Use-Permits/Design Review: Nita reported that a pullout had been constructed at 1775 Indian Valley Road, and had now been permitted by the County, although there was issue with construction without proper approval back in November. However, she thought we had missed an opportunity for comment, so it was a moot point.

Chipper Days: Craig said it was confirmed for May 11-12 & 18-19, but that no signs would be put out prior, due to the early dumping and non-members dumping at the last event. Novato Fire District has committed \$750, but FireSafe Marin has not yet confirmed, in which case we will have to chip in, so to speak.

Newsletter, Website, Chipper Days: Nancy Niche gave an update on the website; it has been updated with the new board roster, the January 2013 minutes and the 2013 schedule of meetings on the calendar, including the annual meeting and picnic, as well as Chipper Days for the spring. Nancy already told Tom Tharsing she would format and print the postcards by April 12, 2013 per his request, and will remove the line 'High Fire Danger' for this distribution. Nancy also commented that holding the annual meeting on June 1st made it necessary for the newsletter to be completed before the April 18th meeting because there wasn't enough turn-around time from the May 16th meeting to edit, print and mail the newsletter out to members in time to adequately announce the annual meeting.

Nancy said that she had to confirm various contributors at this meeting, since there is no March meeting, and the assignments were designated to the committee chairs, as well as Vivian Poole being assigned the CSA20 report, as she chairs that committee, though no longer an IVA board member. Ed Grundstrom, apprised of his duties as sole election committee member (of which he is very familiar) was prompted to rustle up some nominees. Monica agreed to update the 2013 board member roster and distribute it.

Open Time: A discussion was had regarding 'NextDoor Indian Valley' an online social network that only neighbors within Indian Valley can join and see other neighbors. Mike Hecker has started a group, and several are willing to try it out. It was generally thought that an independent social network of neighbors would relieve both the pressure and liability on the IVA to host such a bulletin board online. Craig said he will work as a lead with the hosting company to monitor the site and its usage by our community. The advantage is that neighbors can choose to abstain or participate on their own without affecting the functioning of the IVA in relation to its membership.

Bob Abeling brought up two issues relating to the County. First was a meeting set for March 14th at the Civic Center by the Community Development Department (Suzanne Thorson) on a countywide measure that would involve all unincorporated areas within the coastal stream consideration area – giving the authorities the ability to manage watershed impacts on both public and private land, should an environmental need arise. www.futuremarin.com is said to have the details. Secondly, Bob brought up the recent announcement that the County has agreed to try a pilot program in which public recreational facilities can be 'named' for a period of time for a price paid by an individual or business or corporate interest. It was not clear what exactly this was meant to accomplish, other than the imposition of 'fee for use' in the form of naming the sponsor – or if the fee would somehow contribute to the facility maintenance in some way. Bob said he would follow up

A motion to adjourn was made by Sherman Leland, Lynn Perry seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Draft (2) submitted on March 11, 2013 by Nancy Niche