

**INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES**  
**MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2018 MEETING**  
**WITZEL HOUSE**

Nita, in Craig's absence, called the meeting to order at 7.35. Present were Nita Bruinslot, Jonell O'Day, Claudine Le Moal, Michael Goldin, Ladd Cahoon, Tom Tharsing, Bill Stewart, Kent Aue and Monica Brett. Also present were emeritus members Bob Abeling and Ron Witzel.

Nita asked to approve the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Monica made the motion and Jonell seconded. Then Nita asked to approve the minutes of the Aril 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and Ladd asked for an amendment regarding his remark about the use of a siren in case of an emergency rather than using cell phones since cell phone towers might be destroyed and unusable. He wants the minutes to reflect simply his suggestion that a siren be used. Approved as amended, by Kent and seconded by Tom.

President's report. Craig wanted to thank Tom for attending the disaster evacuation drill on May 5<sup>th</sup>. 62 Indian Valley households participated.

Treasurer's Report. Jonell reported that the bank balance stands at \$12,427.96. Expenses related to Chipper Days (postcards and postage) together with post office box rental were listed.

Tom spoke about Chipper Days and the problems going forward. There are several problems:

- \*Sites might not be available for much longer
- \*How important is it to our association to keep this activity going since people think of it as our main reason for being
- \*We need volunteers to both run Chipper Days and also volunteers to monitor the sites when they're used on 8 days of the year. People are not willing to volunteer.
- \*If we stop doing Chipper Days, will people stop clearing their properties?

Suggestions to solve problem:

- \*Call your neighbors and ask if they will help
- \*Pay someone to man the sites.

Tom suggested writing an article in the Newsletter before the Annual Meeting asking their opinions. So we should put this matter on the agenda at that meeting for discussion.

FIRESafe Marin will not support communities that are not working to clear brush and vegetation and pursuing and maintaining Firewise status. Tom said that we need reports of every hour of work done so that we can get credit for it. He also

said that there are matching funds up to \$500 to pay owners taking care of vegetation/brush.

Nita reported on variances. Craig and Jill Knowlton want to extend their new property and feel they will have to apply for a variance.

Bob brought up the subject of drones and possibly putting an aerial view of the Valley on our website. There was a negative response to this suggestion.

Bill brought up the subject of speeding on the road. Bob said he would look into getting another stop sign.

Michael said that he had not received notification of the evacuation on the 5<sup>th</sup> which brings up the problem of how to notify to evacuate if you only have a cell phone and it has no service due to damage or local conditions. Do we need an alternative low-tech solution?

At 9 pm Bill proposed we adjourn, seconded by Nita.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Brett  
Secretary