

MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2025

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES

Regular Board Meeting at Jonell O'Day's home: 1851 Indian Valley Rd.

1. Call to Order – Jonell called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Board members present: Jonell O'Day, Nita Bruinsslot, John Chiaramonte, John Bliss, Tom Tharsing, Blake Jamieson, Claudine Le Moal, Larry Hoytt, Elizabeth Pedrick.

Board Member Absent: Vicki Martinez, Carol Cady, Jean Ludwick, Tanya Omran, Emeritus Monica Brett.

2. Approval of Minutes - October 17, 2024 and January 22, 2025, m/s/approved.
3. Treasurer's Report - John Bliss reported a balance of \$15,109.91 as of 1-31-2025 and reimbursed Jonell for \$74 for flowers for Gary Sello's memorial service.
4. Chipper Days, Block Captains, etc. – Tom said Chipper Days to be scheduled out in March.
5. Building, Plans - Nita had no new information. Jonell said Barbara Lane's / Goldin-Oropallo property permit issues are ongoing. Jonell sent Board link to Marin Planning Department for more information and said Bill Stweart isn't doing anything more either.
6. IVA Board Insurance - Elizabeth reported on research for Board of Directors' liability insurance, got a bid for \$1,393 for one year for coverage for Board members for decisions the Board makes. It does not cover the Board for things like a party for a trip and fall, for example. There was discussion to research one-day coverage for things like a party. John Bliss will get another bid from A. J. Gallagher Insurance also.
7. IVA Board dues, Flower Fund discussion – Jonell referred to Bylaws which say Board members have to pay IVA dues and per Nita's September 2024 dues roster some members are in arrears. Nita will update her dues roster.

There was discussion regarding the Association paying dues, what it pays for, why should IVA members pay it, how to promote more people to pay it, what it has historically paid for. With the area being threatened with more housing requirements etc. we may need a reserve fund to protect the area in the future from more development. There was discussion about generating more interest in IVA by things like a survey to find out what the neighborhood would want IVA to do, like the garage sale promoted last year. John Bliss suggested a Venmo account for convenience in paying dues. There was concern about "big brother " and busybody people meddling in people's affairs. Discussion about the flower funds and how it is used, there is currently \$153 in the fund; Board members contribute \$20 as needed.

8. Gary Sello's memorial gift – Jonell and Tom. IVA plans to contribute a tree in Gary' name at a time and place and species to be determined, Tom will keep us informed. Jonell brought a tree gift to the February memorial from IVA. The Board m/s/approved to reimburse her for the \$74. The Novato Horsemen will make a "Sello Grove" this coming summer.
9. Sheriff, CHP and Novato Fire donations – discussion. In the past, IVA had donated \$500 each to Sheriff Department, CHP and the Fire Department, do we want to do that again? There was discussion about who shows up in Indian Valley, the Fire Department and the Sheriff's do, not so much the CHP. M/s/approved to send \$500 each to the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department.
10. Open Time – Re what days to hold the meetings, Jonell mentioned that John Bliss can't come Thursdays and Vicki cannot come Tuesdays, so hold meetings Mondays or Wednesdays? We decided on Wednesdays, so Jonell will make a schedule with Wednesdays.

There was more discussion about the flower fund, why it is separate from the general fund and who it should benefit. It was decided it is paid to the community so m/s/approved to merge the flower fund with the general fund.

John Bliss brought up we should research short term investments for some of the general funds; he will research Schwab account T-bills.

Jonell adjourned meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nita Bruinsslot