

INDIAN VALLEY ASSOCIATES

Minutes of March 19th, 2015 meeting at the Witzel House

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. Present were Claudine Le Moal, Ladd Cahoon, Yves Lermusi, Barry Sheppard, Skip Fenner, Gary Frugoli, Bill Stewart, Tom Tharsing, Craig Knowlton, Vicki Martinez, Sherman Leland, Nita Bruinsslot, Jonell O'Day, Lynn Perry, Monica Brett and Emeritus members Ron Witzel and Bob Abeling. Michael Goldin was absent.

Board of Directors vacancy

Craig suggested nominating Yves Lermusi to fill the vacancy on the board of directors to finish out the term ending in 2016. Jonell made a motion to do so and Nita seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Jonell suggested giving the printed treasurer's report to Craig, Nita and Monica only. If anyone else wishes to see the report, they can contact her for a copy at any time. The balance today is \$10,486. In the past, we have carried a good balance so that we could pay for Chipper Days, but for the foreseeable future FIRESafe Marin will be paying the expenses of Chipper Days, so we should find another project for the Valley.

Chipper Days

Tom reported that the May Chipper Days will be in the same locations – at the McGovern's and the Cantarutti's – and the May dates will be the 16th/17th and the 23rd/24th. We will probably have the use of the new chipper from Ross Valley Fire Dept. FIRESafe Marin will pick up the cost of the workers handling the chipper and disposing of the chips. Youth to Work in San Anselmo will do the work at a cost of \$1500. The workers logging in people dumping brush will come from ROTC although because Armed Services Day falls on one of the Sundays, we may need more volunteers. The need for insurance was brought up. Skip said it would be a good idea but said that possibly ROTC has its own insurance. Jonell will find out.

Permits and Variances

Nita said that none had been received.

Open Time

Craig asked us if we were interested in asking the County to help protect the peacocks on Indian Valley Road. There was discussion on the ups and downs of the population over the years. It seems the number of peacocks is relatively small at the moment possibly because of drought, coyotes and some egg gathering. The consensus was that the County could do something to help.

Bill brought up the speed problem on the road and wondered if we could request more time from the CHP. A lively discussion ensued about the different ways to slow traffic – speed bumps, cameras, road diversions, “slow down” signs, etc. Sherman made a motion that Craig would ask for the CHP to give us some time. Monica seconded. Barry opposed, but the motion carried.

Yves talked about the danger of entering or exiting his driveway on the sharp corner of Indian Valley. Sherman suggested a “concealed driveway” sign but cautioned Yves to check with the DPW for regulations as to height and positioning of signs.

Nita reported that she had tried to download something from the website and found that the material was infected with material from other sources (some of it objectionable). It seems the website is in need of maintenance so that the material is all real Indian Valley material. Also it seems that there are no minutes after 2013. Craig said he would contact Nancy about cleaning up the website. Claudine also said that some Valley residents thought that IVA only did Chipper Days and didn’t know what IVA does. Some didn’t know about IVA at all. Because of the postcards for Chipper Days, the newsletter and the Annual Meeting and BBQ, we thought that was enough to advertise our presence, but perhaps not. On the back of the newsletter there’s a space for suggestions from residents, what concerns or hopes they have but we never receive any input.

Jonell asked about the path problem. Craig reported that the County will improve the path after the rainy season or when they have some money. We have some money but we’re not allowed to install new gravel to bring the level of the path up to the level of the road. DPW has to do that. Ladd made a motion that Craig should ask Judy Arnold about the path improvement to meet County requirements and when it will be done. Bill seconded the motion and it was carried.

Vicki made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Brett, Secretary