

**Minutes of the Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting
July 13, 2013 at Susan Fisher's home**

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Laurie Stetson, President. Board members present: Alicia Jackson, Sydne Bortel, David Wilson, Laurie Stetson, Helen Chapman, Diane Harley, Richard Blair, Bob Lundstrom, and Susan Fisher. PRERAB Chair John Levy and member Michael Ongerth were also present.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 16 were reapproved, and the minutes of the May 11 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Laurie Stetson reported that last month's account balance was \$9,259.20. Dues totaling \$375 were received and bank interest of .38 cents added, giving us a total of \$9,634.58. Ninety four households have paid their dues for 2013 and 2 have paid their dues for 2014.

Old Business:

Emergency Preparedness: Bob reported that following the longer test of the emergency siren and our request for feedback on its effectiveness, 4 residents reported that they had not been able to hear the siren test. Discussion followed about how we might make the siren more effective. There was general agreement that the siren is a warning to evacuate immediately. There was general agreement that residents should be reminded of that specific purpose. Discussion about how to broadcast the sound more effectively did not lead to a conclusion. The use of robo calls to warn all residents of an emergency were discussed, possibly using the Marin County call system. Bob will review that possibility with the County. If it is not practical IRA will investigate the feasibility of creating our own robo emergency call system.

Mike Ongerth volunteered to be a new disaster liaison contact for his area.

PRERAB matters: John reported that our road maintenance contractor, Bob Lewis, has completed summer road work, filling potholes and clearing drainage ditches. His bill is \$9,000.

Pacific Slope Tree Works submitted the lowest bid (\$8,625) for weed whipping of flashy fuels, currently underway. Repair piles of road mix have been left out at the side of several PRE roads and residents are invited to use them. Diane will include this information in the next newsletter. SOD work will be done in August after the bidding paper work is complete and submitted to the County.

Laurie said that on or about August 1 she will send an e-mail to PRE residents that explains the size of the brush piles residents may leave at their curbs for the annual chipping service, the deadline for placing the piles, and the procedures for opting out of the contracted work done along PRE roads abutting private property. In mid August a 72 hour bidding period will open and within 3 days of identifying the winning bidder work will commence.

PRE RAB estimates that within 2-5 years Drakes View Drive will need to be repaved. The current road assessment does not produce enough revenue to cover this work in addition to normal annual repairs and resurfacing. David urged fellow board members to begin lobbying residents now about the necessity of an additional road assessment since a 2/3 vote of residents is needed for approval.

New Business:

Bylaws changes/additions:

Following discussion the Board voted and unanimously approved the following two changes and additions to the IRA Bylaws:

1. Permission for electronic vote where time is of the essence, thereby adding Article IV (e) to the IRA Bylaws. Moved by Mike; Seconded by David.
2. Name change of IRA to IRA, Inc. Moved by Bob; Seconded by Mike.

A draft repeal and replacement of Article IV (7), Paradise Ranch Estates Road Advisory Board (PRERAB), was discussed. After several suggested additions/changes were suggested by board members, it was agreed that a revised draft will be prepared and presented for discussion and vote at our next meeting.

Newsletter:

Diane Harley took suggestions for articles in IRA's next newsletter, including a time line for road work, an Emergency Liaison update, a message of thanks to Harvey Freed for his long service as PRERAB Chair, a PRNSA events update, and a date for this year's trail clearance by IRA members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

IRA board members were then joined by retired board members Russell Ridge and Katherine Williams for a delicious lunch catered by board member Alicia Jackson.

Susan Fisher, Secretary