

Minutes of the Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting

May 11, 2013 at Bob Lundstrom's home

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Laurie Stetson, President. Board members present: Laurie Stetson, David Wilson, Susan Fisher, Bob Lundstrom, Diane Harley and Alicia Jackson.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 16 meeting were approved as submitted by the members present, but because we were one short of a quorum they will be formally moved and approved at our next meeting.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Laurie Stetson reported that last month's account balance was \$8,496.92. Debits in the past two months were \$54 for our annual Post Office box rental, and \$116.54 for the January Annual Meeting party. Additional annual membership dues of \$932.50 were collected, and interest on the account was .32 cents, giving us a total of \$9,259.20.

The IRA now has 90 members for 2013 and 2 members pre-paid for 2014.

Old Business:

Emergency Preparedness. Laurie reported that the padlock on the fire road gate at the end of Sunnyside Drive, combination 0911, does not always work, and at times is overridden by placement of an additional, unauthorized padlock. Diane and Alicia agreed to assist Laurie with periodic monitoring of the lock to ensure that it remains in working condition, reporting to the Park when it is not. Laurie and Bob Lundstrom will also contact the Chief Park Ranger to clarify the gate at Sunnyside is indeed a breakaway gate and if it is not will request one be installed. A breakaway gate at the Sunnyside end of the fire road as an additional safety feature to ensure emergency access.

Use of the Park's fire road on Inverness Ridge. The Board also discussed the issue of what circumstances, other than fire, constitute an emergency for purposes of permissible access to the fire road. David suggested that the definition should include any situation "when there is a serious threat to health and safety and where time is of the essence." This could include emergency situations that arise for individuals affected by a temporary road closure because of fallen trees or power lines on Drakes View Drive, or, as recently occurred following the bicycle fatality at Perry's. Laurie and Bob will also discuss this issue with the Park Ranger in charge and seek a clarification that will give useful guidance to residents.

Monthly tests of PRE's fire siren. Current testing at 12 noon on the 1st Saturday of the month is done to test the viability of the siren and is not heard by many residents. Following discussion it was agreed that on the first Saturday of June the siren would be sounded for 30 seconds in order to familiarize residents with its existence. An e-mail will be sent by Diane to IRA residents to alert them to this test and its purpose

Fire season preparations. Given warning by the Fire Marshal that the critical fire season is starting much earlier this year, the Board agreed to ask PRERAB to arrange vegetation management services earlier than usual.

The Board discussed the historic relationship between IRA and PRERAB. Current members of PRERAB are Harvey Freed, Michael Ongerth, John Levy, Tamia Anderson, Ed Stetson, Laurie Stetson, with non-member Ken Dexler acting as Secretary.

Inverness Association liaison: There was general agreement that it is not practical for an IRA board member to attend every IA meeting. Both Michael and Diane have volunteered to attend occasionally. Laurie will suggest to IA President Nick Whitney that our organizations exchange meeting minutes by e-mail. It was also suggested that Laurie contact the Inverness Park Association President with the same suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS: Laurie reported that she sent thank you letters to our four retiring board members, Eleanor Stern, Russ Ridge, Katherine Williams and Bill Carlin, but the Board agreed that we would like to honor them further by inviting them to lunch following the July 13 Board meeting. Laurie will send them each an invitation. The potluck lunch will be at Susan Fisher's who is hosting the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Susan Fisher, Secretary