

Inverness Ridge Association – General Meeting
January 10, 2015
at the home of Sydne Bortel, 1 Lower Dover

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by David Wilson, Acting President, who welcomed everyone and gave a brief history of the development of Paradise Ranch Estates in the 1950s, including the important role that the Inverness Ridge Association and our Road Board have played over the years in collaborating with the County about road maintenance needs.

Treasurer's report: Marna Clarke reported that as of the November meeting we had \$9,813.26 in our bank account. With the addition of \$50 in dues, and .67 in interest, and the payment of \$980 in chipping reimbursements to residents since November, our current balance is \$8,883.93.

Road Board report: Chair John Levy explained that the Road Board monitors our roads on a regular basis with respect to issues including drainage, potholes, paving needs, diseased tree hazards near the roadways, and roadside weeding. It works with the County to deploy our road assessment dollars where they are most needed

The County currently collects approximately \$70,000 a year from the road assessment approved by PRE residents in 2006 and added to our annual property tax bills. In 2016 this assessment will be up for a renewed vote of PRE residents. In addition to the routine road maintenance already described, John advised that we need to plan for the repaving of Drakes View Drive, currently estimated to cost \$750,000, an expense that will necessitate approval of a higher road assessment.

The experimental use of palliative road salt on several of our dustiest roads will be evaluated further following the end of the rainy season. The membership will be polled on the question of whether to treat select roads annually.

Road Board members are: John Levy (Chair), Tamia Anderson, Ken Drexler (Secretary), Diane Harley, Liz McManus, Michael Ongerth, Ed Stetson and Laurie Stetson.

Nominations of new IRA Board members to two year terms: The following PRE residents were nominated and unanimously elected to 2 year terms of office: **Ron Bennett, Tim Stanton, Leah Light, Diane Harley and Myn Adess.**

Continuing Board members, who will serve a second year are: David Wilson, Sydne Bortel, Alicia Jackson, Marna Clarke, Susan Fisher, Bob Lundstrom, Helen Chapman, and Michael Ongerth.

IRA resident Richard Dillman, who has been acting Disaster Liaison Coordinator to West Marin's Disaster Council in Point Reyes Station, asked for a volunteer to take over his position as soon as possible since he will not be available in an actual emergency given his job at KWMR. He added that we also need additional neighborhood disaster coordinators and urged PRE residents in areas without a coordinator to

volunteer their services. He said that the recent installation of a new repeater across Tomales Bay and new emergency radios will make communications between neighborhood coordinators and the Disaster Council in Point Reyes much more reliable in an the event of an emergency.

David Wilson introduced our speaker, Director Kim Thompson of C.L.A.M., who gave us an overview of the Land Trust's work on behalf of local affordable housing, and detailed the successful acquisition, rehabilitation and sale of the single family residence on Inverness Way in Inverness this year, as well as C.L.A.M.'s ongoing negotiations with the U.S. Coast Guard and County of Marin over the possible purchase of the closed Coast Guard facility's land and housing units in Point Reyes Station.

Following Thompson's informative presentation the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 so that all those attending could meet and greet their neighbors and enjoy the delicious annual potluck lunch hosted by Sydne and Alan Bortel.

Susan Fisher, Secretary