

Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting, March 10, 2018

The board meeting of the Inverness Ridge Association was called to order by President Tim Stanton at 9:46 a.m. at the home of Mike and Marian Ongerth.

Attending were: President Tim Stanton, Treasurer Helen Chapman, Sydne Bortel, Jennifer Howard, Kay McMahon, Julie Merk, Mike Ongerth, and Bill Tichy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Tim said that Myn Adess noted to him that we had neglected to place the vote on the IRA officer slate on the agenda for this meeting, so we voted in the 2018 slate of Tim Stanton, President; David Wilson, Vice President; Myn Adess, Secretary; and Helen Chapman, Treasurer. Our very great thanks go to all of them.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous balance: \$12, 348.03

Total income (including beginning-of-year dues from the January meeting) \$1360.51

Total expenses: \$24.63

Balance as of 2/28/18: \$13,638.92

Announcements

- Tim noted that the following day, a community fire safety meeting was to be held at the Dance Palace.
- NMWD replacement tank: North Marin Water District is replacing the redwood tank at the top of Drakes View Drive with two (or possibly only one) concrete tanks. Per Mike, the timing of that replacement is indefinite, probably around May. It will be a several-weeks project and when tank #4 is done, the redwood tank will be dismantled. NMWD will be using the Furth's driveway and will be asked to resurface the section from the end of DVD to the Furth driveway. NMWD is working cooperatively with the residents and IRA and acknowledging our concerns per Jennifer. When the time comes for the concrete pour, NMWD should hopefully coordinate traffic with pilot trucks.
- Chipping – As this was the last year for PRERAB sponsorship of the PRE chipping program, the question remains about how to structure the new chipping program under the auspices of the IRA, whether like the Old Inverness Assn. model (purchase of a ticket to chip up to 2 cubic yards left near the roadside) or something else. We will need to make a decision and get word out to the community. Roadside chipping for this past year has been done.
- Additional - David Wilson will put in a proposal to Fire Safe Marin to have Paradise Ranch Estates designated a Firewise Community. This will take substantial effort on the part of all the community residents and continued discussions. More on this under new business.

Old Business

- PRERAB Update – Per Mike, all is good at the moment. Remaining paved pothole repair will have to wait for dry weather. Baywood Place and a portion of East Robert need work, as will a section below 20 DVD and upper DVD near 90 Elizabeth Ct.
- Tim noted that he had walked the roads with West Marin fire personnel and they commented on the good condition of the roads. He complimented PRERAB on their continuing attention and hard work.
- Mike additionally noted he had been contacted by the Laurel Road group wondering if we still had a liaison with the Old Inverness Assn. They (Laurel Rd. group) may be sending a liaison to our meetings. Tim will check with the president of the Old Inverness Assn. when he sees her at the Dance Palace fire safety meeting.
- Road Repaving Task Force Update – Per Mike there are interview meetings scheduled with two engineering firms on March 22 to discuss the road repaving project. The third firm never followed through on our request. The job of the engineering firm will be to help us determine the scope of the project, cost estimates, help us to pass the bond measure, and write specs. They will also be needed to make a presentation and answer questions at owners meeting(s), of which we probably will need two.
- Tim noted we should be thinking ahead and establishing strategy for the bond issue campaign that can be put into place subsequent to the engineer's work. Kay stressed the importance of priority scoping. Julie asked whether the bond issue would include fire safety issues. Answer: no, just for road work. Vegetation management is a secondary issue.
- Trail clearing - Sydne asked to set a date for the annual trail clearing. It will need to be publicized and food will need to be arranged. Date of June 2 agreed upon. Sydne will let people know.
- Additional - Jennifer asked about the section at the top of DVD where a lot of pine trees were cut down and just left. Apparently the Sonoma County Conservation Corps did this. The National Park Supervisor is dealing with it.

New Business

- Fire Safety and Prevention – Tim met with Christie Neill of Marin County Fire regarding Firewise for Home Association heads and got a lot of good information. First, we should all be signing up at www.AlertMarin.org for emergency alerts and can learn a great deal at www.FireSafeMarin.org or www.ReadyForWildfire.org, CAL Fire's website. We can also look at defensiblespace@marincounty.org Landlines are already registered. According to Christie, the most important thing is defensible space. Mike noted that if you are in a "chimney" and/or on a slope of greater than 15 degrees, the defensible space should be 200 feet. On the walk, they also identified a number of empty lots that are particularly overgrown. Absentee owners will need to be contacted.

Tim asked whether we should seek to become a Firewise Community. This would take a great deal of community action. Necessary steps and benefits would include:

1. Get a written Wildfire Risk Assessment.
2. Need written notes from a meeting with Marin Fire.
3. Create action plan based on assessment.
4. Conduct a Firewise Day annually.
5. Invest \$2 per capita in Firewise actions annually.
6. Identify a Firewise liaison. David Wilson has volunteered.

If all this is done and we are approved as a Firewise Community, there is a possible 10% reduction in insurance premiums and possibly, a better chance against cancellation of policy.

- PRE names list – Sherry Stanton has taken on the task of keeping up the IRA member information directory. Please send updates of information to her. The following policy was determined:

Out of respect for privacy concerns of PRE residents, the IRA member directory information will be for the private and exclusive use of residents and is not to be shared with outside organizations or persons. There will be a simple annual opt-out process.

The next IRA meeting will be held May 12.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15. Thanks to the Ongerths for hosting.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Merk, substitute secretary