

IRA Board Meeting 3/26/16 at Michael Ongerth's home
Minutes

Present: Ron Bennett, Sydne Bortel, David Wilson, Tim Stanton, Julie Merk, Helen Chapman, Bob Lundstrom, Mike Ongerth, Diane Harley, Myn Adess, Susan Fisher

Meeting called to order at 9:40 am.

1. **Minutes of 11/14/15.** Bob moves to approve; David seconds. Passed.
2. **Minutes of 1/23/16.** Bob moves, Tim seconds. Approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

In 2015, 94 households paid dues.

January 23 Treasurer's Report: Dues collected: \$125.; Interest earned: \$.37; Expenses: \$1,392.33; balance on 12/31/15: \$9,276.40.

March 26 Treasurer's Report: Dues collected: \$675.00; interest earned: \$.36; no expenses; balance on 3/36/16: \$9,951.76.

Helen will send dues reminder letter in the latter part of April.

4. **Officer nominations**, to serve until March 2017:

Treasurer: Helen Chapman; Secretary: Myn Adess; Vice President: David Wilson; President: Susan Fisher. Unanimously approved.

5. **PRERAB report** by Ron:

- a. *Financing the repaving*: hoped county would float loan and we'd repay over time with our tax income. County declined. PRERAB Consulting with other private roads around the state to see how they finance. Soonest we could put a parcel tax vote to residents would be 2017, so probably won't repave before 2018. Could the worst part of the road--the lower part--be paved in 2018 and wait 4-5 years to pave the rest?
- b. *Potholes*: Need to patch all the holes now, getting worse; will do extensive patching job to last 2 years. The undersurface is intact, but the cap from the last repaving is failing. Will be out to bid by mid- to end of April.
- c. *Renewing current vegetation management assessment*, which expires this year: there is enough in reserve to go a year or two without additional assessment. Road board doesn't want to have separate votes (vegetation management; full road repaving). Need 2/3 approval for tax to repave but only majority for vegetation management assessment. Susan proposes and board agrees to a joint meeting between IRA board and PRERAB

to have a single discussion on these financial issues, to be May 14. Susan and Laurie Stetson will work on a process for the joint meeting.

- d. *Off-DVD summer program* will be done earlier this year—in early May – including regrading, vegetation management. 2 contracts: grading, clearing out drop-boxes. Suggestion to create boilerplate specs that can be shared on a spreadsheet and used from year to year. Julie volunteers her husband, Randy, who's a whiz on spreadsheets to work with Mike to develop.

6. **Invasives:** Diane will put reminder on Neighbor Next Door to pull scotch broom and thistle now while ground is wet.

7. **IRA by-law changes** needed: three issues: date of annual meeting; frequency of monthly meetings; number of board members. Changes need be approved by board only. Suggestion to change minimum number of board members to 9, with quorum at 5. David will send out to Board as notice, vote at next meeting.

8. **Annual meeting dates:** Consensus to keep on a Saturday. Barbara Jay willing to continue having it at her house.

9. **PG&E work** from top of Sunnyside to Elizabeth Place to clear the power lines of solid bishop pines: not progressing.

10. **Emergency evacuation signs:** Susan asking Marin Fire to contact Gamble/Bertelsen directly about posting signs on their property re: evacuation route. Owners are planning to sell, will ensure the easement continues on the deed. Bob moves, Ron seconds, approval of proposed language for evacuation signs:

EVACUATION ROUTE
for emergency use only
PRIVATE PROPERTY
(Marin Fire Dept. logo).

Passed. Future discussion: no smoking signs.

Next meeting: May 14, 2016. 9:30 am at Mike Ongerth's. (Newsletter after that; perhaps summer issue; please send Diane local pictures).

Meeting adjourned at 10:54.

Myn Adess, Secretary