

LAKE DON PEDRO OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 2009
10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Bill Kinsella, Alice Riess, Victor Afanasiev, Chuck Day, Sally Perez, and Lew Richardson.

ABSENT (Ill Health): President Ken Kennedy

Vice President Bill Kinsella - Introduction and reminder that the Good of the Order (open forum) section of the meeting falls at the end of the agenda.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Captain Scott Fremd from CAL FIRE who discussed defensible space clearance around residences, fuel reduction compliance techniques, and last years La Grange Fire,. Captain Fremd complimented active fire safety members in community and stated no structures were lost in the fire due to many who follow Fire Safe suggestions. A technical error with equipment prevented a photo presentation. Material is available at the Hacienda office regarding fire safety.

- I. General meeting called to order at 10:55 AM by Vice President Bill Kinsella. Due to the absence of the flag in the lounge the Pledge of Allegiance was omitted.
- II. **Motion:** Alice Riess; to accept the April 18th, 2009 Executive and Monthly Board Meeting minutes; **Second:** Victor Afanasiev; **Vote:** yes, unanimous.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Alice Riess - account balances as of April 2009: Operating account, \$55,580.12, Reserve Account, \$126, 147.75 and Reserve CDs, \$21,227.35. **Motion:** Victor Afanasiev - to accept the Treasurer's report as read; **Second:** Bill Kinsella; **Vote:** yes, unanimous.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACC: Alice Riess - Three permits approved; residence entry construction, manufactured home, driveway and grading, and replacement of wood deck

CC&R Compliance: Bill Kinsella - No report

Public Relations: No Report - Ken Kennedy absent due to illness

Schools: Victor Afanasiev - HS gym opening with wonderful concert; School board recall very important to community; Mariposa school bus schedule "rumors" and fire protection

Parks and Trails: Lew Richardson - 1st P&E Trail Rally sponsored by volunteers not LDPOA due to controversy, following rallies will be sponsored. Many CC&R / Trail violations are due to being given incorrect and information. Possible cattle grazing on LDPOA park lands to reduce fire danger.

Scheduled agenda disrupted with numerous issues not pertinent to committee reports. Audience disruptions prevented continuing with agenda. Advanced the Good of the Order, open comment forum to this point in meeting.

Extremely vocal complaints regarding: Satirical cartoon that appeared in May 2009 Discoverer that referenced a donation Don Pedro High School and a publicly disputed water bill. Demands that the board should review all material with greater scrutiny prior to publication; Complaints about the New Discoverer publishing policies; expense of the New Discoverer, Allegation and complaints that a private website is harming the community. Further complaints and accusations concerning CC&R enforcement and county regulations; a privately sponsored Save the P&E Trails Rally; and a private lawsuit between a developer and resident regarding the proposed residence access on Alamo Drive.

Unfortunately, attempts by Directors to address the questions and complaints were futile due to shouting and jeers of multiple members of the audience. Very emotional meeting.

Questions and comments by some were very polite and civil including members of the Porter family who requested that a letter to the Community Services District dated May 5th, 2009 from Thomas Porter be read into the record: (so allowed . recorded below)

"Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to inform you that although, we do not agree with the districts billing methods, I have decided that it would be prudent to get this issue off the table, and move forward with remitting payment for the entire billed amount. I hope to maintain the magnanimous relationship I have always shared with the district, and I feel that taking the issue further would be a losing situation for both sides.

I hope that going forward the district will pay close attention to the water levels at Gregoris Pond, and make sure that they are prudently maintained. It is still my opinion that we should be billed for the water coming through the effluent side of Gregoris Pond. Sincerely yours, Thomas H. Porter, President."

V. OLD BUSINESS:

Alice Riess - Forming a member awards committee; Letters of complaint were sent regarding the removal of a polling place from the Don Pedro area to Groveland for the current election.

VI. NEW BUSINESS: Nothing discussed.

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER: (Moved to follow Trails and Parks, above)

VIII. Alice Riess requested that everyone present at this meeting also attend the next.

Motion: Sally Perez - to adjourn; **Second:** Lew Richardson; **Vote:** yes, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Lew Richardson, LDPOA Board Secretary