

Las Posadas Six County Board

November 14, 2016

Attendance:

Alameda: Jim Bennett, Charles Ferreira, Dion Hock (guest)

Contra Costa: Kerry Dolphin

Marin: Glenn Parks

Napa: Kerri Abreu, Sarah Macy, Diane Lewis

Sonoma: Margaret Close

Jim Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

The minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Charles was not present but sent copies of his report. He reported a balance of \$59,105.25 which did not reflect the deposit of a \$50,000 donation from Alameda County Supervisors.

Charles also suggested that we open a special capital account for improvement funds. Glen will check with the tax preparer to find out the best way to earmark and save funds for capital improvements without jeopardizing our non-profit status.

Dion announced a webinar from the state camping committee for Wednesday. He suggested that we email members of the committee with feedback on this webinar, and to suggest topics for future webinars that we would find helpful. The committee includes members from full service camps so issues discussed may not be relevant to us.

Kerri visited camp and found a downed madrone above girls' camp. She asked if the phone company had been notified that the line is down. She met workers from Mosquito Abatement at camp, there to study mosquito populations. They would like to put mosquito fish in the pool for winter. They say we have 'foul water' mosquitos in the pool. They also suggest we cover the green drain covers with plastic garbage bags because they are not well sealed. They say we should also put silica in holes in trees that collect rain water. They would prefer not to spray if possible. They are available to do presentations for campers if asked. The contact number is 707-553-9610.

Kerri also noticed that the leak between the cooks' and girls' camp is getting worse. A Napa County chaperone, Bud, has offered to fix the main water line at Dion's Corner.

Glenn asked if anyone has spoken to Napa County Health about the chlorinator but it appears no one has. Dion shared information about an inexpensive, non-power chlorinator. All components of the unit are NSF qualified, although the unit as a whole has not been approved. The unit uses chlorine in pellet form and would need to be refilled about every three days. The system is designed for gravity feed or can be operated with a 110 pump. It can handle a

maximum of about 120 PSI. Glenn reminded us that excessive water pressure was responsible for the damage to the last chlorinator. Dion says the plan we have on file with the county does not specify a specific chlorinating dosing system.

Dion will bring question from the board to his contact person.

Kerry announced that Contra Costa will host the annual dinner meeting. They will send details by email.

Game Cameras: Jim is working with Charles Go and Steven Worker to create guidelines for reinstalling the cameras. Sonoma County will replace the cards if someone will let them know exactly what is needed.

Kitchen: Charles Ferreira shared plans he made of the existing kitchen and a list of needed improvements, repairs, and equipment including estimated costs. He asked for suggestions regarding the make-over. He asked board members to take the plans back to their counties and get input and possibly expert help. He would like to have the response from counties by March.

Donation: Jim has an offer from Napa County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht for a \$10,000 donation. Brad has asked that we spend the money and present an invoice for reimbursement. It was suggested that we buy the hood and fire suppression system right away as there is a deadline for receiving this money.

Jim would like to have plans for both the bathroom and kitchen repairs completed soon.

Kerri suggested approaching the Gasser Foundation in Napa for donations.

Diane asked for new dustpans with handles and covers. This would be a safer way to handle mouse droppings. She reported that Napa County is looking for a different food vendor. They have talked to US foods and learned that they will deliver. Board members were asked to bring information about other vendors if they are interested in ordering from a new company.

Nominations: Kerri agreed to serve as president. Kerry agreed to serve as vice-president. Margaret is willing to continue as secretary. There are no volunteers for treasurer.

Submitted by

Margaret Close

