

Las Posadas Six County Maintenance Board September 12, 2016

Next Meeting: Camp walk through, Sunday, October 9, 9:30. We will choose camp dates and discuss a possible overnight fee increase.

Attendance: Alameda- Jim Bennett, Charles Ferreira. Contra Costa- Don Hanlon, Kerry Dolphin, Kyle Cursi. Marin- Glenn Parks, Allison Brandenburg. Napa – Kerri Abreu, Diane Lewis, Bobbi Lindwall (guest). Sonoma – Charlotte LeGallee, Dan LaVell, Charles Hampton, Margaret Close. Steven Worker, 4H Youth Development Advisor, Marin, Napa, Sonoma.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Bennett at 7:00.

Charles Ferreira moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as emailed. The motion was approved.

Counties reported on their camp sessions. Most counties reported doing some repairs during the week.

Napa One reported a full camp. They had the walk-in repaired. They had no water one day and discovered that the water supply had been accidentally turned off at the tank.

Contra Costa replaced the dryer when it stopped working. The old dryer will need to be removed. They had one serious health incident requiring a trip to the hospital.

Sonoma County reset the temperature on the kitchen water heater because it was set too high at 175 degrees. Jim reminded all that the sanitizer uses chemicals, not heat. The water heater doesn't need to be set above 120 degrees. They reported garbage around the dumpsters when they arrived. The garbage problem was discussed and some suggestions were made: We could order three dumpsters – one for garbage, one for cardboard, one for all other recyclables. We could get locking or latched dumpsters to keep animals out and discourage outside dumping.

The garbage trailer worked well. It helped to keep the area behind the kitchen much cleaner.

It was suggested that we remove the tires from the trailer for the winter to prevent it being stolen and to keep the tires out of the weather.

A parent from Sonoma camp two came to discuss the game camera placement at the pool. Jim has asked Charles Go to help draft a camera use policy in line with State 4-H guidelines for the future. Steven Worker also volunteered to help with this. Sonoma county agreed to replace the cards. Dan Lavell suggested that we continue hand chlorinating the water supply because it guarantees that the system will be checked every day. The health department may require an automatic chlorinator.

Marin reported that the pool overflowed every day. After their water carnival, the nurse saw campers with stomach issues and eye problems. Glen discovered that there was no chlorine in the pool so he adjusted the automatic feeder. He suggests adding muratic acid to the pool to enhance the chlorine. He suggests that a board member take a certified pool management class in order to know how to correct problems at the pool The cost is around \$300 and the certification is for five years.

Napa Two reported a full camp and one water issue. There was a break in a four-inch pipe near the spring. A chaperone made a temporary repair. He is interested in adjusting the pipe to relieve the pressure at that point. Kerri will invite him to the walk through. Kerri suggests we get a diagram of the water system. They also noticed the ground was wet at the hydrant near the nurse's quarters so they dug up the pipe and changed the configuration. They are concerned about exposed PVC pipe near the water tank. Possible solutions were discussed. They had no water for a period of 24 hours. They also had to call Angwin Refrigeration for repairs to the freezer. They cleaned everything and replaced a sensor on top of the freezer.

Alameda had one injury requiring six stitches. They are concerned that the instructions for the salad bar as well as the plug are missing. It was bought by Alameda County CCC and they are interested in keeping it in good working order. All the ceramic crocks are missing. Kerry Dolphin suggested replacing them with square, stainless steel inserts which will fit better. Alameda salted the ice to make it last longer. Jim suggests we get a sturdy, rolling table to support the salad bar.

Jim asked about the short cabinets in the administration building, three of which are locked. Napa has been using them for additional storage. Discussion was tabled until the walk-through.

Jim introduced Steven Worker, 4H Youth Development Advisor to Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties. He shared his notes from visits to all of his counties' camps. He would like to see more consistent communication between the camp board and UC staff. He said UC policies require that the cross be removed from the chapel area. He also shared ideas for resources to improve education programs at camp. The state 4H Camping Committee is developing STEM activities for camps.

Jim shared information he came across regarding the fire station. They have had permission to raise bond money since 2007, and their plan at that time included a 4-H Camp. Jim feels this is good news for us.

Treasurer's Report: Charles Hampton reported a beginning balance of \$44,375. There were deposits totaling \$27,770, eight withdrawals totaling \$6,058, and twenty-five checks totaling \$15,563.

We discussed the cost of replacing the water tank and kitchen hood and repairing the bathroom. Charles suggested raising overnight fees to \$15 per night. Contra Costa thinks this would be too much for their camp. Discussion will continue at the October camp walk through.

Vice President's Report: (Jim for Tammy) Please reserve weekends as soon as possible.

Camp mail can no longer be sent to the post office in Angwin. All mail must be addressed to 805 Las Posadas Rd., Angwin CA 95405. Kerri offered to find out if we will need to install a mailbox or if we will still pick up mail at the post office

Jim announced a plan to form two construction project committees, one for the kitchen and one for the bathroom. Anyone from the board or the community can be on these committees.

Chlorinator: Glen reported that he has gotten approval for the chlorinator from Napa County. He has found an electric chlorinator for \$1200. He is thinking of running wire from girl's camp, a distance of 1600 feet. The cost will be about \$3,000. Solar panels are also a possibility. There is room at the tank for four panels. They are available from Real Goods in Hopland for \$4,200. The panels would have to be removed and stored during the winter. Matt Torrance may be able to get storage batteries from contacts at Interstate. Charles Ferreira thinks we should build a new shed at the tank to protect the chlorinator. Questions were raised about the need for a chlorinator, and the advisability of installing an electric chlorinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Submitted by

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