

Las Posadas Six County Board

September 23, 2019

Attendance: Alameda – Jim Bennett, Jim Richards. Contra Costa- Devon Baldocchi, Kyle Cursi, Marin – Denise Myers, Glenn Parks. Napa – Steven Veveiros, Kerri Abreu, Sarah Macy. Sonoma- Charlotte LeGalee, Dan Lavell, Margaret Close, guest. UCCE – Steven Worker. Guest - Randy Stacy

The meeting was called to order by Kerri Abreu at 7:04

Dan Lavell moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Bennett Reported a balance of \$85,197.88 in the money market account and \$80,647.48 in regular checking.

He said that not all county fees have been received and some are not yet deposited. He expects to deposit between \$20,000 and \$30,000 when all fees are in.

Charlotte asked Steven Worker to look into the Sonoma County fees. They were paid on time and the Sonoma account has been debited that amount. Steven found a record of the debit card due to the board being sent from the state to the mail drop in Napa. Jim has not received it. Steven will investigate.

County Camp Reports

Napa 1: Steven Veveiros referred us to the report they sent to all board members in June. In general, they had a good week. The freezer went out and they would like more racks for the oven.

Contra Costa: No members present.

Marin: Glenn and Denise reported a successful week.

Sonoma 1: Charlotte reported a successful week. There was a major water leak below girl's camp which they repaired.

Sonoma 2: Dan reported that the chlorine level in the tank stayed at the correct level. They did not have to add chlorine.

Napa 2: Kerri reported that they did a major repair on the water line behind the shed. This line was pulled up by the roots of a tree that fell some time ago. Napa rebuilt the line, leveled and buried it. They had one trip to the hospital, but the event was not serious.

Kerri announced that she is taking a year off as the advisor for Napa 2. Someone has agreed to take her place.

Alameda: Jim Bennett reported a good week. They took an injured camper to the hospital on their last day.

Camp Surveys: Steven Worker reported generally positive parent survey results from Sonoma, Marin, and Napa. Survey results from campers and staff are not yet available. There will be a Data Party in January and February to discuss survey results.

Steven announced the State Camping Conference will be held on April 3, 4, and 5, near Sly Park.

Old Business

Pool: Glenn Parks received a letter from Napa County Health regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Law. We will need to replace the pool drain. The current drain was installed in 2010 and is due to be replaced. He has contacted a contractor and has asked County Health if the work can be done in the spring since we don't have access at this time. He will follow through on this project.

Glenn has not been able to get to the pool to repair the fiberglass lining.

Contra Costa Camp report: Kyle Cursi and Devon Baldocchi arrived and reported that they investigated a leak at the pool. Glenn said he thinks the water seen by Contra Costa is coming from the shed. When the pumps are opened, water drains onto the floor and through cracks in the concrete. There is some leakage when filter baskets are opened every day. He thinks the cracks in the pool lining may also contribute to the problem.

Kyle reported that they also repaired some bunks in girl's camp and bought a small extra freezer which they left for others to use.

Bridge Repair: Contractor Dan Janovich was asked to submit a bid and has done so. Kerri has also received an offer from a former 4-Her, Jerry Harris, who teaches construction at Napa High School. He will do the job for nothing. He has worked closely in the past with Mike Desimone from Adobe Lumber who donated the materials. He can possibly get donations if anything else is needed.

Glenn suggested that we ask Dan to send us a bill for his time and that we send him a thank you note. Kerri will contact Dan.

The lumber for the bridge was delivered in May. Contra Costa moved it off the pool road. Kerri wants us to at least cover the wood in case it has to sit there long.

New Business

Meeting with Sate Forester: Dion Hock, Jim Bennett, Kerri Abreu, Kerry Dolphin, and Margaret Close met with Peter Leuzinger and Cal Fire attorney Toby McCartt on September 9, at Las Posadas. Notes from the meeting were shared.

Peter seem to have many issues with the camp. Board members and county volunteers have found it difficult to work with him.

The dumpster was an issue. He felt it was too close to the road and the new station. It sat for too long before it was dumped. He claimed it sat for seven weeks but Kerri pointed out that she acted on his request to move it after just three weeks. He was asked for permission to mow the ball field but was angry when it was done.

Peter has stated that he doesn't get respect from the adults at camp. He feels we are not meeting the education requirements but hasn't actually visited any camps.

Cars on the camp road are a big issue for him, especially if the road is wet. He also objects to cars lining up on the road across from the fire station driveway on drop off days. We agreed that these are legitimate concerns.

He complained that the group that used the camp on Labor Day did not notify him. Kerri looked into it and found they tried several times but found no one present at either station.

He has told Kerri that he will be the one to write our next agreement. Jim Richardson pointed out that DGS has the final say on state owned real estate.

Jim told the board that the lease is gospel to Peter. We may feel we are meeting the terms but Peter may not and he will have the final say.

We agreed to some first steps:

- All board members will become familiar with the terms of the lease. (Available on our website)
- Peter must be notified 48 hours before anyone visits camp. (Peter has said he wants to deal with one person from the board so we need to decide the best way to notify him.)
- No-one will use the road if it is muddy.
- There can be no more than 150 people in camp at one time.
- Counties will compile an education report to share at the October walk-through. Glenn shared Marin County's report which others can use as a model.
- Send the battalion chief a copy of daily camp schedules. (We need to determine who this is and how to contact him.) Kerry Dolphin will also share our calendar with him.
- We will update the rules section of the Las Posadas Camp Manual.

Glenn said that a Marin County volunteer who is also a corporate attorney who specializes in lease agreements is willing to advise us pro bono. Steven Worker suggested we consult with the attorney before negotiating the lease to make sure we are doing all that is required.

Jim Richards has written a draft email to the official at DGS we have dealt with in the past to inquire into renewal of the lease. He and Jim Bennett will work on it and share with the board. Jim Bennett pointed out that only Peter has said that he will make the final decision and it may be a good idea to make contact directly with DGS. Peter may have some input because Las Posadas is named as the property manager.

Walk Through: The walk through will be held Sunday, October 13. Kerri will notify Peter and invite him to attend.

Jim Richards asked if we could ask Peter to attach our gate lock to his lock so we don't have to wait for him to unlock the gate.

Camp Dates: The suggested camp dates were posted and agreed to by all counties.

- June 6-13 Open
- June 13-20 Napa 1
- June 20-27 Contra Costa
- June 27-July 4 Sonoma 1
- July 4 – July 11 Sonoma 2
- July 11 – 18 Marin
- July 18 – July 25 Napa 2
- July 25 – August 1 Alameda

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Submitted by

Margaret Close

