

Topanga Community Club  
General Membership meeting  
March 12, 2009

Call to Order, Review Protocol & Agenda

Review & Approve Prior Meeting Minutes Jaime Read, Julie moved to approve, Jewels 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous

Youth Sports Program: Mark Henley reports that Club will run Topanga Youth Sports program in place of the Y this year. Mostly grade school kids. First game to be mid April, hire coordinator by beginning of April. Community expressed strong approval. 3 candidates have submitted so far, interviews to be next week. Flyers for program with info available.

Topanga Youth Services: Karen Cooke. COME TOGETHER! Needs volunteer men to help set up. Visit [Topangayouthservices.org](http://Topangayouthservices.org) to sign up to help and for tickets.

Topanga Days: Randall Ott, co-ordinator.

- New meeting dates: As of March 26, will be every Thursday at 7:00 PM

Bands he has found that would like to play: Them Terribles, Tincture. Both available for review on myspace. Working on bands, booths, Monica Sheehan on booths, sponsor by 100.3 the sound, \$44,000 worth of media time. Michele spoke representing youth artists and musicians that want to get involved with the emerging artist stage. Brooks spoke offering as much help as wanted: artists, stage personnel, etc. All they need is a stage! Compiling list of people willing to become part of this and take on the responsibilities of the event. Want to give back and will help in any way.

Discussion continued about the groove gulch and the emerging artists stage. Advertising, planned traffic flow, signs, performers leading people in.

Discussion of pricing: 2 hour volunteer = free admission. Suggestion of discount flyer, back door \$10 admission price for sneak in and those unlikely to come. T-days committee has suggested 20 for adults, 15 for 13 to 20, 10 for 7 to 12, under 6 free. Several people spoke about the advantages of a way to attract the sneak-ins.

Music: River of Suns Dinosaur hOrses, Big bne Lick, Swapm Daddy, Tim Horner, Dingus, Tommy Teapole, David Osborne. Open Drum circle, free drum lessons for kids, place to hang out play guitar. Art walk down trail. Large artwork behind musicians. Artists not confirmed: James Mathers, Alice C., Terin Ector, Liberty, etc. Belly dancers between and with the bands, small class with drummers.

Teepees to hang out in. Large canvas for public art work.

Ken Wheeland: Looking for volunteers for kitchen and suggestions of menu. Vegan food suggested, last year's curry was lauded. Healthy, affordable. Ken also needs 1-3 people to run the kitchen. Excellent opportunity to gain experience. Steve volunteered to help.

Poster Contest: Submissions reviewed.

- Jewels moves to extend the deadline for poster submissions as follows: digital submissions by 5 PM or personal submissions at the Topanga Days Meeting next Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 PM. Second by Spira. 5 yea, 1 nay ,3 abstention.

7:40 Programs & Events: Julie thanked Jewels for her work on the Valentines Day Ball. Jewels reported the ball was a great success.

Easter Egg Hunt: Members commented about the religious overtones and overly-competitive spirit of the "hunt". Suggeston to bring in native American ceremony as non-denominational historical demonstration and celebration of the environs.

Membership: V-day had new member sign ups. Lisa is working on membership information flyer.

Correspondence: membership email list is being cleaned up. Website is being cleaned up.

CHAC chair: Stephanie Lallouz has stepped down for 6 months and co-chair Ken Widen will take over. Ken was here earlier but was in an auto accident at the bottom of the hill and went back down to help the other persons involved.

- Jane asks that Board review rental rates.
- Asks for review of artificial turf to remove constant maintenance and expense of lawn

CHIC: Further discussion has been made with Bill Buerge, Billy Portman for "bricks n mortar" adopt-a step campaign. Seeking wedding pictures from past events. Ken Wheeland suggests speaking to Sparky Greene about landscaping and holding weddings.

Treasurer: Andrea mentioned some projects that could be performed for Eagle Scout projects. Bulletin board cover, new water heater shed, Joe's Greenhouse, new garden, kitchen cupboards.

- Send suggestions for eagle scout projects to [Martin.marsh@gmail.com](mailto:Martin.marsh@gmail.com)

Jewels mentioned a member is looking to rent a commercial kitchen one day a week. Time frame would be determined by CHAC, as would rental rate.

New House office manager webmail: [tcc.help@gmail.com](mailto:tcc.help@gmail.com)

Part-time house manager position available: Dana had to leave because her old job needed her back full time. Temporary manager Anastasia Fite.

Also seeking book keeper, freelance position 4-5 hours per week.

Bylaws Committee Report: Lee Michaelson felt that bylaws motion was not properly noticed

Motion: Bylaws Amendment Discussion. Motion read aloud

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS. A motion to amend the bylaws was presented in writing, at the February General Membership Meeting, on February 12, 2009, for consideration that would make the CHIC, CHAC, and Topanga Days Committee Chair positions into Board officers, and require their election by the General Membership. THE MOTION READS AS FOLLOWS: "Motion to amend the bylaws to allow the CHIC, CHAC, and Topanga Days Committee Chairs to be voting Board members upon election by the General Membership"

- Discussion ensued before vote was called. 0 ayes, 6 Opposed, 5 abstentions

Community Partnerships with other Non-Profits discussed: Chamber of Commerce display, Co-op partnership.

Food Drive – ongoing, at every meeting or any time please drop off non-perishable food items for donation to persons in need. Randall suggests food drive as T-Days admission

Office Equipment: we have requested donations from our membership and the community. Thanks to Marty for a computer and Ken Widen for a desk.

- Still need shelving units, cabinets. Please call 310-455-1980 to determine usefulness of item and arrange drop off/pick up.

Senior dinner and programs discussed.

- Looking to build senior programs. Next senior dinner will be at 6 PM on Friday April 3.
- Linda Rodde benefit event discussed. Former co-op teacher. Event is April 11, please tell your friends and get people to help out and to come.

Debbie Ryder heard about the theme and tribute to the Corral, volunteered archival photos, will contact old bands that played corral. Suggestion to honor her parents as Grand Marshall of parade.

Recap Approved Actions

9:29 Meeting Adjourned