

April 9, 2009 TCC General Meeting Minutes

- Minutes read. Motion to approve by Jaime, second by Jane. Unanimous.

Sports program – introduce Paul, new sports coordinator. All age brackets except 14-16 are filling out. Enrollment near break-even point for TCC program costs (not including incidental and field expenses). Still need a few coaches. Members excited and helping.

Next phase of program discussed: summer hard for sports, golf a suggestion. Pick up youth games in fall. Football one possibility, but has fallen flat in past. Possibly will promote football and soccer to see what the interest level is.

Camp: idea being floated. Paul feels that if there are able body volunteers, maybe it will work, but competition is already sending out flyers. Might be better next year. Suggestion to undercut the prices of well-appointed rivals. Mentions benefits of getting someone like Oleg, a core-strength program developer, to provide a turn-key program.

Tricia mentioned dance classes and art classes as being community wants; also expressed need for more teen programs. Discussion of TYS and how to tie together with sports program.

Suggestion of two-week skill-builder program.

- Adrian moves to convene an ad-hoc committee to discuss of summer programs. Second by Andrea. Unanimous.

TYS: Karen Cooke not present. May show up late, will be revisited if she does.

- Karen to be asked to appear at Topanga Days and program meetings.

Topanga Days: winning poster shown, as developed for advertisement. Discussion of advertising.

Band selection nearly finalized.

Taking bids on sound and staging. Considering a second stage to the left of main stage, use main stage for games.

Parade: The Peace Alliance has agreed to take on Parade Coordination. It will be the “Topanga Memorial Day Peace Parade”. Meeting Tuesday at Pat’s Grill.

Michelle Acker agreed to help as ticket booth coordinator.

Monica Sheehan confirmed additional sponsorship funds from beer provider.

Self-contained organic food truck and popcorn will be available on the field.

Raffle: prizes including signed music equipment.

Lisa talking to wine company. Randall approaching another winery.

- Jane moves that members that joined in December 2008 be considered current for this year. Second by Paul. Discussion. Friendly amendment to make the date starting November 2008. Friendly amendment to move the date to September 2008. Amendment accepted. 9 ayes, 3 nays, 1 abstention. Passed.
- Lisa to check to see if any recent sign-ups would have been included in this "grace period"

Searching for Ford sponsor contact information.

- Jaime moves to authorize Randall to offer Versa 10% to pursue Ford sponsor. Second by Jane. Friendly amendment to authorize Randall to start at 10% and go up to 15% in negotiation with Versa. Randall to wait until next Wednesday.

Final motion: If Andrea is unsuccessful at locating the sponsorship information by next Wednesday, Randall is authorized to offer Versa 10%, 15%, then 20% to pursue the Ford sponsorship of at least \$4,000 6 yay, 1 nay, 3 abstentions.

Randall brings up need for online virtual terminal for advance ticket sales.

Programs: Saturday is Easter egg hunt. Bunny is ready.

- Egg Hunt email blast to go out Friday.
- Garden: meeting this Saturday 2:00 – 3:30 on the ballfield. Peter Alsop spearheading.

Finance: Sports program generated over \$12,000 including new memberships. Also have received donation of \$1500 with matching funds of \$3000 (total \$4,500). T-Days Booth income also coming in.

Treasurer report: property taxes are paid. Bank status/balance sheet were for review.

Membership: New membership program in effect before T-Days. Discussion of online sign up process and status. Paper mailing costs discussed. Will discuss annual membership timeframe, and the T-Days 3-day pass to the membership sign-up.

- Jane moves that the Membership mailer be sent that includes the options to renew membership, renew membership and purchase three day passes, and offer of three-day pass only. Jaime seconds. Discussion: should it include schedule of Topanga Days? Make the mailer "Topanga Thymes": one page on membership, sports program, t-days bands, mail-in form. Randall to do T-days page, Adrian to do programs. Might be too ambitious, maybe just membership and three-day pass. FINAL DECISION: Mailer to include membership info, list of headliners, and three-day pass sale offer. Unanimous.

Correspondence: email list cleaned up. New members emails will be sent to Marty to add to list.

Insurance: Marty is not getting any response from insurers. Sports program needs to be addressed. Concern that agency is not responding.

CHAC: Ken Widen new Chair. New rates presented to Board. New process for rentals to streamline and expedite simple rentals. Film screening idea.

Earth Day coming up April 20. Joey notes that Earth Day schedule shows it goes to 9:00 PM, concern it is rather late. Membership request to discuss Earth Day for next year, should it be a TCC sponsored event rather than a rental. Has been an option in the past, but converted to a rental in recent years.

- Board to discuss future Earth Day events, TCC sponsorship, rental rates.
- Future agenda: after T-Days, Board needs to discuss lawn options.
- Floor: replaced previously, not supposed to crack (but it did). Consider a wood floor. Randall suggests staining the floor to look like flagstone, cracks would disappear.
- CHAC needs to repair major cracks near fireplace and ladies bathroom for safety before t-days.

Oleg came to speak about potential new sports program: physical education after school. 2-3 times a week during school, camp on school breaks. Family oriented, adults and children. Has experience at Topanga elementary.

Earth Day: no security deposit, only a holding deposit. Did Earth Day use standard CHAC contract? Power requirements? Insurance rider? People leaving in the dark - lights? Security for 2000 people?

CHAC is not supposed to approve contracts with events over 300 people without Board approval – why is this contract just surfacing now?

- Adrian to contact Stephanie with list of concerns: noise, time, safety, security, lights.
- Board to inform Ken that future contracts for large events or with over 300 people are not to be approved without Board approval.

Bylaws committee: to reconvene after Topanga Days.

- Jane to contact Lee Michaelson about rescheduling next meeting.

Dogs: how to enforce the no-dogs rule. We love your dog but our insurance does not. Maybe more signs.

- Request for animal shelter fundraiser on Halloween during day, has dogs but brings own insurance. CHAC offered for \$4,000, renter asked for \$2,000 for first year. To be considered by Board.

Recap of action items

Meeting adjourned, 10:30 PM