



Topanga Community Club

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12-3-09 TCC Board Meeting Minutes (Originally scheduled 11-26-09 but postponed for Thanksgiving)

Jeff from Easy Turf presented samples and information about artificial turf, including lease programs that may be more cost effective than watering.

Jaime read the minutes from 10-22-09. Minor corrections.

* Julie moves that the minutes be approved subject to confirmation of the \$300 charge to the Musician's Picnic for grass repair. Second by Adrian, passed unanimously.

Adrian reports that the Sheriff's department meeting about Topanga Days specifically mentioned the need to obtain a Temporary Use Permit for any big event that has admission price and amplified music. Depending on size of event, a health department monitor may be required to check decibel levels, etc. Cost is \$185, plus submission of proper paperwork. Permit processor Jared indicated he will point the club towards other jurisdictional authorities that could require permits for a particular event.

Clark Lawsuit: Discussion is limited to the public record and the written lawsuit records. Julie reports that witnessed have been deposed, additional witnesses are to be deposed after the new year.

* Mark would like to bring the matter to discussion at a closed meeting at the end of the proceedings.

Video: Jane working on logging tape, plans to have complete over xmas holiday. Jesse's video will be put together after that.

The 2009 TCC Board Officers President Adrian Wright, First Vice President Mark Henly, Second Vice President Julie Levine, Third VP Lisa Salloux, Corresponding Secretary Marty Marsh, Recording Secretary Jaime Scher, and Treasurer Andrea Makshonoff officially announced the 2010 TCC Board Officers:

President Adrian Wright
First Vice President Jaynie Shuman
Second Vice President Ken Widen
Third Vice President Julie Levine
Corresponding Secretary Liam Gunst
Recording Secretary Jaime Scher
Treasurer Andrea Makshonoff

Outgoing officers welcomed the incoming arrivals.

Mark Nygard reports on the CUP progress. Has had meetings with Co_op about locations, Shelly Coulson (planning expediter) who will help when needed. Mapping person required, one bid already presented. Alan Boivin, Mark to get two more bids. Shelly recommends getting this one ASAP.

Discussion about relocating storage trailers to existing "cited" cut spot. Building slab and small pony wall in storage container area for co-op use, same spot also desired for wedding garden.

Additional items for CUP application. "Snack shack" 15x30 by ballfield for concession sales, storage. Also, chair storage area; outside staircase.

Several members mentioned that it is equally important to move slowly and "cross all the t's" as it is to rush through the steps towards compliance.

- Adrian moves that Jewels Nation, Julie McNally and Jaynie be authorized to coordinate food and clothing drive. Second by Julie. Drive to last 2 weeks; suggestion to use recycling bins. Not to burden Anastasia. Passed unanimously.

Marty passed the email list to Liam, discussed using the drupal site to send email and updating the tcc site beyond drupal.

The Board and all in attendance wished Joe Pileggi a happy birthday and gave him a cake.

Anastasia notes the need to approve a rental rate increase for long_term renters.

Planet Topanga events and personnel are changing but still interest is ongoing as quarterly events.

Copier/printer is working again for now, investigation into replacement options.

Joe notes that there are so many renters that he does not have much time for periodic maintenance. Would like two days per month dedicated to cleaning and maintenance, particularly Sundays. Adrian suggests "dark days" when work can be done, suggests trained replacements for days Joe cannot be present.

- Joe to coordinate list of dates when he can work with Anastasia.

CHAC: lighter duties since Anastasia took over booking and rental duties. Still concerned with maintenance and use. Long_term renters need to take a place on the committee. Suggestions to make CHAC attendance mandatory for percentage of meetings/maintenance days, or to charge more for those who do not attend.

- Request for CHAC to suggest ways that renters can help with cleaning and maintenance.

CHIC priorities: Cupboards in the kitchen, fill some holes with asphalt, steps to ballfield.

Community House Garden: Ken met with an agriculturalist from the LA Arboretum who will help plan out the garden plot.

Treasurer: needs help decorating for Children's Party and packing gifts. Coordinating with Karla and Lisa to make sure tree doesn't get removed after party.

Chili Cook_Off/Swap Meet net approximately \$2300 before coordinator's cut is taken out.

Sixtieth B_day party not profitable.

Andrea discussed painting white lines on the driveway to keep parked cars from blocking Fire Department access.

- Andrea moves that at the end of this term, the TCC Board shall remove outgoing First VP Mark Henley, Membership VP Lisa Salloux, and Corresponding Secretary Marty Marsh as signatories from any bank accounts. President Adrian Wright, Treasurer Andrea Makshonoff, and Third VP Julie Levine are to remain as signatories. Incoming First VP Ken Widen, Second VP Jaynie Shuman are to be added as signatories. Second by Julie. Passed unanimously.

- * Adrian moves that Treasurer Andrea Makshonoff and Recording Secretary Jaime Scher remain and that President Adrian Wright and Third VP Julie Levine be added as signatories to the Citibank account. Second by Andrea, passed unanimously.

Topanga Nights: operated at a loss again, program must be reworked.

- Sound meeting with Theatricum: Anastasia to set up sound level test after the New Year, Neil volunteered to assist. Jane requests help moving the equipment for the test.

Earth Day: concerns that the Sheriff's TUP requirement should not shut down or restrict. Stephanie to be asked to make a presentation at next General membership meeting. Discussion noted that advertising must be approved prior to distribution, though Earth Day website already is up with unapproved days and times. Some suggested that the Earth Day rental rate should be raised in accordance with the success of the Event. Additional concerns were that the Earth Day contract should reflect the actual days the property is used, and should specify donation of charitable funds to the TCC.

Topanga Days Committee Meeting needed to get music acts booked. Neil reports that Dennis Fink has volunteered to help with sound this year in exchange for a plane ticket.

- * The General Meeting on December 10 will be held at Rocco's since the House is booked with the Nutcracker final dress rehearsal. Notice to be sent to membership.

December Board meeting is on Christmas, will be postponed until January 7, 2010. Jaime will be unable to attend; Adrian to record the meeting.

- Marty to send notice to the membership of the updated meeting information.

Marty has scheduled meetings with Liam to transfer the reins. The Board and those in attendance thanked Marty for his efforts.

- Adrian and Anastasia to examine dates for the next T_Days meeting.

Sports program upcoming dates, projected expenditures and income will be sent by Adrian via email for discussion.

Neil asked when are minutes and agendas posted? Jaime reported that he has been posting the draft and final approved minutes on web site usually on the day following the meeting, and explained that one has to register for free and log in to the current website to view them. Agendas are generally posted when they are received.

Chili contest: Nancy Crater in Singapore sent Neil the traditional “rules” for Jewels’ use.

Neil reports that he has a colleague who will donate a large_format sound console if TCC develops a program of instruction.

- Adrian to discuss with Karen Cooke about the TCC starting a program to educate youth in the operation of the audio equipment if it is donated. Second by Mark.

Adrian read a letter from Jan Moore regarding her appreciation of the 60th birthday event.

Adrian moves to adjourn, second by Julie.