

Topanga Community Club

General Meeting October 11, 2012

In attendance: Joe Pileggi, Jerry, Neil Shaw, Rick Provisor, Dayna Miller, Lisa Caserta, Rebecca Caterall, Jane McAllister, Andrea Makshonoff, Anastasia Fite, Holly Alsop, Joelle Alsop, Rebecca Nygard, Jaime Scher, Gary Jensen, Mark Nygard, Gabrielle Lamirand, Jayni Shuman, Dorothy Reik, Arthur Nissman, Mark Henley, Amit Gilad, Brendan Halleran, Charlie Converse, a few others who signed in.

President's report: CUP is in traffic report phase. TCC combining efforts with Theatricum for mutual benefit in passing this phase. Caretaker's trailer reinvigoration well under way. Thanks to Rick Herron for much donated time and energy to make this happen at a very low cost.

Ivy Mumby memorial bench in place.

* Formal dedication to take place at Christmas Senior's Dinner.

Rain gutters – have good route for new gutters in places that need them, replace ones that are falling. Alex Wright donating labor at cost to paint eaves prior to gutter installation.

Well – Mark assembling team to replace well pump that is failing.

Gary described some more of the work that is being done to improve the property.

Jayni Shuman reported the electrical room has been reorganized.

Topanga Days committee: Randy Renner excited to be the parade grand marshall. Venice will take part if available.

Arthur Nissman feels that he would be more effective at growing membership with help from people from other age groups. He suggested that delegates be found for other age groups, under 25, 25-44 and above 45, and that first the various groups could be polled to see what they are looking for and want from the club. He also wants to utilize the Messenger to portray that the club has a multidimensional attitude catering to the different age groups in the canyon.

Arthur was asked about clearing trees along the boulevard by a CERT disaster preparation team member. The particulars of what can and cannot be cut by us, and what should or should not be cut by us was discussed. The Board indicated that they would permit the trees along the boulevard to be trimmed within legal boundaries.

* Arthur will find out what they intend to cut and report to the Board.

Dorothy discussed organizing a Twitter account for the club.

- Lisa Caserta volunteered to run a twitter account. Neil volunteered to host a meeting at his house to organize the computer side of it.

Grill night - square dance events described, volunteers to help sought, particularly from 7-9PM. Suggestion to move the time earlier on Sunday nights, add similar events for Saturday nights when people can stay out later.

Next grill Night square dance will be on October 21, 2012.

Gabrielle reported current accounting for month. \$62,900 current net from Topanga Days but seems the CHP may be double billing, final number expected to be more like \$68,000.

TYS – Karen Cooke not present. Programs discussed, ways to increase attendance.

Sports program, Paul Parzik not present.

* Minutes from September 27, 2012 read and approved.

The New Membership Term bylaw amendment: the membership period will run 12 months from the first day of the month in which the member joins.

Motion read and discussed. This will allow more flexible membership dates by creating 12 “renewal dates” per year, rather than the January first renewal date currently in effect, but not allowing 365 potential dates which would create tremendous extra work for the membership chair and other staff.

* Membership term bylaw amendment motion approved.

Nominations:

All Current Board members have agreed to run for re-election. Brooks Ellis agreed to accept nomination to run for first VP of Programs and Events. Clarification that he meant 1st VP as maintenance.

Holly Alsop nominated for corresponding secretary.

Andrea Makshonoff nominated for Treasurer.

Anastasia Fite nominated for Corresponding Secretary.

Mark Henley noted that the existing nominating committee did not meet the requirements for the five persons required, and as such the committee was not proper. He moved that a proper nominating/elections committee with two co-chairs be formalized tonight, the Board to appoint the co-chair. Neil Shaw suggested that this new committee then accept the work product of the committee. Seconded by Jaime. Passed with majority approval.

Nominating Committee consists of Mark Henley, Dayna Miller, Ken Widen, Julie Levine, Becky Nygard.

- Neil moves to accept the nomination/election committee’s report, the nominees accepted, and nominations be closed, seconded by Dorothy. Passed.

Candidates can present statements and pictures to Messenger, due ASAP. Send to tcc.dayna@yahoo.com

Mark thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to use this election as an opportunity to bring more people in the community together to make the club stronger.

Meeting Adjourned, 9:12 PM.