

Minutes from 8/8/13 General Membership Meeting

Members present:

Board members Mark Nygard, Dorothy Reik, Arthur Nissman, Gabrielle Lamirand,

Also Elaine Hanson, Maggie Lopez, Karla Morrison, Mark Henley, Rebecca Nygard, Michael Augello, Rebecca Catterall, Bonnie Morgan, Dayna Miller, others.

Meeting came to order at 7:03 pm

Pres. Mark Nygard started off by apologizing to any members present the July 11 General membership meeting and the reportedly negative or unruly behavior displayed by one or more board members.

President's Report:

The 4th annual Reggae Festival was a big success. Mark Nygard is very happy with Brooks' and Amit's hard work and growing ability to resolve problems as they arise.

Yoga Festival presented some major problems regarding the violation of event agreement. Issues were dealt with for the time being, but presents a need for guarding against such problems for future events.

Working with *Edison & Verizon* about getting underground facilities under way. Bonnie raised a question re: wireless connection; how it could be improved, especially in certain areas on the property.

Old Business:

Last month's General Membership Meeting notes/minutes are on hold (not to be approved or posted yet) until they can be reviewed/revised to reflect a more orderly and objective demeanor.

CUP News: Septic Inspection Report results reveal that it is approved... very good news.

Mission Statement was read by Gabrielle Lamirand.

Treasurer's Report: Gabrielle

June numbers available: \$96,000 available in checking balance, with \$85,000 transferred to account after several improvements were made over past 2 mos. *(Some discussion at this point over other improvements: needed to replace old*

appliances like freezer and also going solar at some point in the near future.)

2012 Tax return is available for anyone who wants to view it.

No figure for Reggae event profits yet, but estimate is about \$12,000 net.

Membership Report: Arthur

Bonnie raised issue that the TCC does not enforce membership status, so would like to introduce a process of creating membership cards so that members can know when their membership expires, especially since membership is now established from the time they enroll. Suggestion was made that new software is available that can deal with these issues.

Playground funding info:

Monies raised so far: \$60,000.

President Mark Nygard took this time to clear the air about the playground funding misunderstandings from the last General meeting, especially regarding Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Office. As Mark Nygard explained previously in an email sent to the TCC Board, July 29, 2013, he reiterated to members present how much Zev's office and administration has contributed to the TCC and to the Topanga community in general over the years.

Arthur reminded everyone that the "Build Week" takes place the week of October 21, 2013.

Miscellaneous:

Treasurer Gabrielle Lamirand brought up a question: Does the TCC have a fire emergency plan to follow, especially if an emergency occurs during an event/rental? If not, one should be put in place asap. Anyone with ideas, please call Gabrielle.

TCC Board Election 2013:

Tonight's August 2013 General Meeting is the designated time to establish the Election committee for the annual Election for the 2014 Board of Directors on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

Discussion began with Dayna asking if membership list should be available to the candidates. There was discussion that members' name could be shared, but no other particulars; email addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Elaine suggested that a membership privacy policy be determined and posted on the website. It was determined that it would be an issue for the Election committee

to resolve.

Mark Henley commented that the 2 things that bothered him the most from last year's election process were:

1. Slate emails that *appeared* to be from the TCC
2. Employees should not chair or co-chair the committee.

This year's committee should work to avoid this happening again.

It was asked who could attend the election committee meetings. It was agreed that per the Bylaws, meetings should be open, but interpreted to mean that a nonmember does not have the right to participate in decisions made, or display disruptive behavior.

At this time volunteers to make up the Election Committee were counted and signed up:

Maggie Lopez, Elaine Hanson, Karla Morrison, Mark Henley, Rebecca Nygard, Michael Augello, Kelly Rockwell and Miwa Morishita.

The last two communicated by email/phone their desire to volunteer.

Date set for 1st Election Committee meeting: August 14, 2013 @ 7pm.

Meeting was then adjourned.