

**Inter Canyon League  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
Tuesday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 by President Sarkissian.

**II. General Discussion & Announcements**

**a. Appointment of new ICL Director**---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Steve Duff agreed to replace Valerie Mitchell, who resigned last month.

**b. SCC, update and approval of donation**---Carolyn Hayden and Francesca Duff

The Silverado Children's Center is now serving 24 students: 20 preschool and 4 school-age.

According to the director, they are now at maximum enrollment and have started a waiting list. A goal now is to hire another teacher.

Idea: A Friends of Canyon Kids ICL committee could be formed. Besides SCC, it could help with the annual Halloween party. Kevin Topp mentioned that a Friends of Silverado Children's Center group has already been started.

Based on the improved SCC situation, the ICL board approved donation of the remaining \$500 conditionally promised earlier this year.

**c. BINGO fundraiser, sponsorship by ICL**---Kevin Topp

Kevin plus John Olson of the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District presented information they collected about running Bingo games as a possible ICL/SMRPD monthly activity. Regulations include licensing (\$125 for three years), naming officers (estimate: \$44 per year), having a separate bank account, and a separate room for children during games. ICL could be the sponsoring organization, renting space from SMRPD but retaining any profit. Janet Wilson and Steve Duff wondered if this would align with ICL's mission. The ICL board would like more time to consider this.

**d. Ideas for guest speakers, who and what topics you'd like?**---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Ideas from various members:

Speakers on oak borers and other threats to local trees

Rain barrel/grey water use: the Ecology Center, or Irvine Ranch Water District?

Code Enforcement

Birding or Wildlife care

Inside The Outdoors (who has traveling speakers)

Drought-resistant plants, Theodore Payne Foundation

Saddle Crest development court decision

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the March meeting were approved 4-0.

**IV. Directors Reports**

**a. President**---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

**b. Secretary**---Scott Breeden

No report.

**c. Treasurer**---Linda May

1. Not much activity. Financial report approved 4-0.

2. Unrestricted funds are about \$2500. We need to think about raising money.

**d. Vice-President---Steve Duff**

A recent concern is possible development in the Irvine Mesa area of Silverado. Impacts could be access to the mesa from Anderson Way, plus traffic. Pam Ragland said there are two parcels owned by The Wildlands Conservancy. Is the owner having financial difficulties? Is this a case of a land trust set up to make money?

Geoff said that the owners should be sent a copy of the Sil-Mod Plan. Steve said that the Saddle Crest "precedence clause" lets the county approve whatever they like if it is in "overall harmony" with the plan. The recent plan changes need to be undone.

Wireless regulations: Steve said that Dean Brown, local resident and Vice-President of the California Wireless Association was helpful. Local concern is aesthetics of cell towers in the canyons. CAWA doesn't want to spend a lot of money on each change to a wireless facility like a cell tower.

Janet Wilson sent a personal letter to Supervisor Spitzer about apparent violations at the Abbey site in Silverado.

**e. Director--Janet Wilson**

No report (absent).

V. **Advisory Committee Reports**

**a. Canyon Watch---Connie Nelson**

Thanks to all who helped dig out Heidi and the Walters. Two tractors were used, and an invoice of \$300 remains to be paid.

Connie would like to spend some money (maybe \$2000) to fix continued reliability issues with the radio repeater. She is getting information from Gene Robinson and the Sheriff's Department. Perhaps unauthorized use of frequencies could also be addressed. Linda May and Geoff requested a budget, quotes, bids, etc.

**b. Emergency Disaster Preparedness --- Joanne Hubble**

The emergency equestrian center at the Silverado School site is moving forward. The county facility at the mouth of Modjeska will also be available.

**c. Friends of the Library--- Fran Williams**

There will be a swap meet fundraiser this Saturday and Sunday (4/11-4/12). Volunteers are needed to set up, take down, and donate items.

**d. Sil-Mod Plan Committee---Steve Duff for Janet Wilson**

See Steve's Director's report.

**e. Fund Raising---open**

Someone should step forward and look into the Bingo possibility.

**f. Canyon Accessibility Network---Linda May**

**g. Grants--- open**

No report.

**h. Communications Committee--- Geoffrey Sarkissian and Maurine Vohl**

No report.

**i. Bylaws, Rules & Procedures ---Bob Hunt**

No report.

**j. Fair Committee (inactive) ---Jane Bove**

No report.

VI. **Adjournment:**

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held: May 5, 2015\*\*\***

**In Modjeska**