

**Inter Canyon League  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Vice President Sarkissian.

**II. General Announcements**

Saddleback Canyon Riders (SCR) representatives Jim Iacono (President) and Rich Gomez (Emergency Response Team) presented news about Trabuco Canyon's Live Oak Stables, (the Saddle Club property). The Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) recently bought the land for mitigation purposes, preserving habitat there in exchange for construction elsewhere. SCR would like TCA to allow continued public use of the stables, which occupy a small part of the property. SCR is encouraging people to ask Supervisor Spitzer to support a public/private arrangement such as stable management by the former Coto de Caza stable operators who recently lost their lease. Janet Wilson added that the Inter-Canyon League's non-profit status would not allow it to endorse a commercial stable.

**III. Director Reports**

**a. President---Janet Wilson**

No report.

**b. Vice President---Geoffrey Sarkissian**

No report.

**c. Secretary---Scott Breeden**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July meeting were approved 5-0.

**d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff**

There has not been much activity recently. Both the June and July financial reports were approved 5-0.

**e. Director---Dion Sorrell**

The July 23-July 27 children's Shakespeare camp was “wildly successful,” with enrollment capped at 18. So the county would now like to sponsor five weeks next year.

A professional theater troupe will offer a 45-60minute Shakespeare presentation August 18 at the Modjeska House. Admission is free, and includes a tour of the house, but people must sign up for it online.

**IV. Advisory Committee Reports**

**a. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Marion Schuller, Emily Graham**

Marion recommended that everyone “keep their eyes peeled” for unusual activity—drive off the beaten path, be aware, take notes. She also posted some radio information on Next Door—see her if interested further.

Six-year Modjeska resident Emily introduced herself, saying she was looking forward to volunteering with Fire Watch.

Cle Robinson provided handouts giving additional radio information, such as an example of a base station and portable unit. Radio lifespan is around ten years. Cle recommended

keeping a base station with trickle charger and external antenna on 24/7; the battery lasts about two days without a charge. A “decent” RCA handheld radio costs about \$500.

**b. Fair---**Jane Bove

This year's Silverado Fair will be the weekend of October 13-14. Bands are lined up, booth applications are coming in, and T shirts are now being worked on. Volunteer help will be needed. The ICL will be selling tickets, beer and wine. A motion for ICL to take on security arrangements, license, and insurance for alcohol sales passed 5-0.

**c. Septic---**Janet Wilson, Marion Schuller, etc.

Janet said that currently, in the event of a septic tank “blowout,” state law might need to be followed since Orange County does not have an approved Local Alternative Management Program (LAMP). The county's proposed LAMP is tentatively scheduled for a September vote by the Regional Water Board. Janet said that remaining concerns include minimum lot size for future development, consideration for gray water in septic requirements, and the fact that ordinances implementing the LAMP have not yet been drafted; she would like ICL to write a letter to the county and the Regional Board.

It was mentioned that the O'Neill/Whiting Ranch Park area has sewers.

**d. Land Use---**Janet Wilson, Scott Breeden

Rich Gomez said that nothing needs to be done about the Red Rock Gardens case yet; lawyers are “doing discovery.”

Zach Kantor from The Wildlands Conservancy said he's been working on getting conservation easements for the Irvine Mesa. Judy Myers added that the History Committee found some biological studies, etc. in the Silverado-Modjeska Specific Plan appendix.

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

The summer reading program was a “huge success;” it included adult and teen programs. The final day was also the one-year anniversary of the new library.

At the Silverado fair, Friends of the Library will once again offer baked goods and gift quality items for sale to help the library. Wanted: “warm bodies” as well as bakers and donors.

The fair and the Christmas boutique are now the only two annual library fundraisers.

The library's children's programs are enormously successful, thanks partly to partnership with the Silverado Children's Center. Perhaps some Children's Center parents would be willing to help out the library.

**f. Emergency Preparedness---**Joanne Hubble, Connie Nelson

Joanne reported that the Holy Fire is expected to be contained in a week. She also said the the Orange County Fire Authority has agreed to pay for a new local phone book and annual updates; she will send email.

Connie said that a lot got done in two meetings on coordination for animals during fires.

Attendees included the Orange County Fire Authority, OC Parks, OC Animal Care, and San Juan Capistrano's Large Animal Response Team. Connie provided the Sheriff's Department with an Excel spreadsheet of large animals in the canyons; Vicki Osborn of that department will add maps. Connie would also like to compile an “Over 70” list of people for deputies to check on in emergencies.

The Barricade fire blocking gel demonstration went well. If interested in this for your house, you can contact Connie, who's a distributor.

**g. Safety---**Lora Meadows, Geoff Sarkissian

Lora reported that the safety survey conducted on Silverado Canyon Road showed that everyone was going much greater than 25mph. The next step should be enforcement. Lora is stepping down from the committee and will pass the survey results to Geoff.

**h. Communications---**Dion Sorrell, Francesca Duff

The GoDaddy and Google licenses were renewed. Current work includes adding videos to the ICL web site.

**i. History---**Melody McWilliams

After initially organizing and cataloging some of the archive material, the committee is now starting to digitize it. New supplies include acid-free paper and an external hard drive. About \$267 has been spent (out of \$1,625 allocated).

**V. New Business**

None.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held September 4, 2018 at the Silverado Community Center \*\*\***