

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM Silverado Community Center**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

This year's "Fire and Ice" program will take place September 19 at the library site, with fire retardant product demonstrations at 6pm and speakers (including SC Edison) at 7pm.

"Chipper Day," sponsored by the Fire Safe Council and Trails for All, will be September 21 across from the Silverado Community Center. No electronics or hazardous waste will be accepted, but green waste and old tires are OK.

III. Special Presentation: Canyon Watch Calls—Anthony Mack

Anthony Mack of Silverado presented a slide show about Canyon Watch activity during the 2007 Santiago Fire, and he encouraged people to participate in Canyon Watch or Fire Watch at a volunteer level with which they are comfortable. This could mean simply adding one's name to a list of people willing to be contacted for help in an emergency. Beyond that, volunteers could monitor Canyon Watch radio communications, or patrol roads on red flag days and/or transmit information via the Silverado and Modjeska repeater antennas (some training required). Block captains, familiar with particular neighborhoods, might go door to door spreading word of evacuation orders, for instance. Very cheap hand-held radios can be used to listen to the repeaters (and communicate with each other), but transmitting over the repeaters requires radios costing \$100 or more, plus licensing. Cle Robinson recommended five-watt units with digital readouts and extra batteries. Other radio types include mobile (car) units, and base stations, which can be programmed (the "Mack mute") to come on when an emergency signal is received. Ideally, battery or solar power should be available in case of power blackouts.

It was suggested that the Inter-Canyon League could help volunteers with expenses, such as by maintaining an inventory of radios to check out. A meeting of all current block captains was scheduled for September 24 at the Silverado Community Center.

IV. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

On September 28, a Shakespeare performance at the Modjeska House will take place in the morning for Modjeska Foundation docents and invited guests, followed by a public performance at noon.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

The minutes of the August ICL meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

Canyon Watch spent about \$120 on repeater repairs. It was suggested that block captains be given radios. Reportedly there is such a radio at the Silverado market but employees do not know how to use it. The financial report was approved 4-0.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Emily Graham, Connie Nelson

Emily (Modjeska Fire Watch) is talking to Bic Edwards (Silverado Canyon Watch). Keith Edwards wondered if ICL's generator could be used at the Silverado Community Center in emergencies—there might be a problem using the building's solar panels . Connie said the generator might be useful for lights, etc. in a triage situation.

b. Country Fair---Jane Bove

The Silverado fair will be open 9am-9pm October 12-13. Signup sheets were passed around for volunteering to help at the admission booth, the ICL drink ticket booth, the saloon, and for fairgrounds setup/take-down. Fran Williams wondered about using NextDoor to ask for help. Geoff termed beer/wine sales an easy assignment. It's not clear who will help with parking; Connie said high schools might give students credit for community service.

c. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Linda May would like to move ICL's generator out of her garage. Could it be stored at the Silverado Community Center?

d. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

The summer reading program was successful, as was the library's 90th anniversary celebration featuring a display of archive material. And the library's services for children have apparently been so good that the children's librarian received a promotion—to a different branch. A replacement will be hired.

Friends of the Library will once again have items for sale at the Silverado fair (inside the Hunt building). They are currently requesting donations of “top quality garage sale stuff,” baked goods, and labor.

e. History---Melody McWilliams

Fran reported that a computer was donated to the committee, and that they will be meeting with local library branch manager Jon Gilliom to discuss possible collaboration.

f. Communications---Francesca Duff, Dion Sorrell

No report.

g. Land Use---Scott Breeden

No report.

VI. New & Old Business

a. Mail & package delivery in the canyons---Greg Bates

No report.

b. Halloween party for kids

Fran said that someone will be asking ICL for a donation for the annual Silverado party; Modjeska is OK.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held October 1, 2019 at the Silverado Community Center *****