

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming**

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements & Discussion

- a.** Window-stickers and access to the canyons: Joanne Hubble, Marion Schuller, Susan Hardy.

Joanne summarized action taken in response to parking problems from too many canyon visitors during the COVID crisis. Trail closures and temporary No Parking signs at Black Star Canyon did not work. Cars parked in Modjeska threatened fire station access. Joanne talked to county agencies like OC Parks and the Sheriff's Department. The county replaced the temporary No Parking signs with more permanent temporary signs, and Marion created window stickers to identify cars of canyon residents: these are available at the post Silverado post office with proof of residence (utility bill). The first two per household are free; others are a dollar each. A Gofundme campaign netted \$611 which covered the cost of 1,250 stickers. Sheriff deputies will knock on doors before ticketing cars in No Parking zones in front of houses.

Janet Wilson mentioned the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary parking lot. It belongs to them, but Francesca Duff said that it has been closed to prevent overnight parking.

Jesse Peterson added that people are also taking advantage of private property, using motorcycles and 4-wheel drive vehicles on land that normally only accommodates hikers.

- b.** Canyon needs during the COVID crisis: What are our special needs? How can the ICL help address those needs? Could FEMA grant money help?

Geoff Sarkissian met with Linda May, who said that grants under \$100,000 were easier to get, but they could not think of any proposals that would qualify. Cle Robinson said that a few thousand dollars for radio equipment would be welcome. Jesse suggested poles or chains to control Williams Canyon access. Francesca Duff said that anything proposed would have to be tied to the virus.

Joanne wondered if groceries should be stocked in the Modjeska Community Center in case of emergencies. Mary Schreiber said that "pop-up pantries" featuring extra non-perishable food are appearing, like one across from the Silverado fire station. Geoff asked people to send any other ideas to ICL.

- c.** Canyon Local Medical Resources/Alliance

Dion Sorrell got a big response on Nextdoor from people with medical training. Some needs can be psychological, such as stress relief, not just response to physical problems like being wheelchair-bound, for example. Dion will meet with volunteers to discuss implementation of medical/psychological aid.

III. Director Reports

- a.** President---Geoffrey Sarkissian
"Divided we fall, united we stand."
b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

No report.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

There was little financial activity except for Phil and Melody McWilliams obtaining a \$1,188 donation to the History Committee.

The big question is whether COVID restrictions will preclude holding this year's Silverado Country Fair, currently ICL's main source of income. ICL has enough money for this year's insurance bills. Should we have a Plan A and Plan B, or decide to suspend this year's fair now? Janet wondered about applying for a grant for expenses. Geoff will talk to Fair Committee chair Jane Bove.

The financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

a. Canyon Watch / Fire Watch---Anthony Mack, Emily Graham

GMRS Canyon Watch radio practice was scheduled for Thursday, April 9, at 7 PM. Cle Robinson added that radio practice is now being held every Thursday at 7 PM, mainly involving Silverado, though a few Modjeska and Williams Canyon residents have been able to participate also. Zoom is being considered for other training, but at the moment Cle and others are going house to house to investigate radio issues like reception and antennas.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

No report.

c. History---Melody McWilliams

No report.

d. Land Use---Scott Breeden

No report.

e. Friends of the Library---Fran Williams

No report.

V. New Business

Mary announced that the Fire Safe Council received a grant to pay for removal of dead and dying trees with a trunk size of at least six inches. Applications are available at the post office, or from Mary via email. Work will take place in the fall, after nesting season. Creek issues will be addressed on a case by case basis.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held May 5, 2020 via live streaming *****