

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements & Discussion

Geoff showed off his new haircut, courtesy of his personal barber (“Hair by Sarah”).

Mary Schreiber reminded everyone that Chipper Days would take place on the next two Saturdays, 9am-3:45pm, across from the Silverado Community Center. Bring brush cleared from around your house to ensure defensible space in case of fire.

John Covas asked when the sirens would be coming back to Silverado’s Station 14; he misses them. Was there a bird nest problem? Joanne Hubble promised to find out.

II. Covid in the Canyons, a free-form discussion—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Are you getting out more but enjoying it less? Back to work? Going shopping?

What’s the new normal? How do you evaluate your personal risk? Riotous living?

Susan Hardy said that it’s stressful wearing all the new layers in the dentist office where she works: N95 mask, surgical mask, loupes, face shield, bonnet, and lab coat. Joanne and Mary noticed busier traffic going into town. Geoff said he was surprised that the protests did not start earlier than they did, since so many people were cooped up and out of work.

Mary and Shane weren’t concerned about personal risk, and were wearing face masks when requested. Shane noticed police officers gathering without masks. John noticed that his red mask attracted hummingbirds.

III. Director Reports

a. President---Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff asked people who they would like hear from at future ICL meetings: Edison on hardening the electrical grid? County officials?

Mary suggested asking Edison about planned electrical outage preparation. Another suggestion was for AT&T, Verizon, or Cox to address keeping infrastructure alive in an emergency—generators, or battery backup for roadside equipment, for example? At a meeting that Mary attended, the top two statewide complaints about emergency response were fire insurance costs going up and cell service going down.

Danny Graham said that the RACES amateur radio group has agreements with some cities to provide radio service in emergencies, but there is no agreement with any comparable government entity for the canyons. Joanne and Mary said that the county’s Emergency Operations Center has provided emergency information in the past.

b. Vice President---Dion Sorrell

No report.

c. Secretary---Scott Breeden

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

At some point, it would be good to re-visit the Silverado streetlight brightness issue.

d. Treasurer---Francesca Duff

The past month was relatively quiet. ICL can afford insurance this year even if there is no Silverado Country Fair income. Fair Committee chair Jane Bove told Geoff that bands are lined up, but no money has been spent. A decision on whether even a downsized, more local fair can be held will probably not be made until the end of July.

The financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. Advisory Committee Reports

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

From the list provided by Bic Edwards, Joanne counted 107 people as having emergency radios, though the highest number of participants in any scheduled “check in” session seems to be 26. Geoff liked the most recent check in, when he was able to communicate with radio users from both Silverado and Modjeska by climbing up on his roof.

Keith Edwards thanked Cle Robinson for fixing his radio. Cle will get Francesca Duff a base station since she has almost no reception with her current radio. Nearby, Danny has a base station and a small antenna, but still has reception problems.

b. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Mary gave a brief talk on masks and sanitizers during evacuations, and on sheltering in your car for a couple of nights if necessary:

First, in an evacuation, get out. That is part of Ready-Set-Go. Before that, though, you should have your go-bag Ready and Set, adding masks and sanitizer for pandemic safety. Sheltering in your car is possible by just keeping a one-gallon Zip-loc bag of necessities under the seat, along with a water bottle. By procuring the right items from places like the Survival Frog web site, you can fit a sleeping bag, one-person tent, flashlight, toothbrush, whistle, snack, Kleenex, handkerchief, and other small tools like a screwdriver or bottle opener into that one-gallon bag, or on your keychain. For water, Mary keeps a LifeStraw filter to allow drinking out of the creek. There are also towels the size of an Alka-Seltzer that expand to normal size on contact with water—reusable, though maybe not recompressible. Blankets and Mylar sheets are also good for keeping warm or cool.

John said to remember medicine. And pets would be an additional consideration.

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

A mini-graduation ceremony for about ten canyon high school seniors is planned for this Thursday at the Silverado Community Center, following a brief “car procession.” Banners should show up at the Silverado Market and in Modjeska.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held July 7, 2020 via live streaming *****