

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Mary Schreiber noted that weed abatement notices are being sent out. Phil McWilliams added that people can call the agency to request that their deadline be extended.

Phil also said that the History Committee plans on meeting again on the first Saturday of May, for everyone who is fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

b. Cougar Conservancy—Korinna Domingo

Korinna, founder of the non-profit Cougar Conservancy, described resources available to local residents for living with mountain lions (cougars). For example, after Modjeska resident Vallary Townsell lost one of her goats to a mountain lion in March, the Conservancy built her a cougar-proof animal enclosure.

Upon request, the Cougar Conservancy can visit a site and make recommendations for making it cougar-proof, such as by ensuring that animal enclosures have roofs that can support 200 pounds, and that they have no gaps over four inches wide.

To report mountain lion sightings or conflicts, or to request more information, people can call the Cougar Conservancy at (800) 930-1087, or visit cougarconservancy.org. Conservancy videos are also available on Youtube. In addition, Korinna is interested in having a venue available for demonstrating cougar-proof pen-building.

In answering one of the questions from the audience, Korinna stated that automobile accidents are not the main cause of mountain lion fatalities, but they do get the most publicity. It was reported that OC Public Works could install more or better signs on Santiago Canyon Road to try to avoid cougar collisions: the best of these, but the most expensive, were said to be able to flash warning lights upon detecting the presence of a mountain lion.

c. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Cle Robinson reported that Keith and Joe did an excellent job in getting the new Silverado (Franklin) radio repeater up, now moved slightly to a spot on Fred Dohrman's property. They would like to get everyone's radios reprogrammed for the new frequency by April 17—this should include Modjeska residents, so that their equipment will also work in Silverado. Francesca Duff added that an additional benefit from the reprogramming is that more direct channels (not handled by the repeaters) are supported.

d. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

Wireless service from AT&T is still being investigated. The Fire Station 14 and Fire Station 16 sites look "promising."

Maps are being updated to show addresses of horses (in case needed for evacuations).

e. Friends of the Library—Fran Williams

Fran said that a swap meet is planned for the second weekend in June. Volunteers would be especially appreciated on Friday to help with setup.

Fran will also be meeting with the new librarian, Jessi Ruge. Library stacks might re-open by the end of April, and the children's department will be worked on next.

f. Country Fair—Jane Bove

Geoff described this year's fair as "in limbo."

g. CAN Committee—Dion Sorrell

Dion is working with Danny Graham to start a canyon scouting program focused on emergency preparedness, partly to make up for the loss of the Modjeska Fire Explorer post. To "grow a culture of preparedness" and lessen fear and anxiety, children could learn walkie-talkie use and how to help their parents.

There are some limitations, such as privacy considerations, on what civilians (not emergency workers) can do to help others.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff is hoping to resolve any Bond Fire grant application problems in a few days.

b. Vice President—Dion Sorrell

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

ICL renewed the Constant Contact service that Joanne uses for email notices. ICL also expects that about \$4,000 will be needed at some point to pay for radio licenses;

Francesca has applied for a grant for that. ICL's fire grant funds are ready.

The April financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

Cle thanked everyone who donated money for the new Canyon Watch equipment. He also volunteered to give classes on radio usage to the current block captains.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held May 4, 2021 via live streaming *****

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the Special Directors Meeting
Friday, April 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM Live Streaming

Directors Scott Breeden, Francesca Duff, Geoffrey Sarkissian, and Dion Sorrell met to review recommendations submitted by the Bond Fire Distributions Advisory Committee (DAC). After some discussion, it was moved and seconded that the following distributions be granted, subject to verification of reported damage at the Meekins/Mack residence:

\$7,500 each:

- Morgan Dunn
- Roy and Gabrielle Frey
- Pamela Lau
- Joshua Malpass
- Larry and Carol Pfaffly

\$4,875 each:

- Sandi Dunn
- Sheryl Edgar
- Jon Ephland
- Dustin Kaatz
- Michael Meekins and Bridget Mack
- Abraham Mourshaki
- Stephanie Smith
- Craig and Beverly Vincent
- Robin Wood

\$4,000 each:

- Audrey Ephland
- Daniel and Denise Holm

\$2,500 each:

- Kathryn Brown
- Ralph Lee
- Cecilia Lin
- Shannon Reynolds

The motion passed 3-1, Scott opposing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the Special Directors Meeting
Friday, April 28, 2021 at 12:00 PM Live Streaming**

Directors Scott Breeden, Francesca Duff, Geoffrey Sarkissian, and Dion Sorrell met to adopt a resolution approving distribution of disaster relief funds to victims of the 2020 Bond Fire. Resolution No. 20210428-1, shown below, was adopted by unanimous vote.

Francesca will add an additional \$54 from ICL's fire relief fund to the \$946 donation expected from the Silverado-Modjeska Recreation and Park District, resulting in a total distribution of \$103,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm.

**Resolution No. 20210428-1
A Resolution Approving Demonstrated Need Based Grant Distributions**

The Board of Directors of the ICL finds as follows:

1. That the ICL has established procedures for granting relief to victims of the 2020 Bond Fire in accordance with Resolution No. 20210120-1; and
2. That the ICL Board has reviewed recommendations submitted by the Distributions Advisory Committee (DAC) that was established by Resolution No. 20210120-1; and
3. That an additional \$1,000 in the Fire Relief Fund has been made available for victims of the Bond Fire.

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved as follows:

A. That the following residents are granted \$7,550 each toward rebuilding their homes that were destroyed by fire:

- Morgan Dunn
- Roy or Gabrielle Frey
- Pamela Lau
- Joshua Malpass
- Larry or Carol Pfaffly

B. That the following residents are granted \$5,100 each toward repair or replacement of structures (including mobile homes) that were significantly damaged by fire:

- Sandi Dunn
- Sheryl Edgar

- Jon Ephland
- Dustin Kaatz
- Michael Meekins or Bridget Mack
- Abraham Mourshaki
- Stephanie Smith
- Craig or Beverly Vincent
- Robin Wood

C. That the following residents are granted \$4,225 each for significant fire loss including impact to means of livelihood:

- Audrey Ephland
- Daniel or Denise Holm

D. That the following residents are granted \$2,725 each for significant fire loss:

- Kathryn Brown
- Ralph Lee
- Cecilia Lin
- Shannon Reynolds