

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. Zoom vs. Live Meetings—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Zoom meetings will continue due to the COVID-19 Delta variant and only 50 per cent of canyon residents being vaccinated.

b. General Community Announcements

Isabell Kerins announced a September 15 blood drive; contact her or sign up online.

Francesca Duff said that SCE tree trimming will be going on for a few weeks: 10 crews, with bio-monitoring. Geoff asked if this would include arborists. There were complaints about how some trees were cut, and one tree on Wilkerson in Modjeska was reportedly killed.

c. Canyon Cleanup—Steve Kerrigan et al

Only green waste and trash will now be accepted at the September 18 event: collecting household hazardous waste apparently would cost too much. Dumpsters in each canyon can be used for lumber, old washing machines, etc. Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers can also sign up at the Riviera.

d. Country Fair—Jane Bove

The fair will take place October 9 & 10 in Silverado, and Jane will post volunteer opportunities (including overnight patrol) on Next Door.

The Children's Center will provide a schedule of kids' games, souvenir shirts will be available, and the library is interested in providing flyers. Geoff commended Isabell for a "fabulous" job getting the beer, and he is arranging for a private security guard.

e. Emergency Preparedness---Joanne Hubble

AT&T cell service with backup power might be possible in 12 to 18 months.

f. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards, Francesca Duff, Cle Robinson

Things have been quiet. Coincidentally, the national forest gate in Silverado has been closed. But, entering the traditional fire season, Francesca urged people to charge up their GMRS radios and keep them on.

g. Friends of the Library—Fran Williams

Warm bodies are needed for the Friends boutique at the Silverado fair—volunteers as well as customers. Besides sale items, the booth will feature historical photos.

The library itself is stressing kid stuff, especially outdoor activities. Starting in October, there will be two story hours per week. The staff has lots of other ideas, but some cannot be implemented because of COVID precautions.

h. History Committee—Melody McWilliams

Geoff is interested in having the committee give a short "slice of canyon history" presentation at the monthly ICL meetings.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff really likes having the forest gate closed, such as during periods of high fire danger.

Fran said that years ago, the gate stayed closed until two inches of rain had fallen, but that stopped due to a lawsuit over loss of forest access.

About recent theft and vandalism of campaign signs, Geoff called that a form of bullying and intimidation, and “not good for the canyons.” It is also illegal. He asked that anyone who doesn’t like a particular sign to just put up their own sign in response. Before the next election, he’d also like to get someone to speak about proper placement of campaign signs. Years ago, a friend of his was fined for taking down campaign signs.

b. Vice President—Dion Sorrell

Dion could not report on ICL’s planned YouTube Channel due to having to work this evening.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

The minutes of the August meeting were approved 3-0 (Dion absent).

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

The History Committee received a \$1,000 grant. More activity is expected next month. The August financial report was approved 3-0.

The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) has hired employees for the Tucker Nature Preserve, including some who had worked there before under California State University, Fullerton.

Lori Whalen of ENC also told Francesca that the ICL History Committee could have first pick of anything ENC decided to discard. A Tucker family grandson contacted ENC about recording his memories, which ENC promised to share with the committee as well.

The California Fire Foundation granted ICL \$9,000 to pay for radio equipment lost in the Bond Fire, as well as for generators and licenses. This will cover all but \$500 that ICL has already spent.

IV. New Business

In response to a question, Jane confirmed that proceeds from the Silverado fair will go to ICL.

Francesca said that the Fair Committee makes recommendations about how the funds are distributed. Geoff said that the first priority is to pay ICL’s insurance bills. After that, he would like to push for rebuilding ICL’s funds for fire and flood relief.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held October 5, 2021 via live streaming *****