

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, November 2, 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. General Community Announcements

Geoff Sarkissian noted that SMRPD is planning on making improvements to the parks and the children's center. SMRPD Board President Isabell Kerins provided details:

Based on 213 responses from a recent online survey, the most popular park features include the grassy areas, the concerts, and the Country Fair. SMRPD envisions using state grant money to improve the playgrounds, upgrade the Children's Center kitchen, and install a splash pad at the rear of the Silverado park. Estimated splash pad cost is \$60,000. Isabell will provide design ideas if asked, but will not post them on the SMRPD website.

Geoff asked if residents could provide input regarding the plans. Isabell said that there would be an opportunity before designs are finalized, but the deadline for submitting the grant application is in December.

Francesca Duff announced creation of a separate line item for anyone wishing to make a donation to ICL in memory of former Canyon Watch head Gene Robinson, who passed away recently. Fran Williams called Gene a "hero to the canyons for years" for organizing patrol volunteers and outfitting them with radios.

Geoff announced that ICL will be at the December 11 Christmas in the Canyons event in Silverado, providing information about ICL activities. Shift volunteers are needed.

Rich Pfeiffer said that the recent "rain event" delivered "just the right amount" to show where water would flow on Silverado's Anderson Way, so weak areas could be reinforced. Water came to the top of one berm that was built last winter to keep the creek off the road.

b. Country Fair Recap—Jane Bove & Francisca Duff

Jane is still working on expenses and credits. The fair was smaller this year, so ICL received less income. T shirts sold out the first day, though, so orders were taken for more to be delivered later. Beer expenses were higher this time, but music expenses were lower.

c. Canyon History—Melody McWilliams

No report.

d. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Keith would like to get a backup generator for one of the repeaters, which would cost about \$800. We also need to think about new batteries. A motion to approve up to \$1,000 for these expenses was passed 4-0.

e. Emergency Preparedness—Joanne Hubble

Bruce Newell announced that CEPA (Canyon Emergency Preparation Academy) training will be offered again next year, beginning on the first Sunday afternoon in January and continuing through February. See Bruce for details; Joanne Hubble may send email.

f. Friends of the Library—Fran Williams

The Friends boutique at this year's Silverado Fair was a success, raising about \$2,000 for programs at the library. Since Fran is retiring as chair (possibly for real, this time), she would be glad for a group of other library fans to take over committee duties.

Fran was happy to see Friends of the Library and the History Committee featured in the latest Foothills Sentry, even if the paper "messed up" some details about the two groups.

g. Grants—Francesca Duff

Southern California Edison paid for first aid kits to be distributed to Canyon Watch block captains. If enough people sign up, basic first aid training (not CPR) will also be arranged. A separate sign-up sheet for anyone interested in helping with crisis support in the canyons will also be available.

The California Fire Foundation, which granted ICL \$9,000 for replacing the burned up radio repeater, is interested in "stories" (and pictures) from people expressing "how the repeater helped you." For example: Rich Pfeiffer's account of the Bond Fire, when radios (and Bic) still worked while cell phones and landlines did not. Contact Francesca for adding to the story collection she will send to CFF as a "thank you."

h. Shakespeare Face-to-Face—Dion Sorrell

About 60 people attended the October 16 performance of short Shakespeare works at the Modjeska House. More smaller events are a possibility—Mary Nolan offered the use of her home, which could accommodate about 30 guests. Perhaps over wine and cheese, people could learn how the texts are read, and recite a sonnet.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report

b. Vice President—Dion Sorrell

No report

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

ICL Elections & Nominations

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

Nominations for ICL Director will take place next month. Voting members need to pay \$5 annual dues, but other donations may also be made by check or Zell—make payment to ICL, and specify a particular cause like Holiday Helpers, if desired.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

The reason that beer sales at this year's Country Fair were profitable was because of monetary donations. Isabell said that people aren't donating beer because of COVID and other reasons. The October financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

Dion announced that an art show at Bruce Day's house November 6 from 11am to 5pm will feature "indigenous" works by artists in the canyons.

Keith urged people to charge their radios, but not when they are on, which damages chargers.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held December 7, 2021 via live streaming *****