

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements & Discussion

a. General Community Announcements

Mary Schreiber announced that Chipper Days/Canyon Cleansweep will be the first week in June, but residents can also take green waste to Aguinaga (off Black Star Canyon Road).

Isabell Kerins announced that rattlesnake aversion training for dogs will be May 22.

b. New Fire Inspection Laws—Jonathan Lim, OCFA

Jonathan described an online tool that people can use to evaluate their homes for compliance with new wildfire safety recommendations: <https://ocfa.org/RSG/HomeAssessment>. He then walked Geoffrey Sarkissian through a demonstration of answering the questions about eaves, gutters, spark arrestors, etc., which would generate a report for the user.

The goal is to educate people so they can assess their own property, but residents can also request a free assessment by the fire department by making an appointment.

The impetus for this is new regulations in AB38 and AB3074 intended to reduce damage from wildfires. Real estate agents are already having to deal with this when a house is sold.

c. Canyon History Committee

Geoff shared excerpts from a 1941 issue of the Hill-Billy News provided by chair Melody McWilliams. News in this four-page Silverado periodical included weekend guests of local residents, nineteen deer shot this season, thoughts about whether college students should be drafted, and an ad for rabbit fryers at 19 cents a pound, dressed for free.

d. Update: Modjeska Water Tank Pollution Runoff

Francesca Duff reported that the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) agreed to come out to where water drained from their tanks and left partially dissolved white tablets behind—they said those should have dissolved. IRWD was asked to give advance notice next time, since kids play where the water rushes out toward the creek.

e. First Aid Enrollment & Grants—Francesca Duff

Nineteen people signed up for the most recent grant-funded first aid training. Another grant can accommodate another 20 people, either online or in person. After that, Francesca will request money for things like water purification supplies.

f. The Modjeska Bridge Project: Being Reassessed

Geoff said that OC Public Works is “re-thinking” the idea of retrofitting or rehabilitating the current Markuson bridge instead of replacing it with a bigger bridge, but that is expected to take several months.

g. Emergency Management—Danny Graham

Danny and Isabell participated in emergency management training at the county’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) off Santiago Road. The goal was to see if response to floods, debris flows, etc. could be improved next time. They concluded that although emergency management may not be a “good fit” for canyon organizations, they could endeavor to

make sure that the county does what the law requires it to do. For instance, the county is allowed to go on private property during emergencies, meaning when the EOC is activated. But if the EOC deactivates as soon as fire engines leave, that might be premature. Perhaps the EOC and Fire Authority need to share more information.

h. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

All seems quiet. There is a radio checkin open to all radio owners every Wednesday.

i. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

Forty people showed up for the Earth Day program last month. The bee project will continue with pollinator kits on June 30. Are there any beekeepers in the canyons?

The mobile library visited Modjeska on April 22, and Silverado April 28. They were requested to return May 12 and June 4. Besides books, this mobile unit has crafts and games available. Janet said she will find out if it has books for adults as well as kids.

j. Country Fair—Jane Bove

Geoff said that we need to start thinking about alcohol vendors, trailers, and generators.

k. Recycling—Scott Breeden

Monthly recycling at the Silverado Community Center was skipped in April because most of the recycling team was busy with the art studio tour that day. Anyone who can't make one of the regular drop-off dates, though, can always leave recycling at Scott's house or call to have it picked up.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

All of the recent SCE grant money was spent, plus \$2.59 in unexpected expenses. It is hoped that going over budget like this will not endanger ICL's long-term financial health.

The April financial report was approved 4-0.

IV. New Business

None.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held June 7, 2022 via live streaming *****
Live and Zoom hybrid meetings to start in July