

Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 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

a. General Community Announcements

Mary Schreiber announced that Chipper Days will be this Saturday, 9:00am-2:45pm, at the west end of the Riviera across from the Silverado Community Center. Along with brush and yard trimmings, old tires will also be accepted, but not lumber or arrundo (“bamboo”).

b. Canyon History Committee

Geoffrey Sarkissian shared a 1971 newspaper article provided by chair Melody McWilliams about the very first canyons country fair, which was held that fall. There were 50 booths, 550 hot dogs sold, cars parked all the way “to the Enco station,” and the Inter-Canyon League wound up “\$340 more solvent.”

c. Santiago Peak Report

Brenden Griffin from the Old Betty Off Road Club described his efforts to encourage responsible behavior on the part of people like him who enjoy driving the forest roads past the gate at the end of Silverado Canyon. As a former Modjeska fire Explorer, one of his main concerns is fire, particularly illegal campfires outside designated areas. After a couple of years of picking up trash, handing out giveaways, etc., though, he thinks he is not seeing as many roadside fire pits as before.

Brenden said that although some people wind up having to be rescued due to careless driving, others simply enjoy seeing and photographing views from the top. He would be interested in holding an educational event in Silverado sometime about off-roading.

d. Country Fair—Jane Bove

Geoff will contact Jane about plans for this year’s fair.

e. Chipper Days: Fire Safe Council & ICL

Francesca Duff said that the Fire Safe Council and ICL are co-sponsoring Saturday’s Chipper Days because of rising costs. What used to cost \$1,000 now costs \$1,900, more than what the Council could raise on its own. Grant money for future Chipper Days will be sought.

f. Canyon Watch Update—Bic & Keith Edwards

Everything seems to be working well, although some base stations will need new batteries, and some of the batteries in stock are no good. One idea for the future is to hold radio refresher sessions at the end of ICL meetings for new people.

g. Edison Grant—Francesca Duff

For the next grant, Francesca is planning on asking for emergency supplies that could be useful after earthquakes, for example: solar chargers for radios, and more radios (yellow) that could be loaned out. A year’s worth of Chipper Days is another grant goal.

h. Friends of the Library—Janet Coughlin

The summer reading program is starting, and Friends will pay for several programs and activities. There are programs for adults as well as children, like walking and crochet.

Bruce Newell said that the volunteer firefighters traditionally donate prizes for summer reading, so Janet could contact Stations 14 and 16 about doing that again this year.

i. Recycling—Scott Breeden

Monthly recycling is scheduled for this Saturday at the Silverado Community Center.

j. Insurance Matters at our Parks District—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoff said that the Silverado Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) is now asking for insurance documents and waivers that did not used to be required in order to use park facilities. How much of this is due to insurance requirements? Geoff would like using parks to be “as easy as possible,” but the first step is understanding the requirements.

A representative from SMRPD’s insurance carrier will be present at the June 21 park board meeting. Mary Schreiber encouraged people to show up and ask questions.

III. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report (absent).

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

The minutes of the May meeting were approved 3-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

There was not much activity except for a \$10,000 Edison grant and a Friends of the Library expenditure.

The May financial report was approved 3-0.

IV. New Business

Mary said that Zach Dupre would like help with the July 3 event he is planning for Silverado.

In Modjeska, hot dogs after the parade are promised.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held July 5, 2022 via live streaming *****

Live meeting August 2, 2022 (also via Zoom)