

**Inter Canyon League  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM Live Streaming**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by President Sarkissian.

**II. General Announcements**

Geoffrey Sarkissian said that ICL meetings would now be via Zoom due to problems with using the Internet at the Silverado community center.

Ted Wright reported that the Silverado Modjeska Recreation and Park District (SMRPD) was discussing with the Forest Service the idea of opening a visitors center at the Maple Springs gate. Getting authorization for volunteers could take some time.

Ted also said that volunteers to sell hamburgers at the summer concerts are also needed.

All 50 seats for the June CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes are filled, but Joanne Hubble reported that another class will be added.

**III. Committee Reports**

**a. Canyon Archives—Melody McWilliams**

Geoff shared excerpts from the Shady Brook Water Company bylaws that Melody forwarded. This small water company was one of several in Silverado in the 1930s.

**b. Friends of the Library—appointment of Andrew Tonkovitch**

Andrew Tonkovich agreed to be the new chair. A motion to authorize Andrew to replace Janet Coughlin as signer of checks for Friends of the Library passed 3-0 (Celeste absent).

Librarian Marisa Saam introduced herself, welcoming Andrew, and said that the summer reading program for kids would run from June 12 to July 31. She is exploring offering 3-D printing, but noted that it is not as popular as it was a few years ago.

Friends of the Library also received \$1,000 from the estate of Dick Ertman of Silverado.

**c. Fair Committee—Jane Bove**

No report.

**d. Land Use—Janet Wilson**

Jessica and Martin apologized for some controversial activity on their Modjeska lot, and asked that people let them know if they have any questions or concerns. Dean Brown will be their consultant for building a house on the property. Francesca Duff said that one concern is preserving the olive trees having local historical significance, since they date from the time of Madame Modjeska's estate.

**e. Canyon Watch—Bic and Keith Edwards**

Bic reported that there were two early-morning arson incidents, on the 16th and the 25th, just past the Silverado forest gate. She forwarded information to Forest Service investigators, and asked that people report anything suspicious.

Keith promised a report next month on the status of batteries at the repeaters. Rich Pfeiffer reminded everyone about GMRS radio call-ins on Wednesdays, first at 6:45pm for the Modjeska grade repeater, followed by Silverado.

**IV. GSOB Update**

Francesca Duff applied to Southern California Edison for a grant to pay for education and inspections to combat the spread of gold spotted oak borers (GSOBs) in our trees.

Proposed education components include newspaper ads, flyers, and large outdoor signs. She expects to hear back in eight to ten weeks.

Rich added that most of the oaks on Anderson Way in Silverado have been sprayed for GSOBs as a precaution. For three big trees, the cost was \$200. There is a funding gap now until another OC Fire Authority grant materializes.

## V. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report (absent).

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

There is enough money for one more chipper day, or two if there are more donations. Canyon Watch may need to pay for replacing expired first aid supplies. And Friends of the Library expenses have been averaging \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year—something to think about for fundraising.

The April financial report was approved 3-0.

## VI. New Business

None.

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**\*\*\* The next ICL meeting will be held June 6, 2023 \*\*\***