

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

I. Call to Order

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

II. General Announcements

Geoffrey Sarkissian introduced John Ding, Rep. Young Kim's new field representative.

Federal help might be needed to combat recent interference with emergency radio communications. Rich Pfeiffer recommended that John contact Bic and Keith Edwards, and get one of the GMRS radios himself.

Geoff also noted a celebration of life this Saturday for Rusty Richards at the Circle S Ranch. Steve Kerigan announced that the Fire Safe Council will have a booth at Christmas in the Canyons, publicizing the Fire Wise Community certificate that may give canyon residents a discount on fire insurance.

III. Country Fair Assessment—Jane Bove & Geoffrey Sarkissian Geoff said that he "had

a blast." The event drew about 1,500 people from inside and outside the canyons. ICL received about \$11,000 from alcohol sales with most of the beer and some equipment donated. That left related expenses (license, security, bar supplies, etc.) of about \$4,000. Gate receipts of about \$15,000 plus other income like booth fees, "jail fines," and saloon tips, minus other expenses, are expected to yield an overall profit in line with that of previous years.

Cody Mileham oversaw setup and takedown, Bic Edwards "rescued us" with traffic control, Mike Boeck manned ICL's GSOB (gold spotted oak borer) education booth, Brett and Chay Peterson delivered donated beer and supervised sales, Andrew Tonkovitch headed up the Friends of the Library boutique, and many other volunteers kept sales and activities running smoothly.

Afterward, Jane said that after running the fair off and on for the past 40 years, she would like to bow out by showing other "willing victims" what to do next time. Brett and Chay do not want to transport beer again, either. In light of Jane's many years of service, Jenny Scott asked why Jane was not named the parade grand marshal. Jane's reply: she couldn't be that because she was busy securing Health Department permits.

Geoff recommended that whatever group manages next year's fair start planning earlier in the year, and try to obtain locally sourced beer donations. Andrew said that since running the Friends of the Library boutique takes so much work, he would like to explore other fundraising options. (The library itself also had a booth this year, with a librarian in period costume providing information, library card applications, and a game for children.) Keith Edwards said that he had some ideas about improving the venue layout.

IV. Updates

a. CERT: What's it like?—Geoffrey Sarkissian & others

Geoff reported that he was "never bored" with the Community Emergency Response Team training, and encouraged everyone to sign up next spring. It is a national program, though, not canyon-specific, so it did not mention wildfires. Bruce Newell, who presented

the material, said that they are “still figuring out” what to do, and would appreciate any feedback from participants.

- b. Canyon Watch & Racket on the Radios—Bic and Keith Edwards**
Work on eliminating GMRS radio interference/jamming continues. Meanwhile, Bic recommended that radios be kept on from 8pm to 8am in case of fire or other emergency news. A new community billboard website is also being created.

- c. Land Use—Janet Wilson**

Geoff reported that the owner of one of the four lots near the mouth of Modjeska who planned on building a house for himself has given up and moved out of state because he found Orange County government too difficult to work with.

V. Director Reports

- a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian**

No report.

- b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp**

No report.

- c. Secretary—Scott Breeden**

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

- d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff**

There was a lot of activity this month, much of it fair-related. With firewood season coming up, more newspaper ads warning about GSOBS will be purchased; those funds can also be supplemented with about \$380 in leftover debris/green waste (chipper days) grant money.

The Emergency Relief fund has about enough to pay for three sandbag deliveries. The October financial report was approved 4-0.

VI. New Business

Next month’s meeting will include nominations for two ICL Director positions. To vote in January’s election, members must be canyon residents, attend at least three ICL meetings in the previous year, and pay \$5 (in person, or to ICL’s PO Box 301 in Silverado, or through PayPal or Zelle).

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held December 5, 2023 *****

