

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Silverado Community Center and Live Streaming**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

Mary Schreiber said that more requirements are coming about what to disclose when you sell a house. Before then, try to clear leaves from the first five feet around your house. The Fire Safe Council's next Chipper Day will probably be in March or April, or you can always take vegetation to Aguinaga in Baker Canyon.

Geoffrey Sarkissian reported that the California Public Utilities Commission will meet in Lake Forest at 11am on February 15. One discussion item will be planned power shutoffs.

III. Saving our Big Cats from Extinction—Julie Williams

Julie would like to raise awareness of mountain lions in our area, like the one nicknamed "Uno" that died recently after being hit by a car near Cook's Corner. Julie said that Santa Ana Mountains lions are the most threatened in the state, and are candidates for inclusion on the state's endangered species list.

The Newport Beach-based Environmental Nature Center, which also runs Modjeska's Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, will host a March 21 mountain lion event featuring Dr. Jessica Sanchez from the San Diego Zoo. Another event in March or April is also planned.

Julie is compiling a resource list, and would like to hear from other big cat fanciers at julie.williams1@cox.net. On a motion from Geoff, the ICL board voted 4-0 to name Julie head of a new standing committee for mountain lions.

IV. Country Fair 2024—Gerin Klein & Geoffrey Sarkissian

After serving as a fair volunteer for the last five or six years, Gerin has offered to take over from Jane Bove as overall coordinator. Gerin said that she already has a team ready to back her up, and has started working on beer for the next fair.

V. Canyon Watch

Speeders on our local roads are still a problem.

VI. AT&T Service Changes—Joanne Hubble

Joanne reported that AT&T wants to get rid of its current landlines. One drawback to that is that alternatives like cellular and Voice Over IP (VOIP) phones require external power, whereas traditional wired phones do not. Cox Cable phones are VOIP, and reportedly have two-day battery backup.

Mary said that another alternative is having a satellite phone plus generator or other power source. Could someone make a satellite phone directory for the canyons? Bic said that she has a list of satellite phone owners.

VII. GSOB and Other Invasive Pests—Mike Boeck

Mike said that efforts are "ramping up" for the expected emergence of gold spotted oak borer (GSOB) larvae in late March or early April. There was a meeting of Ladd Canyon

residents, and Mike will be attending another meeting tomorrow with University of California Extension and other representatives. Much spraying is planned. As for oaks on county property, Mike said that the Agricultural Commissioner is working on it.

VIII. Friends of the Library—Andrew Tonkovich

No report.

IX. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

No report.

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

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

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

There was not much activity in the past month. The \$924 depreciation shown is an annual amount for the replacement radio repeater. About \$18,000 is available for sandbags, etc. if needed.

The January financial report was approved 4-0.

X. New Business

Janet Wilson wondered if a garden plaque memorial could be erected, similar to one at Fire Station 16 in Modjeska.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held March 5, 2024 *****