**MINUTES**

**Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting**

**September 9, 2023**

Present: Sydne Bortel, Joe Burgess, Ken Drexler (for the Road Repaving Task Force), Leah Light, Michael Ongerth, Tim Stanton, David Wilson, Jim Wagner, Christian Winslow, Patty Wimpfheimer

Absent: Chris Eckert, Julie Liss, Julie Merk

Minutes: Leah Light

The minutes of the IRA Board Meeting of July 8, 2023, were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Patty Wimpfheimer

Our previous balance was $14,278.56. Income since the previous report includes $2.87 in interest, dues payments from several sources totaling $850.00, and a donation of $46.78; total income was thus $895.77. Expenses were $3.88 for Venmo fees and $788.78 for party reimbursements. The current balance is $14,385.55.

Announcements: None.

Road Paving Task Force: Ken Drexler

Mike Ongerth, Ken Drexler, and Christian Winslow will meet with QA (who will pave our roads) and CSW project managers to determine the schedule for the road paving project. Once the schedule is known, the Road Paving Task Force will provide information about dates and road closures as well as the route to be used when Drake’s View Drive is closed. Paving will begin at the top of Drake’s View Drive. Residents who wish to have their driveways paved will be contacted by QA. Residents should check the IRA website regularly for updates. Road signs will give dates for the project as well as road closures and exit routes. Neighborhood leads will also have information about these items. Residents should avoid scheduling deliveries when road closures are anticipated.

PRERAB: Michael Ongerth

Weed whacking will be scheduled within the next two weeks. This will involve all roads and turnouts at a cost of $16,600. Three further projects will be carried out once road paving is complete. These will provide for fall grading, pothole repair, gully filling, clearing of culverts ad ditches, and vegetation management.

Emergency Preparedness Committee: ChristianWinslow

Siren tests are carried out the last Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. The siren is not audible in some areas so it will be necessary for the fire department and sheriff to go to these areas using their high/low sirens to alert residents in case of an emergency. Neighborhood leads continue to do monthly radio checks.

A major emergency evacuation exercise will be carried out on December 1. A number of agencies will be involved including the fire department, sheriff’s office, and Health and Human Services. The goal is to enhance situational awareness by having fire engines traversing Drake’s View Drive and engaging neighborhood liaisons in scenarios that could occur during an evacuation.

Firesafe Committee: David Wilson

The Marin County Fire Department is doing follow-up inspections of home defense issues.  David met with representatives on Wednesday and found them cooperative and understanding.  Still, neighbors should know that their reports should be taken seriously.

Our Firewise status is up for annual review in November.  This will include a review of self-help measures, both by dollars spent and by individual « sweat equity » contributions.  One particular issue is that we were not able so far this year to do roadside vegetation management because of County budget issues. Historically, we’ve relied on dollars spent by PRERAB and IRA to support our case.  David will be talking with Mike Ongerth and others about how best to address the inevitable questions.  Another issue is the need to update our five-year action plan, which will include special attention the area north of Drake’s View Drive which was not included in past vegetation management efforts funded by the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority.

Our third chipper day is scheduled for early October.  Participation thus far has been exceptional.

DVD Sign at Bottom of Drake’s View Drive: Tim Stanton

Discussion of this item was tabled.  Tim Stanton will coordinate any further planning with respect to signage at the bottom of the hill.

New Business

Christian Winslow noted some problems caused by construction and utility company vehicles using our roads. At times these have blocked traffic in ways that are dangerous for residents who encounter them. Permission from PRERAB is needed when road blockage by utility or construction companies is planned.

Next Meeting

November 11, 2023 at the Bortel household.