

Bennett Valley Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Bennett Valley Grange Hall
January 19, 2012

Meeting called to order: 7 PM

Present: Craig Harrison, Larissa Goliti, Gary Barner, Fay Blair, Tim Bosma, Karen Sommer

Absent: James Cobb, Frank LaCombe, Richard Lukasko

Guests: Marilee Jensen, Ms. Tognossi

Minutes: Approved as amended.

Treasurers Report:

- Fay presented the Financial Report for year ending 2011.
- He noted there was little activity for November and December.
- The Calendar sales have expenses more then revenue and may not be continued.
- Dues were down.

Name Change:

- It was decided to put the name change on a separate ballot that will go out to the membership in January. The updated name, if approved by the membership, will need to be submitted to all relevant agencies and services, i.e. IRS, State, P.O. Box, banking, web, etc.
- A new letterhead will also need to be designed and included in all correspondence and web.

BVEP:

- Karen reported that CERT classes will be in the Spring if we have enough people to warrant them (10 is minimum)
- She also stated that a new condensed version of CERT from FEMA has been developed and she will see if it would be a good alternate to the current 21 hour course.

Use of Mailing List: The issue was tabled until next meeting to give James Cobb an opportunity to design the wording.

Road issues:

- Craig announced an event: "Save Our Roads" on March 7, 5-6:30 pm in Rohnert Park at the Sonoma Mtn. Village, Sally Tomatoes Space.
- Gary made a motion to donate \$100 to the event – Larissa second. Passed.
- Craig's letter to the County regarding the poor condition of roads leading to the new park at Jacob's Ranch has not be responded to. He noted that horse trailers could severely damage Pressley Road and Sonoma Mountain Road adjacent to the

- new park and turn them into gravel because the county is not preserving the pavement on those roads.
- Craig also noted that The Board of Supervisors will be reviewing the money allocations and recommendations for completing improvements on county roads, February 7th 2012. It would be good if BV members attended.

Supervisor's Forum:

- All declared candidates for 1st district Supervisor have agreed to attend the forum on April 19th at the Bennett Valley Grange.
- It is a special event beginning at 7 PM and should conclude at 8:30 PM.
- The format of the debate/forum was discussed. It was generally agreed that the board will formulate topics and questions at the March meeting. Bennett Valley residents will have an opportunity to submit questions per the March VOICE.
- Each candidate will have opening and closing remarks.
- All format details will be concluded at the March meeting.
- Question topics will be sent to the candidates in advance.
- Board members are encouraged think about the questions and topics prior to the March meeting and circulate them among the board for comment.

Speakers for the year:

- The board discussed topics and speakers for the summer months.
- Ideas for topics were: Natural History and Wine talk
- "health of the Oak" was also a topic that may be an article for the VOICE.

New Business: A motion was made by Fay to send a check to the Grange for \$600 as our annual contribution. The motion was seconded by Larissa - passed

Meeting adjourned: 8 PM