

FRIENDS OF ATASCADERO LAKE

MINUTES

February 18, 2014

In attendance were: Nancy Hair, Paul Murphy, Don Lyngé, Jon Trumbull, Olan Kaigel, Don Gessinger, Larry Waugh, Joni Walters, Chris Walters, Dave Highland Barbara Combes.

Absent: Patricia McQuaid, Annie Allen, Bob Edmonds

- Meeting called to order by Don Lyngé
- Approval of minutes from the January 21, 2014 board meeting moved by Paul Murphy, seconded by Don Lyngé, all agree
- Don Gessinger from Rotary came and gave us a report on what he has been doing with Rotary for the end result of adding water to the lake. He has been working very hard to come up with facts concerning the lake. During the summer the lake can lose 1/2" a day due to evaporation = 378 thousand gallons, which is 35 to 40 million gallons over the summer. If the surrounding 3 wells were revitalized and pumping to equal 100 gallons per minute in a 6 month period the wells could pump 25 million gallons and the lake would drop only 3 feet! (assuming you had a full lake to start with). The huge plus is CLEAN water. The deeper the lake, the less evaporation. The costs of running the pumps (PGE) would be \$750 to \$1000 per month. It was brought up that PGE may donate that because we are a non profit. He said Rotary has a "pass the hat" they sometimes use to raise money, they are out of funds for this year. Due to the drought conditions has run into some resistance with the idea of putting water into the lake when households can't use all the water they want right now. The benefits of a sustainable lake (deep enough for a helicopter to get a bucket into to retrieve water for fire suppression: about 10"), economic vitality to the city, the city can boast about their beautiful lake and not be embarrassed by it and the asset to the park was discussed. After all the park is named Atascadero **LAKE** Park. He stated that agriculture only produces 3% benefit to communities statewide.
- Treasurers report by Joni Walter. We have a balance of \$840. There will be a disbursement of \$250 to join SPOKES and we will need \$450 for our 501C3 application. Each board member was asked to give a donation of \$200.
- Joni Walter and Larry Waugh presented what they have completed for the 501C3 application and we went over it for corrections.
- We need a website so we can start to solicit funds. We also need a logo
- Nancy Hair will go to the Hind Foundation and see about the possibility of getting grants
- The Shareholders meeting for the AMWC will be on May 7th, 2014 @ 6:30. The board should attend
- Jon Trumbull gave a report on his Lake Perimeter Project. He is working with Russ Thompson of Public Works to see if we can get trucks/help with a clean up. The Conservation Corps could come and do the work, they used to come in the past. It would cost appx. \$4000 and Russ said there was the possibility that the city might be able to move funds to pay for it.

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- Don Lyngé gave a report on his Eco-system committee. Right now with no water they have decided to focus of what can be done. Dredging and permitting were discussed.
- Dave Highland will find out about the Fines Committee of Fish and Wildlife so we can ask for money for materials to create more fish habitat.
- We have several standing committees: Ecosystem (Chairman Don Lyngé), Fund Raising (Chairman Bob Edmonds), PR (Chairman Barbara Combes), Lake Perimeter/View shed (Chairman Jon Trumbull), Environmental (Chairman Dave Highland), Water procurement (Chairman Nancy Hair) and the standing Executive Committee consisting of the Board of Directors. The board will be sending out a plea to ask folks to get more involved.
- The first annual meeting date was tabled until the March Meeting.
- The next board meeting will be Tuesday March 18th @ the Pavilion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Hair, Secretary Friends of Atascadero Lake