



Minutes From the September 19, 2018 Friends of Atascadero Lake Board Meeting

Present: Bob Edmonds, Nancy Hair, Barbara Combs, Olan Kaigel, Michelle Harms. Absent: Jon Trumbull, Don Lyng. Guests: Dick and Wendy Pierce, Cristel Wilson, Mark and Kathy Hontz, Kara Hagedorn

- Approval of the August 15, 2018 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Olan Kaigel: Beginning balance of \$19,258.02, deposits of \$55.00, withdrawals of \$702.38 ending balance of \$18,610.64
- Lake Perimeter Signage, Michelle Harms: Michelle and Jon Harms have been working very hard on the layout design for our first sign the topic being "Then and Now, Best of Atascadero Lake, Fun Facts". The sign will be 3'x2'. Once we get the finished prototype the rest of the 10 signs will be easier. Michelle brought a rendering on her computer. It was difficult to see so we will get some 8 ½ x 11 prints made to really see it. So far it is looking great. Michelle will ask the sign company how much lead time they need to complete the sign as we would like to get the first sign done and installed by the Holiday Walk around the lake which is in early December. The city will be installing the signs for us. We also discussed a "Memorial" program for the signs similar to the Memorial Tree Garden and the benches that the city has in place. We all thought it was a great idea and will pursue it. Each sign costs approximately \$1000. We are fortunate to have Michelle and Jon doing the graphic work as they save us around \$2000 per sign. Kara Hagedorn has agreed to help Michelle and Jon. She has a biology and Ornithology background. Thank you, Michelle and Jon Harms and Kara,!
- Annual Lake Perimeter Clean Up, Nancy Hair: The lake clean up will be October 27th beginning 8:30 am. The city will supply dumpsters, tools and someone to help with a chin saw. Althouse and Meade will send a biologist to oversee the pruning. SAVE THE DATE!!! We will try and get the Conservation Corps to help us. We will serve coffee and donuts in the AM and a light lunch and drinks around noon for the volunteers.
- Algae Removal, Bob Edmonds: So far, we have not received answers to our questions about removal of the algae or the completion of the permit. Bob Edmonds will follow up. This has been very frustrating for us as we would like to address the issue to abate the algae. Kara Hagedorn suggested two items. 1. We look at previous reports done by Althouse and Meade on Atascadero Lake to see if that gives us any idea of the biology of the lake. 2. Kara said she will contact Cal Poly (her husband is an Environmental Studies professor) to see if a senior project can be initiated to study the algae in Atascadero Lake and a possible remedy.
- We have installed our webcam <http://805webcams.com/atascadero-lake-webcam/>. The cam takes a shot every 3 minutes. It is located at the home of Barbara Combs and Bob Edmonds paid for the camera itself. When the lake is free of algae it will be a good fundraising tool for us and the city.

- LakeFest 2019, Nancy Hair: We have begun our planning for LakeFest. It will be held May 18th. Any one interested in helping or has suggestions to make it a successful day, please let us know. Also, we are looking for a great band that will either play for free or give us a discounted rate.
- Nick Matson called us, and he will be featuring Friends of Atascadero Lake in his October issue of Colony Magazine and hopefully raising a bit of money for us too. Nick is doing a great job supporting all things "Atascadero". Please consider having your ad in Colony Magazine and a portion of the fee will go towards Friends of Atascadero Lake. A real "win, win"! Thank you Nick.
- Round Table: Bob Edmonds asked if anyone attending would like to become a board member. Cristel Wilson said yes and it was moved by Bob Edmonds and seconded by Michelle Harms, all approved. Mark Hontz also expressed an interest in becoming a board member. It was moved by Barbara Combs and seconded by Cristel Wilson, all approved. We are grateful to all our current and passed board members. We have accomplished a lot in a few years, but still have more work to do to make Atascadero Lake the best it can be for future generations.
- Our next board meeting will be October 24th, 6:15 pm in the Ranger House.

Respectively Submitted,
Nancy Hair, Acting Secretary