



## Minutes of the July 17, 2019 Friends of Atascadero Lake Annual Board Meeting

Present: Bob Edmonds, Nancy Hair, Dena Kaigel, Olan Kaigel, Paul Murphy, Cristel Wilson, Michelle Harms, Don Lynge, Kathy Hontz, Barbara Combs. Guests: Ron and Marilyn Blackwood, Marjori Fuchs, Lorena Hernandez Fuchs, Nick Matson, Nick Debar

- Approval of the June 19, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Olan Kaigel: Beginning balance of \$35,395.38, deposits of \$168.50, withdrawals of \$299.36, leaving an ending balance of \$35,265.52. We did discuss our annual liability and D&O insurance which comes to \$2928.64. Bob Edmonds did shop it and this is the going rate. We also discussed the PG&E bill that was almost \$300 more than any other bill. The pump was changed and the electrical gone over. We believe that it is pumping more water and thus, using more electric. The good news is that the lake levels are staying higher than previous years.
- Election of Officers: It was moved by Paul Murphy and seconded by Don Lynge to have Bob Edmonds continue as President and Don Lynge as Vice-President. Bob Edmonds moved to have Paul Murphy rejoin the board with Don Lynge, seconding. It was moved by Cristel Wilson and seconded by Paul Murphy to have Kathy Hontz join the board. All were in favor.
- Lake Perimeter Sign Project: Michelle Harms brought the final rendition of the first sign that will be made. It was agreed to change one word. With this change our first of 10 signs will be completed. This has been a long process and we thank Michelle and her husband Jon and the Atascadero City staff for all their hard work. Now that we have a working "template" the remainder of the signs should move along at a better pace. We are very excited about this project and look forward to the first sign installation which will be done by the City of Atascadero.
- Annual Lake Perimeter Clean up Day: October is usually when we have our lake clean up. We brought to Nick Debars attention that there is severe growth around the lake and with just hand tools we will not be able to really make a large dent in what needs to be accomplished. It was suggested that the city find workers to come with chain saws to really do the heavy pruning. This especially for safety reasons. There has been already one large branch that has fallen onto the pathway, another large branch luckily fell into the lake. Also, the pathway is partially blocked so folks must go into the street while walking. Marjorie Fuchs mentioned that her son Alex might be willing to work with park staff to help organize the clean-up.
- Algae Report, Bob Edmonds: Bob expressed his frustration with Nick Debar, Director of Public Works as Bob has called and left message for Nick and Nick had not returned his calls. Nick agreed that he would make every attempt in the future to be more responsive. For this reason, we were very happy to see Nick show up at our meeting. Nick Debar explained that the shallower parts of the lake form more algae than the deeper parts. In the future they will be applying the dye once a month and the probiotics twice a month, the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Algacide permit is in Sacramento and should be OK'd soon. Next year the city hopes to apply

the treatment beginning early March if there is no chance for the lake water to go over the spillway. We appreciated Nick attending our meeting to answer our questions

Addendum: Please read City's response to the lake algae issue that was in the online A-town daily news today (7.22.19). <https://atowndailynews.com/city-addresses-atascadero-lake-annual-summertime-algae/54549/>

Round Table: Ron Blackwell brought up the condition of the perimeter path and remarked that his wife has fallen a couple of times and he has seen other people fall. He was asking that the city will be do repairs to fill in the divots and washouts. Don Lynge asked Nick to speak with his consultant about moving the dead wood/trees that have fallen into the water on the South side of the island. Don said they would be moved to the North side of the island so there would still be plenty of turtle habitat. Nick said he would look into it.

We also asked Nick about extending the aeration system which we want to do. The question was if the city was willing to pay for the electric to run the aerators. Nick said he would check into it. The aerators do an amazing job of recirculating and oxygenating the water. We have the existing plan to extend the system, we just need the city's approval.

Nick Matson of Colony Days attended our meeting to discuss joining forces and have LakeFest and the Cardboard boat races the same day at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bluegrass Festival. He said there were over 3000 people there this year and it's growing. The idea of a lazar light show at the end of the day and evening hours would really add to the event. We will form a committee to discuss. If this combined event was something that came to fruition a phrase was coined: "You Can't Get More Atascadero Than That"!

**Next Board Meeting August 21, 6:15 in The Ranger House**

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