



MINUTES FROM FRIENDS OF ATASCADERO LAKE BOARD MEETING APRIL 21, 2014

In Attendance: Nancy Hair, Paul Murphy, Don Lynge, Jon Trumbull, Barbara Combs, Joni Walter, Olan Kaigel, Absent: Bob Edmonds. Guests: Chris Walter, Dave Highland

- Approval of minutes of the March 17, Board Meeting by email
- Jon Furness, Boy Scout Troop # 155, attended our meeting and gave a presentation on the Kiosk building project for Friends of Atascadero Lake that will be placed at Atascadero Lake Park. Jon is heading up the project to earn his Eagle Scout rating. He explained the process of doing this type of project. His role is similar to a general contractor. After raising the funds, he gathers the materials and crew to complete the project. Nancy Hair moved and it was seconded by Paul Murphy that we donate \$500 towards this project. It was approved. The total cost will be around \$1000. We suggested to Jon to create a Go Fund Me Account as another way of raising funds. We appreciate the work that Jon has put into this project and we look forward to having the Kiosk up in the park. (addendum) After this meeting we have subsequently found out Friends of Atascadero Lake cannot donate to this project as Jon Furness is the grandson of one of our board members. We will be updating on his Gofundme account.
- Treasurer's report. We had an account balance of: \$17,557.26. Credits of: \$1200 and debits of: \$170, our balance is now \$18586.83. Joni Walter, our treasurer will be speaking with Ray Buban CPA, Atascadero regarding our taxes. He has generously donated his time to help us. We will have to pay for a filing fee, if there is one. Thank You Mr. Buban!
- Paul Murphy and Nancy Hair met with Heather Moreno to keep her current on what our organization is doing currently and our plans for the future. Friends of Atascadero Lake work together with the city as an advisory group only (we cannot do anything without city approval). It is important to keep lines of communication open. What we do we do for the city of Atascadero to foster pride for our city and community.
- Paul Murphy and Nancy Hair spoke at Rotary. Speaking before many organizations helps us to get information out about our mission. They had many good questions. The highlight was when one of the resident Bald Eagles flew by the Pavilion window and proceeded to swoop down to try and catch a "coot" for lunch! He spent at least 15 minutes right in front of us. It was a great show. Folks forget or are not aware that there is a lot of life and nature that happens here at the lake. There are two Bald Eagles that "hunt" here regularly. Migrating ducks (now having babies), coots, and other water fowl frequent the lake. When the lake had fish and more water there were white pelicans, cormorants, terns, herons, swans for all to enjoy. Not to mention creating habitat for all the amphibians and turtles!
- Reporting on the well/pipe to Lake Project with the city was tabled as the meeting has not happened yet. But we are still working at gathering all the information we need to get the

engineering done for the project. Eric Gobler found the Topo maps of the area. They were handed over to Fred Watkins and John Kudla. They have donated their time to draw the engineering plans. Eric Gobler also might know of a contractor that would be willing to help with the project. Thank you!!!

- Nancy Hair and Paul Murphy will find out about purchasing Directors and Officers Insurance.
- It was moved by Nancy Hair and seconded by Jon Trumbull that we join Atascadero Chamber of Commerce, and have some business cards made to hand out, all approved. The more we can network, the more we can grow our group and gain support of our mission.
- We voted for new officers: Paul Murphy is our new President, Don Lynge, Vice-President, Joni Walter, Treasurer. Nancy Hair, Secretary.
- Jon Trumbull brought up the idea of having folks who are “pro lake, with water” send letters to the local newspapers and publications in support of adding supplemental water to Atascadero Lake. With over 400 positive responses from the Facebook page, and only one person who have expressed a negative response, seems like folks are behind adding supplemental water to the lake. It is good to remember that the lake saved the City of Atascadero from the HWY 41 fire in 1994. The lake was used by the helicopters for water to put the flames out when the fire was at San Gabriel Rd. The helicopters need at least 8 ½ feet of water to lower their buckets to retrieve the water. Higher water discourages mosquito and West Nile outbreaks currently on the rise: Amount proposed from well is equivalent to 8 hours (.001) of total water Atascaderans use yearly: Colony, county and city have used lake area wells for a century to keep lake fresh and clean (these wells are no longer viable and not worth the electricity to pump): Well would not diminish city residents’ supply from Salinas River: And most important, a full and sustainable Atascadero Lake would bolster community pride, self-image, property values, tourism, business and tax revenues. **Please help us by voicing your support by writing to the local papers, sending e-mails to your friends, or in casual conversations. We greatly appreciate your support and efforts.**

Next meeting will be May 19th, 6:00 pm in the Pavilion

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Hair, Secretary

Addendum: Solar City, 1237 Archer St, San Luis Obispo has offered to us that if a client of theirs mentions Friends of Atascadero Lake when purchasing a solar system, they will donate \$250. Thank you Solar City!!!

Please visit our Website: www.friendsofatascaderolake.com

You can also donate to our GoFundMe account for the pipeline project and for Jon Furness’s Eagle Scout project by clicking the link in the body of the email.