

FRIENDS OF ATASCADERO LAKE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2014

In Attendance: Nancy Hair, Paul Murphy, Patricia McQuaid, Don Lynge, Joni Walter, Chris Walter, Olan Kaigel, Barbara Combs, Don Giessinger, Michelle Holmberg, Jens Hansen, Linda Hansen.

Absent: Bob Edmonds, Jon Trumbull

- Meeting called to order by Don Lynge
- Approval of May 15, 2014 minutes (pre-approved by e-mail)
- Treasures report by Joni Walter:
Beginning Balance: 638.26
Credits: 40.00
Expenses: 0
Ending Balance: 678.26
- Website is fully functional and up and running. Joni asked that those who have Facebook please put up the link to our website on their Facebook page to help get the word out and for folks to "Like".
- <http://mawltr.wix.com/friendsofataslake> Link to website
- Don Giessinger introduced Jens and Linda Hansen. Don Giessinger and Paul Murphy have been working very hard to have a designated well for Atascadero Lake. A property owned by the Hansen's was indentified by a geologist and Ned Thompson of Filliponi and Thompson as a very good potential well site. The Hansen's have graciously given permission for Filliponi and Thompson to drill a well on their property just for the lake. An application has been sent into AMWC for the well. At the next AMWC board meeting July 17, hopefully they will vote to approve the well. The Hansen's would need to get a well permit from the City and County Health. FOAL would pay for the permits. There are many new government restrictions on new wells. The Hansen's will give a lease to the city and the city will have control of the well. FOAL will work to raise the money for drilling and operating costs. The city would be responsible run a pipe from the well to the lake to transport the water. Filliponi and Thompson gave a bid of \$13,600 to drill the well to 300' and install a 5 HP pump. We are grateful for their generosity. It was agreed that it would be ideal to drill this year. Being such a low water year and getting water, in the wetter years it would only be better. Don Giessinger mentioned that Rotary is in a transition but he is still working hard to have them do fundraising for the well. We want to thank The Hansen's, Don Giessinger, Paul Murphy and Filliponi and Thompson for all their hard work and generosity.
- Michelle Holmberg who lives near the lake brought up the idea of dredging and making a new island. This is not allowable to do anymore due to regulations. She also brought up the feeding of the ducks and geese. We told her signage is on our "to do" list educating lake visitors to the harm of feeding wildlife.

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- Nancy Hair gave a report on the t-shirt sales at the Peddlers Fair. Not to many sold, but some really great contacts were made. The next opportunity to sell t-shirts will be at the 4th of July at the Lake.
- The MOU was tabled until the next meeting.
- Nancy Hair presented ideas for Sponsorship giving as fundraising. Nancy Hair and Marilyn Pieters worked on what would be appropriate for "Levels of Giving". This will be discussed at the next meeting when we have more board members present. We all agreed we need to get donations to fund our projects. Right now we are waiting for the approval of our 501c3 status. Hopefully we will hear from the IRS in July. If someone were to make a substantial donation today, they would not be able to deduct it from their taxes.
- Paul Murphy and Don Lynge discussed a bank restoration project to stabilize the banks. They also talked of the importance of doing dredging. Soon the lake will be dry, the perfect opportunity to dredge. We may not have another opportunity in the future. Due to regulations we are only allowed to dredge 5 acres at a time. In the last dredge most of the money spent went to hauling of material. They are looking at a place closer to dump the dredged material while it is being tested. The situation we are now in is a bit of a catch 22. The dredging and the well are the two most pressing and important projects to accomplish right now. The lake bottom is full of muck that contributes to the overall poor water quality. Without the removal of this muck the lake will always have an ongoing water quality issue. When we have our well the first thing everyone wants to see happen is "fill the lake". BUT, the most important first step is to dredge. You need to create a good base that all can be built on. We will go to the city to ask them for the funds to dredge. If no money is available now we will ask for a small percent of the potential money raised if the new tax measure passes.
- The Eco System committee is continuing to work on the grant to restore the wetlands on the south side of the lake.
- Don Lynge said he was approached by a checker at Food for Less. She wants to start a campaign on asking folks if they would be willing to give a donation to help the lake. This would be similar to the Loaves and Fishes campaign where you gave a donation and then you wrote your name on a sticker that was put on a wall. This is a great idea and Don Lynge is going to follow through with her.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Hair, Secretary Friends of Atascadero Lake