



February 19, 2020 Friends of Atascadero Lake Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Paul Murphy, Bob Edmonds, Kathy Hontz, Mark Hontz, Olan Kaigel, Dena Kaigel, Michelle Harms. Guests: Oswaldo Martinez, Dave Highland, Mike Elkins, Dennis Michniuk, Denni Michniuk. Absent: Don Lynge, Jon Trumbull, Barbara Combes, Dick and Wendy Pierce

- Approval of the January 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Olan Kaigel: Beginning balance of \$25,615.93, deposits of \$28,625, withdrawals of \$10,041.45 leaving an ending balance of \$44,199.48
- Introducing of Dennis Michniuk of Fish and Wildlife, Dave Highland, retired F&W, Mike Elkins, retired F&W. They attended our meeting to discuss the addition of a fish screen at Atascadero Lake. This is a project we have been working on for almost 2 years. Now with a consistent water supply to the lake and F&W wanting to create more fishing possibilities in SLO County. There is a possibility Atascadero Lake could be stocked with around 1000 triploid sterile trout this Spring. A "pre-evaluation" for stocking has been completed. Dave Highland mentioned that in previous years Atascadero Lake has been stocked with trout. The fish screen would be built at the culvert under the bridge that connects the park parking lot to the Veterans Memorial. This would allow water to flow out to Atascadero Creek, but not allow the trout to escape into the creek. The screen would be 36" high and would require maintenance (kept clean of debris and leaves) by Friends of Atascadero Lake and the City of Atascadero. A written agreement between Friends of Atascadero Lake and the City of Atascadero is needed to begin the project. It was proposed by Bob Edmonds and seconded by Paul Murphy we write a check to F&W for \$403.14 to purchase the materials for the fish screen. F&W will install the screen.
- Introducing Ozzie Martinez: Ozzie is a member of The Watershed Steward Program that works to protect and educate the public about our watershed. They have elected to create a "bio-swale" at the South end of Atascadero Lake in a natural run-off that feeds the lake. They will create a "mini" wetland that will help filter the water: when the water reaches the lake, it should contain less contaminants and silt. Atascadero Mutual Water Company has donated money to purchase plants. They are looking for volunteers and donations. The workdays are: March 13-14. Please see attached flyer. We suggested Ozzie contacts The Grizzly Academy for more help. We agreed to laminate their posters and place them around the lake. We will also put out the information on Social Media.
- Lake Perimeter Signage, Michelle Harms: The first sign is now in the hands of the City. We will be working with the City for installation. After the install (installed by the city) we want to have a

“media event” inviting Council Members and the press. We are very excited about bringing to fruition the beginning of our signage project.

- Tamale Festival, Nancy Hair: We deposited \$27,900 (\$4000 of that was our “seed money”). To date we have expenses of \$9,324. We have one more vendor that needs to send us their invoice. All in all, on such a cold day attendance was up, alcohol sales were down compared to last year, but we are very pleased with the outcome. We are grateful to the City of Atascadero for this opportunity. Without it we would not be able to pay the ongoing electrical expense for the well.
- LakeFest 2020, Nancy Hair: We are moving along and have 29 vendors lined up. Dick and Wendy Pierce are working on plans for the Fishing Derby. It would be great if the fish plant happened right before LakeFest.
- Round Table: We are applying for the San Luis Obispo County Beautification Grant due March 19, 2020. Our grant application is for the Lake Perimeter Signs. Jon Trumbull has talked to John Thompson with Filiponi and Thompson Drilling about our well. They talked about 3 items: 1. Installation of a digital timer so the well goes on at the “best rate” times. 2. John will talk to a geologist about the well viability and sustainability. 3. We will ask PG&E about some sort of a rate package.