



## Friends of Atascadero Lake Board Meeting Minutes of June 13 and June 20 2022

June 13, 2022 Minutes: Present: Bob Edmonds, Dena Kaigel, Olan Kaigel, Mark Hontz, Barbara Combs, Don Lynge, Paul Murphy, Nancy Hair. Absent, Kathy Hontz

- Approval of the April 25, 2022 Board meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report, Olan Kaigel: Beginning balance of \$41,030.17, Deposits of \$4,738.16, Withdrawals of \$3,509.75, leaving an ending balance of \$42,258.58.
- LakeFest, Nancy hair: Very positive feedback about LakeFest. There was a great turn out with the beautiful weather. We will make some changes to the Fishing Derby and will be in contact with Dick and Wendy Pierce who organized it. They did an incredible job and we thank them for all the effort they put into getting everything ready for the event and manning their table during the event. We would like to get better awards for the 2023 LakeFest. We are pleased that we actually made some money. Expenses for the 2020 cancelled event were included in the accounting. Each organization made \$1,615.00. Partnering with the Link Family Resource Center was a very positive experience and moving forward we hope to continue this partnership.
- Our insurance is up for renewal July 01, 2022. We want to end our agreement we have with the City of Atascadero regarding the Portola Well as all liability for the well, water quality and pipes as stated in the agreement falls on the shoulders of Friends of Atascadero Lake. We have been in contact with the City since February 2022 with our desire to terminate this agreement. We have carried this liability burden since June 2016. Paul moved and Bob seconded that we turn off the well July 01 when our insurance is up for renewal, but we keep the Agreement as ending the Agreement triggers other stipulations. All approved. This way we release ourselves from further liability.
- We also talked about the algae growth in the lake. We will be contacting the City regarding their schedule of dye application and ask if there is any way we can help. Barbara Combs agreed to monitor the lake and contact Nick DeBar of the City with updates.

June 20, 2022 Minutes: Present: Bob Edmonds, Mark Hontz, Olan Kaigel, Dena Kaigel, Don Lynge, Paul Murphy, Barbara Combs, Nancy Hair, Absent, Kathy Hontz.

- Regarding Well Agreement Termination, Mark Hontz: Mark met with Rachelle Richard regarding a letter she sent on June 6, 2022 about termination of the agreement. The City continues to perform its due diligence in order to determine feasibility of taking over the Portola Well. Rachelle and Mark discussed the insurance, and the City will be looking for more comprehensive insurance for the well. Rachelle also talked to Mark about the 4 steps the City would have to take in order to possibly take over the responsibility of the well. We have no idea how long this will take. We will write a letter to Rachelle asking her for a timeline. Because the City is actively looking for solutions, Paul Murphy made a motion and Bob Edmonds seconded that we do not turn off the well and we continue insuring the well. All approved. This is a “good faith” effort on our part to continue to partner with the City. Our group has a sense of accomplishment and have worked for years to get the lake to what it is today. Not only for its beauty, but fire safety is very important. The lake has been used in the past to draw water out of with Helicopters to fight the Highway 41 fire.
- Algae: Don Lynge talked with Richard Dennis of EP Aeration (this company installed the aerators) about a better dye for the lake. We asked Don to get a written quote. Don said Richard has access to a better dye that does not dissipate so much. Paul and Don will contact Nick about this and ask Nick to provide the timeline for dye application for the lake. We do not know why there is so much algae in the deeper parts of the lake if dye has been applied in a timely manner. We would also be happy to help with application.