

Deerhorn Valley Community Association

Minutes from March 17, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the DVCA opened at 7:15.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no financial activity during the month. Our end-of-month balance remains \$4684.04.

OLD BUSINESS

- A) RFPD BILL DISCREPANCIES (Cindy Schneider): The letter requesting clarification/correction to the post-Harris Fire excess operating expenses to Chief Nissen has not yet been sent, and the item was deferred to the next DVCA meeting.
- B) The new Post Office box has not yet been rented.
- C) NEWSLETTER UPDATE: Janis Morley will be assisting Ariele Brooks with the formatting of the newsletter. A copy of the flyer for the Pancake Breakfast will be forwarded to Ariele. We are not planning to mail out the Newsletter. Instead it will be available online, at community meetings, and at the Pancake Breakfast. Jill Powell has the name of the business who previously printed our newsletter at a reduced cost. Peg Hance will get the information and report back. There was a consensus by those attending that the DVCA should attempt to publish the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. Visibility of the DVCA is very important, with so many individuals struggling in our community. Ruth Brewer agreed to spearhead setting up a DVCA Booth at the Pancake Breakfast where we can collect email addresses and have additional information available for residents.
- D) DV DIRECTORY UPDATE: When the submission form is available, it will be posted on deerhornvalley.net for download. A copy of the old Directory and submission forms will be available at the Pancake Breakfast. It was suggested that pre-order requests could be taken then also.
- E) FACILITY USE POLICY & SHARED USE OF FIRE STATION FACILITIES: As RFPD adds more coverage to Deerhorn, it plans to limit community use of the Fire Station by groups other than those directly involved in DVVFD support and operations such as the CSZ, Fire-Safe Council, and Auxiliary. The specifics of use permission are still under consideration by the RFPD Board. Susie and Jim Norton offered their residence for any future meetings. Paul Jacob also offered his red barn on an as-needed basis for DVCA meetings. Anne Evosevich will contact Emily Bennett to find out if their Quonset hut building might be available for a meeting or event.
- F) COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: NATIVE PLANTS & RAPTORS Sue Bell and Nancy Connelly have not yet been contacted, as we are awaiting more information on where a meeting location can be arranged.
- G) IRS UPDATE: Cindy has made the request for the original 1023/1024 forms approving our 501(3)c. (original Articles of Incorporation and Approval of Non-Profit Status). It was also suggested that a copy of the new by-laws be made available via DVCA email: deerhornvalley @Bigfoot.com Peg Hance submitted a copy of the 2001 DVCA By-Laws.

H) Renee spoke to expanding the community efforts of the DVCA and its non-profit status to reach out to DV residents in need through activities such as: check-ins, cooking meals, making repairs, yard work, etc. It was proposed that any program be initiated on a project-by-project basis to keep the scope manageable. Tom Lamb reported the Volunter San Diego has volunteers ready for projects related to fire safety. Renee described elderly residents who need an unsafe deck repaired, and it was decided to use this project as a “trial run.” It was suggested that eventually DVCA could spearhead various projects that address community needs with a separate leader and file for each project. Concern was expressed about DVCA liability for workers or homeowners who could possibly suffer injury during or after the project.

On a motion by Ruth Brewer (Amended by Renee Deede; 2nd by Susie Norton) it was agreed that the DVCA accept the deck-repair project on a trial basis. It further authorized Renee to explore a relationship with a contractor to supervise and accept liability for the trial deck repair project before beginning to solicit materials under the auspices of the DVCA (Passed with 1 abstention).

NEW BUSINESS

DVCA Vice-President: Janis Morley has been unable to attend the previous meetings because of schedule conflicts with her employment. Some concerns were expressed about the procedure to follow if both the President and Vice-President are absent. It was noted that the current (2008) By-Laws state, “ If the chairperson is unable to attend a meeting or function, the chairperson may appoint someone to fulfill his/her functions.” Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Sharon Gladding announced that CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training and a Ham Radio Class will be offered:
- 2) CERT Training will be held June 18-19-20 (Thu-Fri-Sat) and the following Fri-Sat and at the Fire Station for interested persons 16 years and older. While preference will be given to local residents, open spaces are open to all. Weekday classes will be held in the evening, and Saturday classes during the day.
- 3) Ham Radio Training will be offered on Saturday, May 2, 2009.at the Church of the Latter Day Saints in Jamul from 9am – 5pm
- 4) Kim Hamilton distributed copies of the USFS Pest Alert Bulletin on the Goldspotted Oak Borer which is killing previously healthy and mature live oaks and has apparently spread into the Deerhorn area. More information will be posted on DeerhornValley.net as it becomes available

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted for amendment and approval,

Kim Hamilton, Secretary