

M24 Ranch Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

August 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

Officers Present: Lance Kever, Sue Haaland, Kitos Leyva, John Scadding and Chris Kramer.

Members Present: Skip Butler, Pat George, Ron Kramer, Pamm Leyva, Carol Phelps, Ron Morrison
Chuck Slaton, Mona Starks, Linda McCluskey, Darryl Hylton, Jim Johnson, Dean Hunt

Guests Present: Eli Kersh-Oliva (Kersh), Amanda Butler

Treasurers Report: John Scadding presented the end of the year financial report of the Association as of June 30, 2013. Revenues less fixed costs and set asides came to \$38,962. Operating outlays totaled \$19,080, leaving operating revenues over expenditures in the amount of \$19,882. After an allocation to the road fund of \$10,000 and an allocation to the Lakeside future maintenance fund of \$1,000, the operating surplus for the year was \$8,882. Assets totaled \$18,058, liabilities totaled \$1,985 and net worth was \$16,073 at the fiscal year end. After making a small adjustment, John will send the report to Chris Kramer to post to the M24 website.

Lance wants to add more port-a-potties around the lake in this fiscal year. The ones we have were bought outright.

Vice-President Report: Kitos would like to make a motion to have the current three committees (roads, lake beautification, and lake restoration) use their budget as they see fit instead of making a proposal to the board for each project. Kitos feels that it is better to have one person or company do the work instead of having to wait to get multiple bids. It is difficult to finding three persons or companies to do the estimates. Sue Blake suggests that we set a limit for a committee to spend without Board approval. Chris Kramer prefers the Board knows what a project may be and the cost before it is performed. Carol Phelps suggested the limit for a committee to spend without an OK from the Board should be \$1,000. Ron Morrison reminded the Board that in the past Board members would call each other if something was needed immediately. John S. suggests we set the limit to \$3,000.

A motion was made by Kitos: The road committee should be allowed to coordinate and spend allocated funds up to \$3000 on projects previously approved by the Board without getting approval again by the Board to spend the money. Lance seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Associate Director: Sue Blake asked what was going to be done about the dead trees around the lake. Mona Starks, chair of the Lake Beautification Committee would like to walk around the lake with the committee and a Board member to identify what trees need to be cut. Daryl Hylton offered to help and to cut the trees. Coots Cove was suggested as the place for the burning of any debris from cut trees. Members need to know in advance when the work will be done. Mona would like to have more input by members on which areas around the lake need to be cleaned up. Carol Phelps suggested we use the CHIPS program (Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions - a job training program that trains workers for careers in the growing effort to thin forests in order to prevent catastrophic wildfires) to help with the fire prevention clearing around M24.

Sue Blake also asked where the float in the middle of the lake was. Lance Keever and Don Starks removed it because they thought it was a hazard. Lance would like to expand the size of the float and move it in closer to Kids Beach.

Sue's final question was what are we going to do with the Canada geese? The geese are roosting on the docks and making a mess. Are we just going to live with them? Pat George said there is a company that makes "wild animals" that the geese are afraid of that can be erected at the docks. The cutouts are used at golf courses. Pat will get more information on them. Chris Kramer does not want anything "done" with the geese.

Other Comments: Eli Kersh-Oliva and Chris Kramer put together an Emergency Call List. One side of the list is the Lot Map of M24 with lot numbers. The other side is the call list divided into three separate lists. The list was given to the board members who will be the holders of the list and will use it to make emergency call if and when needed. The list will not be distributed to the membership.

Chris asked the Board if they would like the lot map with the lot numbers posted to the website. She also asked the Board if they would like the original development maps of M24 posted to the website. The Board would like both posted.

Eli Kersh-Oliva gave the membership an update on his thesis project, the lake management plan for M24. Eli has completed aquatic plant identification but will watch for other species. He continues to test the water quality and will begin the writing of his thesis next.

Carol Phelps asked about the machinery on Skip Butler's property. The large green piece belongs to Bob Schock who will scrap it out eventually. Skip will tell Bob that members are asking how long it will be there.

Questions were brought up again about the marijuana growers in M24. Growing the plant would be considered a business if people are coming in to buy the product. That type of business is not allowed in M24 and the growers would be asked to stop. Lance will ask for the necessary permits from the persons growing for medicinal purposes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM. The next meeting of the M24 Ranch Association Board of Directors is scheduled for September 7, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the barn.