

SLO County Running Deer Ranch Company, Inc.

General Membership Meeting – Sunday, May 28, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Lobo Residence on Whispering Pines Ln., Running Deer Ranch

Bob Boals.....President
Jerry Reese.....Vice-President
Carol Bosman-Anderson.....Secretary
Don Bullard.....Treasurer
Jerry Ford.....Dock Chairman
Chris Besvold.....Board Member
Scott Brownell.....Board Member
Leo Kennedy/Carl Steinkraus...SNRA Reps
Don Bullard/Chuck Enterline....NRWMAC Reps

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by V.P. Jerry Reese, standing in for President Bob Boals. Board members in attendance: Jerry Reese, Jerry Ford, Carol Bosman-Anderson, Don Bullard, Chris Besvold, and Scott Brownell. Thirty voting-eligible property owners were in attendance, in addition to other family members.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Jerry R.

Roll Call – Carol B., Secretary. Carol had the board make self-introductions, and reported on Board member attendance. There was 100% attendance at the five meetings held during the year with the exception of one Board member absence at one meeting. Carol had all owners introduce themselves and say where they lived.

- She recapped the five goals of the Board for the past year: road improvement and maintenance, Point improvement and maintenance, ramp improvement and maintenance, fire suppression and prevention, and mussel prevention.

President’s Opening Remarks – Jerry R. for Bob B.: Jerry reported that both the summer fire and the tremendous amount of rain at the lake had the biggest impact on RDR this year. Road repairs kept both SNRA and RDR busy.

Treasurer’s Report – Don Bullard: Don presented the budget report for the 2016-17 fiscal year, with paper copies distributed for owner review. Louise Oganessian has continued to assist him in working toward 501C(3) non-profit status for RDR. In the coming year, dues will be collected later in spring to comply with non-profit guidelines.

- We have 2 accounts: the Operations account, which must have a balance of under 10% of the income collected by fiscal year end, and Allocations, where monies for future expenditures are allocated and a balance may be carried forward.
- There were 103 paid members last year. Budget summaries are reported on a quarterly basis and distributed to owners along with the Board meeting minutes. RDR is in good shape budget wise.

Motion: by Chuck Enterline, to accept treasurer’s report. Seconded by Jerry Ford. Motion passed unanimously.

Don B. then presented the budget for the upcoming 2017/18 fiscal year. 107 members have paid, which may be a record for RDR. Memorial Day weekend security was a bargain at \$565 for the weekend. He thanked John Crass, Jess Felgenhauer, and Bob Boals for fabricating and installing a new Point gate.

Motion: by Joanne Russell, to approve the 2017/18 budget. Seconded by Jerry Ford. Discussion: Joanne R. asked how the allocation for weed abatement was used. It is used to eliminate burr clover at the Point, and weeds alongside the roads that can be a fire danger and destroy pavement along the shoulders. Lynsi Thiessen asked for clarification on what the RDR liability policy covers. One policy covers the RDR Board, the second covers the roads, point and launch ramp easements, and the gate. The current policy needs a code change to reflect launch ramp coverage. At this time, it is called watercraft coverage. Don B. will follow up with the insurance company to ensure it is done. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Motion: by Katie Bullard, to preserve dues charged at \$300 per year. Seconded by Louise Oganessian. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road and Point Maintenance – Jerry Reese & Don Bullard

- Jerry R. reported that \$20,000 will be expended on road repairs this year. Fair pricing continues to be offered by Fredericks. An \$1,800 bill will be sent to a member whose work crew damaged shoulders on the road. Road repairs will start next month.
- Jerry R. thanked Bob Boals and Larry Brannon for their help in clearing the ramp

Dock Policies – Jerry Ford

- Jerry thanked dock owners for monitoring their docks during the rising water levels of the lake, sometimes at a rate of 10 ft. a day. He thanked his Dock Committee for their good work: Andy Harmon, John Camacho, Rick Modlin, Kelly Lobo.
- It was decided to assess dock owners an annual fee, with the fees collected earmarked for Point maintenance and improvement. Fee was approved by the Board, with dock owners Jerry Reese, Don Bullard, and Bob Boals recusing themselves from the vote. Joanne R. asked what the fee was, as it was not noted in the budget that was just passed. Jerry F. said it is \$75 per anchor post and there are eleven of them. Don B. said it will be a separate line item in the budget. Joanne R. asked if would have been better to charge by owner, rather than post, which is how our dues are assessed. Jerry R. noted that was good input for future consideration.
- The dragon dock will be expanded by 6 slips, which has cleared the dock waitlist.

Fire Tanks and Call Tree – Jerry Reese & Leo Kennedy

- Jerry reported that the three fire tanks are ready to go out at these addresses:
 - Oganessian's: 7025 High Meadow Rd.
 - Bullard's: 5525 Whispering Pines Rd.
 - Reese's: 7330 Running Deer Rd.

Four wheel drive vehicles are needed to tow them. They have easy pull string pumps. We were the first water on the fire last summer. Wear long pants and good shoes if you come out to fight.

- Leo K. announced we have the opportunity to join the SLO Co. Fire Safe Council and form an RDR fire safe focus group. Advantages: Advice on fire prevention, opportunity to get grants, possible discounts on insurance costs.

Motion: by Chuck Enterline, that RDR join the SLO County Fire Safe Council. Seconded by Katie Bullard.

Discussion: Katie Bullard asked about the benefits and costs. This group is closely intertwined with SNRA. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

- Leo K. announced SNRA's idea to post a sign on the main gate reading "No driving off payment, no open fires". The sign would be at their cost. It is believed the summer fire was started by someone driving off road.

Motion: by Leo Kennedy, to allow SNRA to place a sign on the main gate reading "No open fires. No driving off pavement". Seconded by Chuck Enterline. Discussion followed. ***Motion passed.***

Main Gate and Point Keys – Don B.

- Carl Steinkraus trimmed trees at the gate that interfered with the radio signal for closing the gate. Non-duplicable keys for the Point are working. Don B. witnessed a driver trying to use a duplicated key, and it did not work.

Mussel Inspection Program – Don B.

- 35 inspectors in RDR inspect their family and guests' boats.
- Thanks to the new volunteers who did inspections this weekend.
- There is a residential permit program that can work for you if keep your boat or other craft on site all year. Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards with storage are eligible.
- Don is trying for a Level 1 class to come to RDR.

Website and Correspondence – Carol Bosman-Anderson for Bob B.

- The RDR Facebook page has 94 followers and 85 likes. Photo submissions are okayed by Bob or Carol. No private information will be posted. ***Owners are reminded to connect at <https://www.facebook.com/runningdeerranchnacimiento/>***
- Bob Boals designed bumper stickers for Running Deer Ranch. He will distribute them to owners during the summer months. This is Bob's gift to RDR – he is covering the costs.
- If you or a family member are not on the owner e-mail list to receive RDR correspondence, give your name to Carol or Bob to be added.

SNRA Report – Leo Kennedy

- Winter rains damaged culverts, swales had to be re-done where they were undercutting the road, and there are lots of potholes.
- Thanks to Jerry Ahrens and Carl Steinkraus for their work on the gate.

NRWMAC – Don Bullard

- NRWMAC was started by the late Norm Flowers of RDR, and represents 3,500-4,000 residents of Lake Nacimiento. Goals of NRWMAC: 1) maximize water levels on the lake, 2) safe and healthy lake water, 3) a strong voice to keep mussels out (Level 2 & 3 mussel inspectors are Don Bullard and Phil Humfrey).
- The proposed Interlake Tunnel would capture high level water in our lake and send it to Lake San Antonio, which is only at 55% capacity. It would cost \$80 million to build. NRWMAC believes the elevation will be set too low, allowing the tunnel to pump water when we are only 40% full. The chances of getting a higher elevation tunnel are not good. Someone asked if we can email key authorities to protest. Don said yes, putting pressure on the Monterey Board of Supervisors and others can help. *He will email contact names and email addresses to us.*
- Don encourages owners to ***consult the NRWMAC website for all information related to the lake***, including 4 live webcam feeds from around the lake, reports on current water levels, the tunnel project, and mussel detection information at SaveTheDragon.org.

- **Ranger patrols on the Lake** have been cut back and will be non-existent on week days and possible weekends after July 1. NRWMAC'S influence got us rangers for this holiday weekend. They will continue to keep up the pressure.
- **Water flow at the dam** has continued at high flow rates, even though the lake water level no longer requires it. Monterey Co. is claiming they need the water to 1) recharge farmers' aquifers, 2) re-establish salmon in the Salinas River, 3) use the water for development and 4) Prepare for next winter in case it is a wet one again. Per Don, NRWMAC is working hard to reduce the release schedule, but the outlook is not good. At the current release schedule of 600cfs the lake will be at approximately 45% come Labor Day. Today we are at 86%.

Motion, by Chuck Enterline, to continue the annual \$1,000 donation to NRWMAC for this fiscal year. Seconded by Jerry Ford. Passed unanimously.

Open Discussion, General Membership - Jerry Reese: Recommended we continue pursuing the goals of the board as set forth in past year.

Motion, by Louise Oganessian, to adopt the 5 goals of the Board from 2016/17 for the upcoming year. Seconded by Barbara M. Passed unanimously.

Elections to Replace 3 Outgoing RDR Board Members – Jerry Reese

- Due to time served, it will take a 2/3 vote of membership present to elect Jerry Reese and Jerry Ford again. Don Bullard is eligible for another 2 year post. Thirty owners signed in. A 2/3's vote would be 20.
- Nominations: Don B. nominated Lee Holoién. He declined. Louise O. nominated Jerry Ford. He declined. Louise O. nominated Don Bullard and Kelly Lobo. Renda McAllister nominated Joanne Russell. Joanne Russell nominated Jerry Reese.
- Voting: Jerry Reese, Joanne Russell, and Don Bullard received majority votes.

President's Closing Remarks and Adjournment – Jerry R. for Bob Boals: Jerry R. congratulated new board members and thanked general membership for their participation. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Post Meeting:

New and continuing Board members elected officers as follows:

- President - Bob Boals
- Vice President – Chris Besvold
- Treasurer - Don Bullard
- Secretary – Carol Bosman-Anderson
- Dock Chairman – Scott Brownell
- Member at Large – Joanne Russell
- Member at Large – Jerry Reese

The next Board meeting will take place on **Monday, July 3 at 9 a.m.** at the home of Don Bullard.