

**SLO County Running Deer Ranch Company, Inc.**

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – 9:00 am  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
5550 Whispering Pines Rd.

President – Andy Harmon  
Vice President – Dusty Stewart  
Secretary – Joanne Russell  
Treasurer – Brandee Jankoski  
Member at Large – Amit Apel  
Roads and Point Chair – Ken McAlister  
Miscellaneous Chair – Roger Staben  
SNRA Rep – Leo Kennedy  
SNRA Rep – Roger Staben  
NRWMAC Rep – Tom Nix

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President Andy Harmon  
Board members in attendance: Andy Harmon, Dusty Stewart, Brandee Jankoski, Ken McAlister, Joanne Russell, Roger Staben. Absent: Amit Apel.

**President’s Opening Remarks – Andy H**

Andy welcomed all owners and thanked everyone for their attendance. He thanked all the volunteer’s that helped during the road closure. Andy then discussed what he learned during that time about emergency preparedness. He reminded everyone to continually check your emergency equipment, backups etc., for emergencies such as we just experienced.

- Andy then asked all to stand, face the flag and recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
- He then asked owners to introduce themselves and say where they live in RDR and for how long.
- He then reviewed the following;
  - Update on the progress of Anthony Macera since his car accident during the storms earlier this year.
  - this year’s election process and candidates
  - SNRA text notification system

**Treasurer’s Report – Brandee J.**

Brandee reviewed the financial report for 2022-2023. (Included with these minutes). **95 owners paid**, which aligned with the budget for last year.

- Some improvements: Brandee was able to go to bid on the insurance which resulted in a decrease in costs vs. previous years.
- Expenses for the road were planned at \$14,000, however, due to low activity, it was decided to combine the funds with the 23/24 budget and get more road work done at one time
- \$5622.11 was transferred, as per RDR financial policy to the reserves account.
- The taxes for 2022 have been filed

**Motion by Sue Kennedy to accept the 22-23 Year End financial report,**  
seconded by Lee Holoein. *Motion passed.*

Brandee then reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. The budget is based on 105 paying members, increased from the previous year based on the lake level. She discussed continuing support for NRWMAC with a \$1,500 donation as in years past and requested a motion for this donation.

**Motion by Leo Kennedy to support NRWMAC with a \$1,500 donation from RDR.** Seconded by Andy Harmon. *Motion passed.*

**Motion by Jim Hill to accept the 2023-24 Budget as presented**, seconded by Laurie Harmon. *Motion passed.* (Budget provided with these minutes)

**Motion by Sue Kennedy to maintain RDR portion of annual dues at \$325**; seconded by Jim Hill. *Motion passed.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Post Updates –Joanne R. (Andy H)

- Andy discussed the post changes in 2023 where RDR added (4) more post. Post #2 is slated to be used for day use only. Details to be provided by the board when this is finally determined.
- Joanne reported the following;
  - There are now 13 posts, 12 have paid, (1) check is in the mail, amount collected \$975.00
  - Insurance on docks – Joanne is monitoring and working with the folks on missing paperwork. (1) open Monterey License issue and (2) open insurance issues.
  - Four owners are on a waiting list for a dock space.

### Correspondence – Joanne R.

- Joanne reported that the RDR Board email is monitored a few times a week by herself and Brandee. It was a record year in both incoming and sent emails due the road closure and emergency response plans. All emails have been addressed with no open issues.

### Mussel Inspection Program – Jerry R.

- Thank you to all volunteers that helped this Memorial weekend with mussel inspections.
- There are now 63 volunteer mussel inspectors in RDR, the highest percentage around the lake.
- We need more inspectors to volunteer to inspect visiting boats. Also, *guest boats* should only be certified for their length of stay at the lake. Anyone who has been on an infested lake in the last 30 days MAY NOT LAUNCH. Their boat ID will be called into the County.
- Based on only a few inspectors volunteering to inspect others boats, please remind your guest to MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. If not, they have to wait a bit as many of the volunteers might be out enjoying the lake.
- We had one incident this year with a mussel inspection form. Please remember, this is a legal document. You can get fined or worse if you do not follow the approved guidelines.
- Jerry then reviewed the inspection form and process.
- IF YOU SEE THAT THE LAUNCH RAMP GATE IS OPEN, AND NO ONE IS ACTIVELY LAUNCHING, LOCK IT UP. We have to stay vigilant about this, as our privilege to use the ramp can be revoked by Monterey Co. if we are found to be allowing open access.

### Fire Prevention – Jerry R.

- Jerry discussed the concerns over the increased vegetation with all the rains.
- He thanked all that have been working vigilantly to clear the growth
- The water trailers at the Brannon, Reese and the Oganessians have been inspected and are ready for use. The goal is to tow them to the site of a fire and work to suppress it in advance of arrival of CDF. A heavy-duty pickup or 4-wheel drive vehicle is needed to pull them. A 2" hitch ball is required, except for the trailer at the Brannon's – it has its own receiver.
- A pressurized, water-filled fire extinguisher is a good thing to carry in your vehicles. Remember to maintain brush clearances of 100 ft around your home.
- Always be prepared to fight a fire; proper clothing, shovel etc. We are the first line of defense until help arrives.

- A reminder for all- **Don't forget to track your hours on Fuel reduction activities.** Your hours & costs and/or completed form needs to be sent to Jerry or the RDR board by Mid-June of each year (Fiscal year for the work is 7/1/xx – 6/30/xx). A disappointing 23 properties reported activity last year from the 130 properties in RDR.

Andy discussed the SNRA Text messaging system. A great service for the community. He reminded those present, that if they have not done so, be sure to sign up for the SNRA Emergency texts alerts.

### **SNRA Report – Leo K. & Roger S.**

Leo reported on the Running Deer Road collapse and the use of Gage Irving Road

- **Gage Irving Road:**
  - The landslide on Gage Irving Road has been cleared
  - Focus has been on making road improvements on the road to make it into a longer solution with road widening, turnouts and some paving.
  - SNRA is waiting on a bid the make Gage Irving a two-lane road, if needed based on RDR soils report.
- **Running Deer Road:**
  - A soil survey is scheduled in the coming weeks. This is the next step to determine what can be done with the area.
  - They are looking into options for a retaining wall, potentially
  - If the soil survey is positive, the next step will be engineering plans and permits to move forward. This alone will take well over a year, at best
- **SUMMARY:**
  - Once SNRA has enough information to determine the costs of rebuilding Running Deer Rd vs. bringing Gage Irving Rd up to code, a decision will be made on which project will be done. Factors in the decision will be cost, convenience, estimated time to completion, etc.
  - The costs for all of this are not covered in the annual budget or reserves. The work will require a special assessment.

It was reported by a member that there still remains a few turns that are dangerous. Leo reported that the funds that were available have been used. To caution all guests to slow down and that owners remind their guests of the hazards that exist. Once the soil test results are received for RDR, SNRA will determine the next steps.

Leo was asked about FEMA funds to help with the road repair. Leo reported that FEMA will not help with a group private road, only individuals.

### **Road and Point Maintenance – Ken M**

- Ken reviewed the road and that it has been 15 years since new material was added to the road. All activity since then has been repairs and resealing the road. Current dues will not cover the whole road. In light of this, it was determined that RDR would hold over the 22/23 road budget and combine with the 23/24 budget, providing \$28K to \$30K for the entire road to be resealed and repaired.
- The point has lots of remaining debris in spite of all the volunteer clean-up work that was completed after the storms. It was discussed that a member was burning a few of the logs to try to clear the debris, which is not allowed and is after the burn season. Jerry and Ken will designate (1) area for the point driftwood collection and will coordinate the removal.

**NRWMAC –Tom N**

- Tom reviewed the Monterey environmental impact study and the NRWMAC response to the study. The proposed tunnel by Monterey is at 745 feet, NRWMAC is working to have the tunnel at 770 feet.
- RDR ramp for most boat ends at 730 feet
- In 2017, Monterey exceeded the water permit by 12850-acre feet. This is going to the judge shortly. The issues now are over the customary water year vs. calendar year.
- NRWMAC has proven that they have “their eyes on Monterey”, which is good for the lake community
- Tom reported on the fund-raising efforts with shirt and such. In 2022, they raised over \$8K, this year (so far), they have raised over \$12,900. Thank you to all that have supported the fund raiser.

**Nominations for New Board Members – Andy H.:**

Andy thanked Dusty and Amit for their time on the board and turned over the election results to Yvonne Besvold

- Nominations were received for: Jerry Reese, Dustin Stewart, Bernardo Martinez and a write in vote for Barb Modlin.
- Voting Results: Jerry Reese, Dustin Stewart and Bernardo Martinez were elected to the board.

**Open Discussion – All**

The Hagamans reported that guests of RDR residents were riding motorcycles on private property with no regard to private property and or fire danger

It was reiterated that all owners and their guest to address the concerns about the road and safety. Drive Slowly- Look for other cars – Drive presuming that someone is coming.

Russ Ercolani reported many boats are not paying attention to the 5 MPH buoys and asked how to report to authorities. The board agreed to get details out to the RDR owners on recommended phone numbers (Ranger, non-emergency numbers etc.)

**Adjournment –Chris B.:**

**Motion by Jim Hill to adjourn the meeting.** Seconded by Sue Kennedy. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned 10:25 a.m.