

SLO County Running Deer Ranch Company, Inc.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 27, 2018

Besvold, Harmon, Camacho Residence, Whispering Pines Ln.

Bob Boals.....President
Chris Besvold.....Vice-President
Carol Bosman-Anderson.....Secretary
Don Bullard.....Treasurer
Scott BrownellDock Chairman
Joanne Russell.....Board Member
Jerry Reese.....Board Member
Leo Kennedy/Carl Steinkraus...SNRA Reps
Don Bullard.....NRWMAC Rep

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by President Bob Boals.

Board members in attendance: Jerry Reese, Carol Bosman-Anderson, Don Bullard, Chris Besvold, Scott Brownell, Joanne Russell, Bob Boals. Twenty-five voting-eligible property owners were in attendance, in addition to other family members.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by **Bob Boals**.

Roll Call – Carol B., Secretary. Carol had the Board make self-introductions, and reported on Board member attendance. A majority of the Board attended all 5 meetings and one email meeting over the last year.

- 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. Board members will report on each area during the meeting.

President’s Opening Remarks –Bob B.: Bob extended special thanks to Don Bullard for the innumerable hours he has contributed as a board member. It’s been a great year, and we have a great community here. He asked all residents present to introduce themselves and say where they live at Running Deer.

Treasurer’s Report – Don Bullard: Don presented the budget report for the 2017-18 fiscal year, with paper copies distributed for owner review.

- Two accounts are required under non-profit status: 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. Balances for both accounts are verified by bank statements at every Board meeting.
- Budget summaries are reported on a quarterly basis and distributed to owners with the Board meeting minutes via email. RDR is in good shape budget wise.
- A change this year is that road reserves for specific private roads in the community have been eliminated. Federal law dictates that nonprofit monies must benefit all members leaving us out of compliance. In addition, the Bylaws did not address the reserves. Reserves were moved into the Aluffo Rd. maintenance account, and affected owners have until calendar year end to spend down the reserves.

Motion: by **Chuck Enterline**, to accept **2017-2018 Treasurer’s report**. **Seconded by James Hill**.

Motion passed.

Don presented the budget for the upcoming 2018/19 fiscal year which is based on 105 paid members. 101 members have paid and all dock fees are paid. The fiscal year began on April 1. We are in good shape.

Motion: by Bob Boals, to approve the 2018/2019 budget. Seconded by Jerry Ford. Discussion: One member questioned the bank charges assessed by RaboBank. Don explained that it has been an issue this year that he is still trying to resolve. ***Motion passed .***

Don recommended the annual dues remain at \$300.

Motion: by Carl Steinkraus, to approve dues of \$300 per year. Seconded by James Hill.

Motion passed.

Don asked the membership to once again support the efforts of NRWMAC (Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee) in representing the interests of Lake Nacimiento landowners. A contribution of \$1,000 is requested.

Motion: by Carol Bosman-Anderson to donate \$1,000 to NRWMAC. Seconded by Leo Kennedy.

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road and Point Maintenance – Jerry Reese & Don B.

- Don reported that \$22,000 will be expended on road repairs this year for Aluffo Rd.
- Jerry R. thanked Mike Russell for clearing sand from the ramp with his tractor. The boulders lining the ramp are helping stop erosion. He reminded members that If you see a general maintenance issue, (weeds that need clearing , trash that should be picked up, etc.) the Board appreciates all owners' help in getting this done. Any larger issues, report it to the Board.
- Don thanked Jerry and John Crass for spraying the burr clover at the Point.
- Bob B.thanked Leo Kennedy for updating the contractor gate code every month.
- There are RDR bumper stickers available at the Point gate, and they are free.

Dock Policies – Scott Brownell

- All Point dock owners have paid their annual fee. He reminded owners that RDR needs your county dock permit verification and insurance verification.
- Joanne Russell reported for the Dock Policy Committee that a code of ethics was established and approved by the Board, and it was made available for all owners to review by email. There are no owners currently on a waiting list for a dock.

Fire Tanks and Call Tree – Jerry Reese & Leo Kennedy

- Jerry reported that two of the three fire tanks are operational. The tank at the Oganessian's would not start. A four wheel drive vehicle is needed to tow all of them. Tanks are located at the Oganessian's, Bullard's, and Reese's.
- Leo K. will update the emergency call list as two owners on the list have changed phone numbers
- As a member of the Fire Focus Group , Jerry reported that brush clearance has been ongoing from Cal Shasta to the gate. Burned out trees have been removed. As more grant money becomes available, fuel loads will continue to be reduced. ***If you have cleared brush, let Jerry know amount of hours and money spent to do it, and what you cleared. He will report it and the figures will be used to support getting more grant money.***

Owners can have their property inspected by Cal Fire, or you may request that a neighbor who has not cleared a defensible space be inspected. A notice will go to the owner if they are out of compliance.

Main Gate and Point Keys – Don B.

- Don reported that the main gate is okay. He called on Carl Steinkraus to report on the emergency gate. New keys were sent out to members, as the lock now requires non-duplicable keys.
- Carl reported that someone(s) leave the emergency gate open, others smash the locks to get access. They replace 5-6 a year. SNRA voted to spend money on a security cam. **RDR voted to re-key.**
- Jerry Ahrens commented that the main gate opens 300-400 times a day. The mechanism is old and should be replaced before it fails, which would be RDR's responsibility. He also said that because so many non-residents have the code or follow others in, the gate is not a deterrent to keeping people out, i.e. does not serve its purpose. He applauded Carl for maintaining it so well. Both Carl and Jerry noted they would likely be selling their homes in the near future. A new volunteer will be needed for gate maintenance and review of the security cam footage.

Mussel Inspection Program – Don B.

- Five additional lakes in California near Lake Nacimiento are infested with mussels. (Pyramid, Castaic, Piru...)
- An inspector caught an infested boat at Heritage Ranch this year. If you have been on an infested lake with your watercraft, you may not launch in our lake for 30 days.
- We have 40 qualified screeners in RDR and **we need more to come forward and volunteer on weekends.**
- There is a resident permit program that can work for you if you keep your boat or other craft on site all year. Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards with storage are eligible. It is one hour of training. You receive a sticker and may renew online. If you need to take your boat for servicing, Don can band it and remove when you return. See Don for a handbook on all the rules and guidelines.
- Dogs are now being trained to sniff for mussels.

Website and Correspondence –Bob B.

- Very little correspondence to report. Bob responds to email within an hour.
- The RDR Facebook page continues to feature general information. **Owners are reminded to connect at <https://www.facebook.com/runningdeerranchnacimiento/>**
- Bob still has RDR bumper stickers available.

SNRA Report – Leo Kennedy

- Road repairs to Running Deer Rd. and Gage Irving Rd. have included road patch, oil and a sand seal. He will continue to notify owners by email of ongoing work.
- **Carl S. has gate openers to sell for \$20.**

NRWMAC – Don B.

- Don is the current NRWMAC president. There are some talented people on the board of NRWMAC, including an attorney and a metro area water manager. The current focus is on mussel prevention, ranger coverage on the lake, legislative relations, and the Interlake Tunnel.
- The **proposed Interlake Tunnel** faces numerous hurdles, and NRWMAC continues to fight it. Private owners will not allow drilling on their land. To claim imminent domain Monterey Co. would have to get the state to act. For the moment, NRWMAC can devote attention to other problems
- Don encourages owners to **consult the NRWMAC website for all information related to the lake**, at SaveTheDragon.org.

- Pressure from NRWMAC has increased **Ranger patrols on the Lake**. Lobbying efforts have resulted in having an allocation of 5 rangers for all lakes in Monterey Co. improve to an assurance that we will have someone on patrol every day on Lake Nacimiento.
- **Water releases at the dam** have continued at high flow rates, so that even after late spring rains we are currently only 48% full. This has never happened. At this rate, the 4th of July will be last holiday when the ramp can be used to launch boats. NRWMAC has retained lawyers with a specialty in water rights to stop the discharge. They are also prepping a GoFundMe campaign. Recreational use is one mandate of water use for the lake; there was never any priority given to the four named uses.

Open Discussion:

Elections to Replace 4 Outgoing RDR Board Members – Jerry Reese

Carol, Bob, Chris and Scott are finished with their terms. Bob has served six years and cannot be re-elected for another two years.

- Due to two terms served, it will take a 2/3 vote of membership present to elect Carol Bosman-Anderson again. Twenty-five owners signed in. A 2/3's vote would be 17.
- Members nominated and seconded: Latham Jacoby, Carol Bosman-Anderson, Chris Besvold, Scott Brownell, Brandee Jankoski
- Votes received: Latham 21, Carol 21, Chris 17, Brandee 16, Scott Brownell, 13. Latham, Carol, Chris and Brandee were elected to the Board.

President's Closing Remarks and Adjournment –Bob B.: Bob congratulated new board members and thanked general membership for their participation. Don B. thanked Bob for his service as president.

Motion by Bob Boals to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Bullard. *Motion passed.*

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Post Meeting:

New and continuing Board members chose officers as follows:

- President - Chris Besvold
- Vice President – Jerry Reese
- Treasurer - Don Bullard
- Secretary – Carol Bosman-Anderson
- Dock Chair – Joanne Russell
- Miscellaneous Services – Brandee Jankoski
- Member at Large –Latham Jacoby
- Past President (non-voting) – Bob Boals (correspondence and website)

Other continuing appointments: Fire Prevention - Jerry Reese, Leo Kennedy, Mussel Prevention – Don Bullard, Main Gate Maintenance – Don Bullard, Carl Steinkraus, SNRA – Leo Kennedy

Motion by Don Bullard to formally approve \$22K in roadwork by Frederick's Paving for the fiscal year. Seconded by Jerry Reese. *Motion passed.*

The next Board meeting will take place on **Saturday, September 8 at 9 a.m.** at the home of Carol Bosman-Anderson, 5425 Aluffo Rd. Don Bullard will provide his home as backup if Carol's house is not done.