

Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.

Board Minutes, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church, 8700 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241

Proper Notification of meeting permanently posted on sign at the guardhouse.

Board meets on the third Monday each month.

MVRIA Rule Meeting Attendance Reminder is posted and available on
MVRIA website (MVRIA.com)

Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:08 and declared a quorum. Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Deb Houston, Heather Nestle, Lynn Reid, Bill Still, Dan Taylor, and Wendy Ying. Vivian Zabik was absent.

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING February 20, 2017.

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for February 20, 2017. Jennifer Peeples seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **President's Report:** Fran DiCicco reported on the 5-count lawsuit brought against the Association by the Lydays. The Association counter-sued plus sued for the reopening of the closed saddle trail (the Hupa Trail) on the Lyday's property. The Association won on all counts. The Lydays already owe the association \$56,000 for legal fees; they now owe an additional \$11,000. There is an injunction for opening the platted trail; there are several properties who have blocked the Hupa trail on their properties. Frank DiCicco made a motion to have Attorney Jim Burgess send a letter to all members along the Hupa saddle trail who have closed the platted saddle trails on their property indicating that they must re-open the trail. Lynn Reid seconded. Frank DiCicco and Jennifer Peeples will make phone calls first, then follow-up with a letter from the attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

The packet for the MVRIA Annual Meeting will be sent out two weeks before the meeting and will contain the details of the lawsuit.

Patriot Lawn Service has been mowing MVR common areas for three years. Frank DiCicco made a motion to renew the contract for another year. Jennifer Peeples seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Jackie Vizzi reported that five seats are available for the board of directors in April, and five people have applied for the positions. The five candidates will be listed on the ballot. Proxies will be accepted for voting. The regular board meeting will occur after the annual meeting on April 29, 2017 rather than on Monday, April 17.
Frank DiCicco made a motion to take a short recess at 7:37. Dan Taylor seconded and it was unanimously approved. The meeting resumed at 7:40.
3. **Vice President's Report:** No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Peeples stated that the contract with PCM is up for renewal. Jennifer made a motion to renew the contract with PCM; Jackie Vizzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Frank DiCicco and Jennifer Peeples called all past-due members and many members who were past-due agreed to pay. There are 39 members who are delinquent.
5. **Roads Committee:** Now that the lawsuit has been won, the bank will likely approve a loan for the roads. MVRIA will then get bids from paving contractors.
Frank DiCicco reported that Myakka Communications has been putting their lines in on Myakka Valley Trail and on Old Ranch Road. One homeowner on ORR refused to let Myakka Communications lay the line on their easement. The cost to run the line under the street and back is \$1,000. If a homeowner refuses the line on their easement, that property will not have high-speed internet unless they pay \$3,000. This will go on their estoppel letter. The cell tower reports that it is live. Verizon reports that it is not.
6. **Saddle Trails, Easements, and Ditches Committee:** Wendy Ying reported there are a couple of washouts. The county suggested the use of concrete, soil, and fabric to repair the washouts. Eddie Oyer will do the work. Wendy Ying is encouraging all people who use the trails, including Westwood residents and boarders, to contribute to the maintenance budget.
7. **Community Awareness and Security Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported that the new sign on the archway was damaged in the last storm. It was taken down immediately. The sign company will replace the sign at no cost to the Valley.
8. **Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** There are two applications neither of which require a variance. The Wentzels on Lot 91 and 91A are building a house which is 200 feet from the center of the roads involved. Lot 131 on Sheps Island is putting up a garage. There is no problem with the set-backs.
Heather Nestle reported that loose dogs have been an issue on Singletree. There is one

property with no fencing, and the dogs are a problem for walkers, bike-riders, and horseback riders. Frank DiCicco offered to make a call to the owner on Singletree. Frank DiCicco stated that Keith Bradley and a non-member from Howard Creek were going door to door telling neighbors they didn't have to pay their dues and weren't members.

9. **Entrance Beautification Committee:** MVRIA had to get Myakka State Park's approval and apply for a permit from the county for the front entrance signs. Jennifer Peeples proposed the next work day could be April 8, 2017 in order to get the front entrance signs done. Jennifer Peeples stated that there will be more MVR t-shirts; sponsors will ultimately cover the funds. Jennifer Peeples made a motion to allocate \$640 to cover the t-shirts until sponsors can reimburse. Bill Still seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Turf's Up has been spraying around the baby trees on the entrance with fertilizer and grass seed at no charge to the valley.
10. **Disaster Preparedness:** Jackie Vizzi stated there is a tentative date of April 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. to conduct a radio drill.
11. **Trails n Tales:** There will be a full center page advertising the Annual Meeting. The Peace River Search and Rescue will make a presentation at the April Trail Club meeting. Another Silent Auction will be held at the Annual Meeting. Please keep your dogs contained. The Front Entrance project work day is scheduled for April 8.
12. Jennifer Peeples thanked Wendy Ying for the wonderful refreshments at the Round Table Session. Jackie Vizzi thanked outgoing board members Bill Still, Dan Taylor, and Vivian Zabik. Dan Taylor made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Bill Still. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.