

**Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.
Board Minutes, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

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 & available on
MVRIA website (MVRIA.com)

Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:18 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, Wendy Ying, and Vivian Zabik.

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING March 21, 2016.

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016. Bill Still seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

APPROVE RESULTS FROM ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 9, 2016

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the results of the April 9, 2016. The motion was seconded by Jackie Vizzi and unanimously approved.

Vicki Butler, Frank DiCicco, Heather Nestle, Jennifer Peeples, Lynn Reid, and Jackie Vizzi were re-elected to the MVRIA Board for two-year terms.

The Road Plan Option 2 with financing was selected for the Road Plan proposal with more than the 2/3 vote necessary.

The internet option was approved.

The by-law regarding nominations from the floor was changed with more than the 2/3 vote necessary. The new by-law will be properly recorded by the lawyer, and notification will be sent to members in the same mailing as the Annual Report.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

Jennifer Peeples nominated Frank DiCicco to serve as MVRIA president. Bill Still seconded and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Frank DiCicco nominated Jennifer Peeples to serve as MVRIA vice-president. Jackie Vizzi seconded and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Frank nominated Jackie Vizzi to serve as MVRIA secretary and Jennifer Peeples seconded and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Frank DiCicco nominated Jennifer Peeples to be the interim treasurer. Heather Nestle seconded and the appointment was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee: Jennifer Peeples, chair; Frank DiCicco; Dan Taylor;
Jim and Candice Holthaus

Lawsuits and Document Revision Project Committee: Frank DiCicco, chair; Jennifer Peeples;
Jacki Vizzi; Liz Still; Jim Holthaus
Progressive Community Management-Registered Agent

Incident Response Team: TBD, chair; Tom and Carrie Perry; Jackie Vizzi

Roads and Road Assessment Project Committee: Frank DiCicco, chair; Dan Taylor;
Jennifer Peeples; Jim and Candice Holthaus; Steve Arrington

Saddle Trail Committee: Wendy Ying, chair; Jackie Vizzi; Heather Nestle; Lynn Reid;
Mark Zabik
Sunshine Welcome Committee: Vicki Butler, chair; Jennifer Peeples; Wendy Ying
Entrance Beautification Project Committee: Jennifer Peeples, chair; Frank DiCicco;
Vicky Butler; Vivian Zabik; Mark Zabik; Heather Nestle; Sally Corcoran
Compliance Committee: Bill Still, chair; Frank DiCicco; Eddie Oyer; Heather Nestle;
Mark Zabik
Security and Community Awareness: Dale Ream, chair; Eddie Oyer; Dan Taylor
Ditch and Drainage: Wendy Ying, chair
Tales 'N' Tales: Lynn Reid, editor
Web Master and New Website Project: Victor Lorand, Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples,
Wendy Ying
Recorder of Meeting Minutes: Deb Houston

- 1. President's Report:** Frank DiCicco reported work on the road project will begin soon. MRVIA will solicit bids, advice from an engineer, and from our lawyer. We will apply for financing in order to be able to do the entire project. Myakka Communications has only one approval to get before they can begin working. They will probably be able to offer internet service by the end of the year. The cell tower should be operational by June, 2016. All MVRIA Board meetings are videotaped. The goal is to post the videos on the MVRIA website. Frank DiCicco made a motion to purchase a video camera in order to record and upload the meetings. The camera, tripod, and memory card are to cost no more than \$500. The motion was seconded by Vivian Zabik and passed unanimously. Wendy Ying offered to donate a tripod. She may also have a video camera. Frank DiCicco will check with Bill Sutton to ensure it is okay to post board meeting videos on the website. Frank DiCicco made a motion to appoint Lynn Reid as editor of the Trails 'N' Tales again. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Peeples. The appointment was unanimously approved except for Lynn Reid who abstained.
- 2. Vice President's Report:** Jennifer Peeples reported that the Annual Meeting raised \$569 (license plates frames, t-shirts, dessert auction, and MVR sign auction) and cost only \$360. The next Neighborhood Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday May 7, 2016. Jennifer Peeples kindly offered to host a breakfast before and a BBQ after. Jennifer Peeples asked for suggestions as to what areas need to be cleaned up.
- 3. Secretary's Report:** Jackie Vizzi thanked everyone for their help at the Annual Meeting. She felt having PCM helped the registration and voting go very smoothly.

- 4. Treasurer's Report:** The current operating account stands at \$55,400.00. Jennifer Peeples made a motion that \$43,245.00 from the operating account be transferred to the road reserve fund. The motion was seconded by Vivan Zabik. The motion passed unanimously. That will bring the road reserve to \$239,230.00; another \$70,000 will be added from this year's annual dues. Jennifer Peeples made a motion to consolidate the two road reserve accounts. Vivian Zabik seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Jacke Vizzi asked about funding future capital improvements. Frank DiCicco answered that MVRIA could possibly have a line of credit that will cover member-approved capital expenditures.

A line item on the last Financial Report was an error. The license plate frames were inadvertently charged to the Entrance Beautification project.
- 5. Document Revision and Lawsuits Committee:**

The Lyday lawsuit will go for a summary judgement on May 4, 2016. If the judge feels that there is a case, the trial will be scheduled for July.
- 6. Roads and Road Assessment Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported that the Road Committee will convene in May.
- 7. Saddle Trail Committee:** Wendy Ying contacted the County Departments of Permitting, Land Management, and the Environmental Department about clearing the culvert and ditch on Old Ranch Road to help drain Jake's Trail. The Permitting Department said that no permit is necessary. Land Management said MVRIA is fine to do this work. The Environmental Department said that the plan to maintain the ditches was fine and needed no permit.
- 8. Community Awareness and Security Committee:** Frank DiCicco stated that MVRIA has allocated \$4,000 to update our surveillance equipment. The proposal is to have two cameras each side of the entry in the front and one long-range camera to get tags. The bid is \$6,079 for the five cameras. Dale Ream, owner of Leader Security has offered to purchase the equipment at wholesale cost and manage the system. The discounted price is \$3,258.00. Vivian Zabik suggested that cameras be installed in front to monitor the new signs. They could even be dummy cameras. Heather Nestle made a motion to have Leader purchase, install, and monitor the equipment. The motion was seconded by Lynn Reid and passed unanimously.
- 9. Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** Bill Still made a motion to renew the contract with Patriot Lawns. The motion was seconded by Lynn Reid and passed unanimously.

The new owner of Lot 186 has sent plans for some additions to their home. The plans do not require Board approval.

It was noted that Wentzel closed off a trail that was being maintained and used. He has not been contacted yet. Frank DiCicco will meet with Wentzel.

There are several owners that have closed off trails, and MVRIA will move forward to reclaim the trails after the current lawsuit is settled.

10. Entrance Beautification Committee:

More stack stone will be installed on the guardhouse this Friday April 22. The new sign at the entryway cannot be seen at night. We will look into how this can be remedied. We would like to light the oak trees that line the entry road. The county's grant program has a two-hour meeting/workshop that will help with our points in winning grant money. Jennifer Peeples asked that any neighbors who can attend should do that. There are meetings scheduled for several different days with afternoon and evening hours.

11. Incident Response Team: Jackie Vizzi will serve as the board liaison to the committee. Harold Joslin was asked to head the committee at the last board meeting.

12. Ditches: Wendy Ying will take over as ditch liaison.

13. Trails n Tales: To be included in the President's Message:

- Welcome to new homeowners
- Clean-up day May 7, 2016 at 8 a.m.
- Neighborhood grant information
- Thank residents for voting at the Annual Meeting
- Condolences to Karen Abbattista
- Annual dues can be paid online

14. Residents' Questions: Are they yearly dues yearly or are they annual assessments?

Answer: We prefer to call them yearly dues.

Comment: Vicki Butler commented that the Annual Meeting was the most positive she has ever attended.

Dan Taylor made a motion to adjourn and Jackie Vizzi seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.