

# **Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.**

## **Board Minutes, August 20, 2018 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 7:10 and declared a quorum.

Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Amy Chenard, Deb Houston, Heather Nestle, and Wendy Ying.

Mary Mapp and Brenda Zimmerman were absent.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING June 18, 2018.**

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting on June 18, 2018.

Jennifer Peeples seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **President's Report:** Frank DiCicco reminded members to speak one at a time. Frank DiCicco stated that Vicki Butler, MVRIA Treasurer, was added as a signer on the MVRIA bank account. All checks require two signatures.
2. **Roads Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported that he and Jennifer Peeples met with one of the road companies being considered for the Road Project. Frank DiCicco feels confident that contracts for the project will be in place by the end of the year. There was a large washout on Myakka Valley Trail on the north side of the bridge. It was suggested rip-rap stones or bank run shell should be used to fill the holes. Frank DiCicco made a motion to spend no more than \$800 to repair the wash-out with either bank run shell or rip-rap. Heather Nestle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Wendy Ying will price the alternatives and arrange for the work. There will be a Roads Committee meeting in September. Wendy Ying will seek bids for a bridge inspection. A letter detailing the ditch repair and road work plan will be sent to the homeowners along Myakka Valley Trail (from SR 72 up to Combee) and Old Ranch Road (from MVT to Sheps Island). Trees on the easements will be trimmed in order to make the easements safe.
3. **Vice-President:** Jennifer Peeples reported that we will spend some time on grant opportunities and would like to form a Grant-Writing Committee.
4. **Secretary's Report:** No report

5. **Treasurer's Report:** MVRIA currently has \$384,799 in the Road Reserve account; \$28,006 will be transferred into the account from this year's dues.  
New owners in MVR are currently charged a \$100 fee and are asked to provide PCM with the deed and an information sheet. The title companies are not sending the documents MVRIA needs in spite of the fee. Frank DiCicco made a motion that the new homeowners pay a \$200 fee and get a refund of \$100 when the deed and the information sheet are received within 60 days. Heather Nestle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Document Revision and Lawsuit Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported that the ruling on the Lyday appeal has not been delivered.
7. **Saddle Trails, Easements, and Ditches Committee:** Heather Nestle proposed to arrange a work day on the Hupa Trail by Lot 39. A tractor with a claw and a dumpster will be needed to clear the debris. Jennifer Peeples suggested asking the homeowners to contribute the \$400 for the machinery necessary to clear the area. Heather Nestle explained that the barbed-wire fence on Lot 39 is tied into the High Hat fence and is blocking the trail. The fence can be moved to open the trail. The trail on the next property is full of Brazilian pepper trees, but is too wet to assess right now. Jake's Trail is now partly under water. Heather Nestle made a motion to apply for a permit for no more than \$100 to bring some fill for the trail on Lot 166. Jackie Vizzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.  
MVRIA has been granted an easement on Lot 208 to keep the saddle trail accessible. The trail can be accessed from Tucumcari without going through the pasture in lot 208. Gates that were purchased last year to go through the pasture, but are no longer necessary. The gates will be sold. The check written to MVRIA will be given to PCM. The Senevey family on lot 136 kindly placed their fence 6 -7 feet back in order to keep the saddle trail wide and safe. Wendy Ying will send them a letter thanking them.
8. **Community Awareness and Security Committee:** No report
9. **Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** Wendy Ying presented the written agreement made by between MVRIA and the county in 1991. In the letter, the county stated that they are responsible to repair and maintain ditches. The letter stated that the county would come out twice a year to take care of the erosion of the banks and spray herbicide. Wendy Ying made a motion to have the MVRIA attorney, Jim Burgess, contact the county about their responsibility about the ditches and drainage. Heather Nestle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.  
Wendy Ying reported that some homeowners on Rocking Horses dumped tree branches in the park. This was witnessed by other residents, and it was posted on Facebook by the homeowners. Frank DiCicco and Wendy Ying will meet with the homeowners to let them know they must clean up the debris, or they will be charged for the clean-up. There is a property on Sheps Island that just put up a fourth structure. Wendy Ying will investigate.

There have been many complaints about the wire fence on Lot 26. Wendy Ying explained that the fence is not finished; the rails are not yet up.

10. **Entrance Beautification Committee:** Many members have stated that the front entrance needs more plants. The Valley Garden Club spent under \$500 for plants so far, and there is over \$500 left in the plant budget. Frank DiCicco will communicate with Sally Corcoran from the Garden Club about putting in additional plants. Because the MVRIA debit card does not have a PIN, Lowes would not accept it. Mary Mapp paid for the plants at Lowes. Mary Mapp will be reimbursed through her purchase of the boulders at the entrance. The money for the plants will be deducted from the price of the boulders. Mary Mapp will owe MVRIA just \$49.
11. **Events Committee:** Amy Chenard discussed the upcoming Halloween party. The Events Committee is considering having a Spooky Trail contest. Amy Chenard suggested postponing the tree dedication ceremony to 2019 when the roads are done. Amy Chenard will get an estimate on the cost of hiring a company come to decorate the big oak trees at the entrance for Christmas. Frank DiCicco made a motion to spend no more than \$150 buy blinds for the guard shack so that the Christmas Tree can stay up all year. Wendy Ying seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
12. **Disaster Preparedness:** Frank DiCicco purchased 12 radios and a strongbox to hold them. They are currently stored at Frank DiCicco's home.
13. **Trails n Tales:** Road update: grant committee; 7 more oak trees to adopt
14. **Resident's Questions:** no question  
Jackie Vizzi made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jennifer Peeples.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.