

Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.

Board Minutes, February 19, 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 7:05 and declared a quorum.

Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Amy Chenard, Deb Houston, Mary Mapp, Wendy Ying, and Brenda Zimmerman.

Karen Abbattista and Heather Nestle were absent with apologies.

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING January 15, 2018.

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting on January 15, 2018.

Wendy Ying seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **President's Report:** Frank DiCicco investigated the cost for equipment to count the number and speed of cars on MVT at Kickapoo. The price would be a couple of thousand dollars. It was agreed this would be a waste of money. The stop signs will be replaced and welded into place. Members will be polled at the Annual Meeting about whether they prefer stop signs, speed tables, or both on MVT.

The Annual Meeting will be Saturday April 21st at 11:00 a.m. Last year, \$350 was spent for food at the Annual Meeting. This year, the Events Committee will purchase all the food and beverages for both breakfast and the BBQ afterwards.

2. **Vice-President/Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Peeples reported that the Annual Assessment will go up to \$598, which is a 9% increase. The new budget includes \$1000 for landscaping at the entrance. There were some readjustments to the budget for legal fees. Some funds were designated for the Events Committee. Money will be set aside for a new Valley Directory. The Contingency Fund is a little larger, and the money for the Annual Meeting is a little more. Frank DiCicco made a motion to adopt the new budget. Jackie Vizzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Jennifer Peeples made a motion to pay a graphic design company \$2,200 per year for three years to put together a new Valley Directory every year. Printing will cost an additional \$2,000 per year. The directory will be in color and well-designed. Jackie Vizzi seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Jennifer Peeples stated that

advertisers could actually cover the cost of the directory. The new directory should be ready and available at the Annual Meeting.

3. **Secretary's Report:** Jackie Vizzi reported the first mailing for the Annual Meeting will be delivered to members in the next 10 days. There are six spots opening on the board. Interested members should return the form to PCM by the deadline.
4. **Document Revision and Lawsuit Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported the Lyday appeal will be argued on Wednesday February 21, 2018 in Tampa.
5. **Road Committee:** Frank DiCicco stated the goal is to have all major roads re-done this year. The proposal for bids will go out soon.
6. **Saddle Trails, Easements, and Ditches Committee:** Wendy Ying reported that the county started mowing the ditches. There have been a couple of volunteer work days. The trails in big park are looking very good. Another work day needs to be scheduled to clear hurricane damage on a north trail. Jackie Vizzi made a motion to purchase gas cards totaling \$200 to give to volunteers who use their own heavy equipment for volunteer work. Mary Mapp seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. PCM will hold the cards.

There is a Sarasota chapter of Back Country Horsemen of America dedicated to preserving horse trails in the county. Equestrian trails in Sarasota are being lost to bikers and hikers.
7. **Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** Wendy Ying reported the people at 6063 Sheps Island are putting in a pool and a pool cage. No variance is needed. Lot 77 was asked to remove the three strands of barbed wire that are blocking the saddle trail easement. They have refused. The Board has a procedure in place. These neighbors were sent copies of the deed restrictions and a copy of the judgement on the saddle trail in the Lyday lawsuit. They will be contacted by the Association lawyer and will be liable for legal fees.

Lot 128 has some big trash piles, containers, and junk including unregistered vehicles and old appliances. That is technically a county code violation. It is also a deed restriction violation. Frank DiCicco has spoken to the owners and will talk to them again.
8. **Entrance Beautification Committee:** Jennifer Peeples said a neighbor reported that there are tent worms infesting the oak trees in front. Wendy Ying will contact the park to see if they will spray the trees, since they are technically on park property.

Frank DiCicco requested that Wendy Ying ask the state park to grant an official notice of his driveway easement so that it doesn't have to be moved right in front of the arch which would be a safety hazard.
9. **Event Committee** Amy Chenard made a motion to include Courtney Giardini on the Event Committee. The motion was seconded by Wendy Ying and passed unanimously. Some proposed events include a 4th of July Parade, the Christmas Luminary Event, and the Trick-or-Treating Event.

10. **Emergency Preparedness** Jackie Vizzi reported the procedures and format for disaster preparedness have changed and include a phone tree. There will be a meeting to go over the radios and new procedures. Frank DiCicco made a motion to approve the new procedures; Jennifer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Trails n Tales**

Emergency preparedness

Loose dogs

New annual directory coming- looking for advertisers

Annual Meeting- Save the Date

Overhanging trees

Frank DiCicco made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jackie Vizzi.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14.