

# Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.

## Board Minutes, October 17, 2020 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)

Present: Frank DiCicco, Jim Bakowski, Vicki Butler, Deborah Houston, Paula Moon, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Wendy Ying, and Brenda Zimmerman. Mary Mapp was absent. Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Frank DiCicco made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2020 with the amendment: *Vicki Butler made the motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Brenda Zimmerman and the motion passed unanimously.* Heather Nestle seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and they were approved unanimously.

1. President's Report:

A volunteer collection session was held 9/26/2020 to encourage people to pay their annual assessments. \$17,469 was collected. Some members will be taken to small claims court by December 2020. Phase 1 of the roads will be completed soon. Phase 2 includes paving Old Ranch Road. Some of the street signs need to be replaced. We also need to put up more 30mph signs and "slow-down-for-horses" signs. Wendy Ying will help with ordering the signs. Most of the legal work for the revitalization is complete and has been paid for.

2. Vice-President's Report: Jennifer Peeples thanked Wendy Ying for her work with the new directory.

3. Secretary's Report: Jackie Vizzi reported that the bulletin board at the fire house is falling apart. Heather Nestle will investigate the price for new cork and a plexiglass shield.

4. Treasurer's Report: The operating account balance is \$122,043. Some of it will be moved into the reserve account. There is \$62,000 in the reserve account currently.

5. Saddle Trails, Easements and Ditches Committee: Heather Nestle reported that most of the trail numbers are up. George is on schedule for maintaining the trails.

6. Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements and Overhanging Trees: Wendy Ying reported there have been no complaints. Two trees on the north side of the bridge fell and were leaning on other trees next to the road. This was an emergency safety issue, so \$600 was paid to George from GLT to clear the trees. There is a eucalyptus tree that is a threat

to the FPL wires. FPL should take the tree down.

7. Entrance Beautification: There are high school students who would like to work on the front entrance for community service hours.

There is a problem with people from the nursery parking in the easements. The easements are being damaged and litter has been left. The owner of the nursery, T.J., will be asked to tell them not to congregate there.

8. Event Committee: Jackie Vizzi reported members can set up decorated table to pass out candy on Halloween. Paula Moon reported there will be Christmas lights on all the four large trees and ten smaller trees at the entrance. The committee will meet to talk about the Christmas parade and events.

9. Trails and Tales: Wendy Ying has done a phenomenal job on the TNT. We are getting a significant amount of money from ads. Wendy asked for articles and submissions including blurbs about new neighbors. Heather Nestle suggested a Valley Trivia.

10. Resident Questions: None

Frank DiCicco made a motion to meet in November, but there will not being a board meeting in December. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Peeples and passed unanimously.

Frank DiCicco made a motion to adjourn at 8:10. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Peeples and passed unanimously.