

Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.

Board Minutes, October 17, 2016 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, Deb Houston, Heather Nestle, Bill Still, Dan Taylor, Wendy Ying, and Vivian Zabik. Lynn Reid was absent with apologies.

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING September 19, 2016.

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for September 19, 2016. Jennifer Peeples seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved

1. **President's Report:** Fran DiCicco reported that Myakka Communications (high speed internet) has almost 80 contracts. The small building for Myakka Communications will be placed in the little park and should be barely visible from the street. The cell tower is on track to be alive in December.

Frank DiCicco reminded the board that the December 2016 Board Meeting has been canceled. The cancellation will be properly noticed.

There was an accident where a car hit an ATV and flipped it. No one was seriously hurt, but people need to know how dangerous the situation is. Jackie Vizzi explained the sheriff advised neighbors to take a picture and file a complaint. Dan Taylor felt that there might be a lack of awareness as to the rules about 4-wheelers not being allowed on the roads and the trails.

There has been a problem with vehicles using MVR roads to access SRQ land. These instances must be documented. The MVR property that is owned by SRQ is being used for commercial purposes. This is a violation of MVRIA deed restrictions. A letter will be sent to the SRQ address in MVR and to SRQ's business office. An ATV track has been constructed on SRQ land adjacent to MVR with no notice to the county. Wendy Ying's online form mysteriously disappeared when it was filed with the county.

The owners of the dirt bike track on Old Ranch Road received a letter ordering them to cease and desist. If they continue, MVRIA will proceed with a court case.

Vivian Zabik noted that people are being much better about slowing down for horses.

All signs, including "Slow Down for Horses", will be redone with the road project.

Heather Nestle and Vivian Zabik noted that there are several areas where there are tree limbs hanging dangerously low on the easements and saddle trails. Frank DiCicco will note this problem in the President's Message. Vicky Butler suggested that pink ribbon could be tied around dangerous limbs as a warning to riders. George Toms will be starting to mow and trim the saddle trails soon.

2. **Vice President's Report:** Jennifer Peeples stated that the Neighborhood Holiday Party is planned for Sunday December 18, 2016 from 6:00-10:00 at Jennifer Peeples' home. There will be a live band, Santa, and a dessert auction.
3. **Secretary's Report:** No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Peeples reported there is currently \$257,487 in the reserve account. The final goal is \$303,000 by the end of the fiscal year. Frank DiCicco reported that he will meet with some banks about the loan to complete the roads. The project is planned to be completed by the end of five years. The plan was agreed upon by the membership during the last annual meeting. Frank DiCicco reported that the ditches and culverts will be dug out properly as part of the plan.
5. **Saddle Trails and Ditches:** Wendy Ying thanked Jennifer Peeples for notifying and communicating with homeowners about re-opening saddle trails. Wendy Ying reported that Sarasota County and SWFWMD have told us we can go ahead with culvert repair. Wendy Ying has contacted some companies about bidding to do the job. An additional \$6000 from the operating account is needed to repair the culverts that have washed away and caused a drainage issue on the easement next to the saddle trail. Frank DiCicco made a motion to move the \$6000 from the four different line items in the operating budget and use it for replacing the culverts. \$1000 can be used from the park maintenance budget, and \$1,000 from the pothole budget, \$2000 from the website budget, and \$2000 that was set aside for an unrequired audit for this year. The motion was seconded by Bill Still and passed unanimously.
Wendy Ying stated that FPL will cut limbs that interfere with the power lines. Trail signs will be placed along the Wendt's fence along the trail on Combee. Wendy will order 8 new trail signs for up to \$250. The motion was seconded by Bill Still; the motion passed unanimously. Wendy Ying made a motion to send a letter to Courtney Washmuth who has allowed trail riders to cross her property. The motion was seconded by Bill Still and passed unanimously.
6. **Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** Bill Still reported that there is county permit for a barn on lot 137. No variance is needed.
7. **Document Revision and Lawsuits:** MVRIA has requested a summary judgement in the Lyday case. The trial date is December 6, 2016.

8. **Roads:** Frank DiCicco reiterated that the membership has agreed to the road plan and approved the financial plan to borrow the additional funds needed to complete the project. Frank DiCicco will work with appraisers and a project manager (an engineer). Hopefully, all the work will be done by March 2017. A portion of the road fund will be used to correct drainage.
9. **Community Awareness and Security:** Frank DiCicco said the cameras are working well. The camera doesn't reach very far at night. Dale Ream is testing out a different camera.
10. **Entrance Beautification:** Jennifer Peeples reported that there will be 34 trees added on both sides of the road from the entrance to the guard shack. Thirteen families have "adopted" a tree. Saturday December 3rd will be the next Valley Clean-Up Day.
11. **Disaster Preparedness:** Wendy Ying looked at the emergency first aid supplies for animals. Many of the supplies were expired. The first aid resources are spread between pods at the four sectors. Frank DiCicco stated that we have the money budgeted, and we need to go ahead and purchase what we need.
12. **Trails n Tales:** No December Board meeting, save the date of the holiday party, trail mowing schedule, signing up for the internet, and the Adopt a Tree program (email Jennifer Peeples- first come, first served).
13. **Residents Questions:** Jackie Fillmore brought photographs of the bridge and a hole (washout) by the bridge. The washout was already addressed at a previous board meeting. We will seek the advice of the engineer for the road project. Jackie Fillmore was also concerned about trees that overgrown the road easements. She brought pictures of various easements where the trees have over grown right into the road. This is dangerous for people on horses, bicycles, and for wild life. The lack of visibility could also cause a head-on crash. Further, the islands need to be cleaned out.
14. Jackie Vizzi made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Still. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32.