

# Jacumba Sponsor Group Approved General Meeting Minutes Of 09-25, 2012

## MEETING PRELIMINARIES

- Steve Squallaci called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.
- Steve asked for the silencing of Cell Phones and Pagers and then he led the pledge of allegiance.
- Steve led the Roll Call: Shirley Fisher (Excused), Howard Cook (present), Steve Squillaci (present) Mark Ostrander (Excused), Pat Fauble (present). Steve established that there was a quorum.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Minutes of Last Meeting** – There were no corrections for the minutes. Howard Cook moved to accept the minutes as written. Steve Squallaci seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously
- **Standing Rules Review**
  - County Standing Rules revisions were discussed. Cook moved to conditionally accept the rules, and Fauble seconded
  - Tentative approval was unanimous

## NEW BUSINESS

- Board Policy discussion on policy change-Comments are due October 5<sup>th</sup>. It appeared that there was nothing of new significance except for a greater emphasis on training.
- Jacumba Valley Ranch tumbleweed issue-Sponsor Group has not heard from the letter written to County by Lorrie Ostrander. The tumbleweeds seem to center on the sides of the road where the land has been disturbed. There is concern about fires, especially if winds come up. There is also some evidence that the tumbleweeds near the road have been sprayed, but that just dries them out, a potential for increased fire danger.
  - County EHD may have control over landlords. The 60 acres to the south belong to Dave Landman. Jacumba Valley Ranch owns the remainder
  - It was suggested that someone could visit the quarry behind the Chevron Station because the son of one of the JV Ranch owners is in charge there and could possibly answer questions.
  - Cory stated the Border Patrol is concerned about tumbleweed pileup on border fence and also that people might hide in them. The Border Patrol is able to do a clearance 60' from fence but no more. They will see if they can use tax records to get latest ownership records and have their legal team contact current owners.
  - Cook moved to have Mark follow up on the results of Lorrie's letter campaign and report back at the next Sponsor Group meeting. Fauble seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Correspondence -None

## UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

- **Border Patrol Update (Cory Anderson)** Cory spoke of two seizures at the PV border patrol checkpoint. 10 pounds of cocaine and 8 pounds of meth were found. He also introduced his replacement as Boarder Community Liaison (Jason Bush of Alpine) who starts on Friday. Jason will be put on network so he will have email access. Both parties (Sponsor Group members and Border Patrol) expressed appreciation of each other's work and responsiveness. Border Patrol was reminded about the October 6<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival and encouraged them to attend and man a booth.
- **Sheriff Update** –Not present
- **Revitalization update**

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- **Lake Committee** –Cook reminded the Border Patrol that booties are frequently found at lake. Cory suggested that when we had a Lake Clean-up date, we should let Jason know as the Campo BP Explorers group are looking for related community projects
- **Jacumba Art's Council**- will be holding a Art Show and Festival on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2PM-6PM with the Women's Club offering baked goods for sale. Local artists are being featured.
- **Tammy Daubach Report** was given by Howard Cook as Tammy was at a CERT function due to the Shockley fire. Upcoming events include: Fall Festival at Jacumba, Middle School on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lake Morena fiesta on October 13<sup>th</sup>; Quarterly Mountain Empire Disaster Preparedness session on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Boulevard, Jacumba, La Posta Fire Safe Council and Cert (by Howard Cook)** –  
**CERT**-nothing new to report  
**Fire safe** next meeting is October 29th . There was also a conversation on the petition to overturn the new \$150 fire assessment fee the State is trying to impose. This is an egregious new tax foisted only on rural citizens. The petition is 4 pages long. By signing the petition and including it with payment you would be putting State on notice that you want a refund should the \$150 tax be repealed by the courts.
- **SD Gas and Electric** (Cameron Durkel) No report

### **NON-AGENDA PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

No presentations were made

Meeting was adjourned at &:10 PM. Next Meeting –October 23, 2012 6:00 pm at the Jacumba Library  
Email: Mark Ostrander Agenda items at: classictraclayer@att.net

Respectfully submitted by,  
Howard Cook-Sponsor Group Board Member and Secretary