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Silverado Property Owners Association
Minutes of Meeting
July 24, 2015

Attendance: President, Con Hewitt, Bob Andresen, Marlene Rosenberg, Veronica Faussner, Tammy Smith, William Jovick, Harry Matthews, Bob Butler, Paul Roberts, John Evans, Andy Kirmse, Alfredo Pedroza, Mike Bellanca, Deenie Woodward Julie Kirk, Tricia McHerver, Sophie Johnson, Scott Marsh, Joe Russoniello, Bob Creamer, Joel Lewis, Jim Wilson

1. President, Con Hewitt, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2015, meeting was made, seconded and the ayes were unanimous.
3. President's Report: Complaints have been received regarding dogs on leashes and dogs off leashes. Con will look into coming to an amicable solution for everyone. He will put something about this issue in the newsletter. The By-Laws have been amended to allow an executive committee to make a decision to act on behalf of SPOA in between board meetings instead of just the President. A motion to accept the Amended By-Laws was made, seconded and the ayes were unanimous.
4. Silverado Resort Activities: John Evans reported that Silverado reduced its water usage by 11% last year and hope to do the same, or better, this year. The resort is letting about 40 acres of the indigenous grass grow without water. They are preparing for the Frys.Com Open in October. Thomas Keller said that the Ad Lib restaurant will continue at Silverado through the Frys.Com Open in October. The Miliken Creek and flood district mitigation project has been going on for the last 4 years in the Kaanapali neighborhood, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and County of Napa are moving forward. Silverado Resort is moving forward to change the use habits of the resort which involves a bridge over the 1st hole of the south course.

John introduced Jeff Sanchez, tournament director of the Frys.Com Open that is coming back to Napa on October 12. The PGA Tour is made up of 3 entities: 1) PGA Tour, major sporting event; 2) Fry's Electronics, Title Sponsor, and 3) Charitable Host 501C3, the American Institute of Mathematics. They are a mathematics research education organization. The connection is that the PGA Tournament is a fundraiser; each tournament exists for two reasons. 1. Purse opportunity, prize money for the best athletes in the world for which to compete, and purse in this case is \$6 million. 2. Enrich communities through tournament proceeds. Fry's has been involved in title sponsorships since 2006, initially they were in Las Vegas, NV, then Scottsdale, AZ, and finally to California. The tournament is broadcast to over 200 countries and all 4 days are on the Golf Channel. The goal is \$1 million in charitable giving; \$250,000 stays in Napa. They need 1,200 volunteers; didn't have enough last year, which was their only shortfall.

They have modified the parking plan. Parking for volunteers will be at Silverado so they won't have to be shuttled. They have a formal commitment from Rory McElvoy, and possible Tiger Woods, Webb Simpson, Jimmy Walker, Justin Rose, and hopefully many others.

5. Napa County Report: Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza reported that the County has approved their budget and the County is financially healthy. Property taxes are on the rise, and Napa is recovering from the recession financially very well. They are going to sell some of their real estate assets. A new jail will be built; we do not have enough beds at this time, and it will be out of the downtown area. Regarding the earthquake, they are still fighting with FEMA for reimbursement. Mission 2050 is an initiative regarding too many wineries in the Valley. We need to be balanced in the County. More hotels are being built, but we have to be concerned with affordable housing. The County has done an excellent job conserving water; usage is down 20%. We are hoping El Nino will come and give us a wet winter. Wineries and farmers are being good stewards of water for their land. The County is monitoring over 125 wells, and is making sure that one neighbor is not using another neighbor's well water. Generally in California, agricultural communities are the last to be asked to conserve water.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Finance: Harry Matthews said we have about \$70,000 in the bank. The only major expense coming up will be for insurance about \$3,600. The other expenses are the newsletter and By-Laws attorney's fees. Harry wishes to retire, and his replacement will be Jim Tidgewell, a retired CPA, who lives in Silverado.

b. Architectural Control Committee: Andy Kirmse reported that he was a committee of 1, but now has added Bill Jovick and Jim Wilson to the staff. There were 3 requests for solar panels which were approved; a pool house that was approved and faux grass, which will be approved. If anyone is going to put in solar panels, please check with your neighbors, especially your immediate neighbors, before proceeding. It's all about being a good neighbor. A spec house is proposed to be built on Westgate, and the county plans to allow the neighbors to look at the plans before issuing any permits. Second stories restrictions exist and are listed in the By-Laws so owners must adhere to these rules.

c. Landscaping: Thomas Fine was absent from the meeting so there was no report. Scott Marsh and Tom work very closely with each other, and Scott covered the landscaping issues in his SCSD report.

d. Membership, gmail and website: Mary Belli reported that we have 816 paid members of SPOA, over 80%. This is largest number of members in the history of SPOA.

e. Newsletter: Bob Andresen has been doing the newsletter for 8 years, and 37 issues, and will now be leaving this post and handing it to Mary Sandbulte. Bob will work with her for a couple of issues. He has enjoyed the job and knowing what is going on and will miss it. He was given a round of applause from everyone. Con asked that if anyone has anything of interest that could go into the newsletter, maybe one of the Associations might have something they would like to share, please contact Mary, at drgks@sbcglobal.net.

5. Old Business: There was no old business.

6. New Business: There was no new business.

7. For the Good of the Association: Nothing to report.
8. Adjournment: The next SPOA meeting is **October 30, 2015, in the St. Andrews Room of the Members Clubhouse**. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Rosenberg, Secretary, SPOA

Next SPOA meetings: **October 30, 2015**; please mark your calendars.