

## **Tano Road Association Annual Meeting December 4, 2022**

### Attendance

Board members: Karen Freeman, CB Bowlds, Debbie Dale, Lorrey Muellenberg, Peggy Samaha, Helen Swinson, Warren Berg, Doris Longhurst

Approximately 33 other members were present. In all, 28 households were present which made a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by past President Karen Freeman. (Due to a medical issue Michele Barefoot could not attend and Karen acted in her place.)

### Opening Remarks – Karen Freeman

Karen thanked Winky Van der Hoeven, the retiring Website Manager, for her many years of service to TRA. Cynthia and Robert Holmes were introduced as TRA's new Communications volunteers. Dave Williams is a new volunteer who will manage the TRA Membership Database.

Karen mentioned the need for volunteers for TRA, various skills can be utilized.

### Infrastructure and Trash Bash - Lorrey Muellenberg

The new trail along Camino de los Montoyas has been completed. The trail along Tano Road is progressing but has run into some easement issues that need to be worked out.

The Fall Trash Bash was a success with 20 volunteers picking up trash. Two are scheduled every year, one in April and one in September.

New options for receiving internet service did become available this past year in the TRA area from T-Mobile and Starlink. Another new option may be possible. Cyber Mesa Telecom has funds to install fiber optic-based service which would have the largest bandwidth of any option to date. They have government funds for 75% of the installation cost but need potential customers to pay for the other 25% of the cost. More information on this option will be sent out in an e-blast so that TRA households can form a decision about this potentially high-quality option.

### Membership Committee - Peggy Samaha and Helen Swinson

The TRA Membership Committee is the most active committee in our Tano Road Association. It is responsible for pulling together all of our yearly events, maintaining and updating our membership database, and handling all of our membership applications. It is an exciting committee that really needs more volunteers.

### Membership Statistics

1. 437 Households on our Active Mailing List for 2022/2023

2. 245 ACTIVE members who have joined for 2022; 131 ACTIVE members as of 12-1-22 so far for 2023
3. 19 brand new members in 2022 and 3 so far for 2023

The following events are proposed for the 2023 Calendar of Events

- S Fe County Fire Marshall Zoom Lecture
- Welcome Party for newcomers AND TRA Volunteer Appreciation Party
- Spring & Fall Trash Bashes -- April 15 and September 16
- Fall Big Nosh --- possibly August/September
- Multiple TRA Membership application mailings/reminders
- Zoom lecture-panel discussion "In-home Caregiving"
- Winter Stargazing
- TRA Annual Meeting

Small group events are ongoing: The Cooking Club has held several events throughout last year, including a high tea luncheon, tomato preserving session, and apple butter making. The Hiking Club is continuing their monthly hikes, most recently to Valles Caldera to see the elk migration. We have two active Book Clubs moving forward. We will be listing the reading lists on the TRA website, along with recipes from the Cooking Club.

#### Security Patrol – Warren Berg

Warren described the purpose of the patrol and indicated they need more volunteers due to recent losing several volunteers. A volunteer is only requested to patrol one day per month.

#### Propane Contract - Karen Freeman

A new annual agreement with Ferrellgas was again negotiated to provide a discounted price on propane for TRA members.

#### Water Table Report – CB Bowlds

CB read out the 2022 summary of the hydrologist's report that we follow every year. It states that we have a relatively stable water level, compared to the previous year's report. He will contact the hydrologist to obtain the upcoming March 2023 report for posting on the TRA website.

#### Treasury Report – Doris Longhurst

Doris presented the 2022 Treasury report and the proposed 2023 budget which was voted on and approved.

Doris relayed words of appreciation concerning Karen Freeman's 12 years of service to TRA, which included serving on the Membership Committee, as Communications Director, and as TRA President.

#### 2023 Board of Directors

The recommended 2023 Board members were voted on by the membership and approved.

#### Open Discussion

- A question was asked about short-term rentals in the Tano Road area, initiating a discussion about a home that was purchased with crowd source funding and is listed on Air B&B. There was general concern among the attending members about this situation. It was noted that S Fe County recently passed an ordinance related to short term rentals. This topic is already on the agenda for the Board's quarterly meeting in January, so there will be more to come on this topic.
- An attending member asked if TRA has a person to lobby on its behalf with the county. Yes, on an as-needed basis, TRA has been able to find appropriate people to lobby on the neighborhood's behalf, depending on the issue of concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Fifty-eight pounds of nonperishable food were donated by members at the meeting and later taken to the Food Depot.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Dale