

Tano Road Association Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023

Attendance: Ellen Collins, Warren Berg, CB Bowlds, Doris Longhurst, Lorrey Muellenberg, Peggy Samaha, Helen Swinson, Debbie Dale

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes from the January 2023 meeting.

Treasury Report: Doris Longhurst presented the Treasurer's report to date.

Membership Committee: Peggy reviewed the Membership Committee report.

- Membership Statistics

1. 434 Households on our Active Mailing List for 2023
2. 228 ... 2023 Membership Renewals – still waiting on 12 Ferrellgas ppl to send in their apps and 3 Security patrol ppl... that would add up to 243
3. 18 brand new households so far for 2023

- 2023 Program Updates

1. **April 29th – New Neighbor & Volunteer Appreciation** party invitation went out. Mailing to approximately 77 people. Hosts are looking forward to the event, we are pretty organized on ordering the food, gifts and supplies. Just have last minute adjustments to do once we see the RSVP's.
2. **September 9th Nosh** – we cannot locate a caterer. We had one arranged but they backed out. We had no deposit to hold. Would like to request that we secure an event planner for this event and possibly all future TRA events as these projects are very time consuming.
3. **April 15 TRA Trash Bash** - is organized. Just have to pick up all the supplies from the county and get the burritos and coffee.
4. **Small Group Events.** Are ongoing.
 - The cooking club is looking at 3-4 "events"... 1) at Horno a local restaurant in town which recently received a James Beard nomination; 2) a margarita hop with designated driver 3) a tamale making event in the home of Judy McCarthy 4) homemade cookie swap in December – 30 ppl on mailing list
 - The Hiking club is continuing their monthly hikes on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. April Hike is to the Galisteo Basin; May hike is to Arroyo Hondo to see the cactus in bloom. Need list of hiking club names
 - TRA has 2 book clubs meeting monthly
 - The newly formed Garden Club is making plans to kick off their first meeting before April 22. Leslie & Kathryn received over 20 interested people from the eblast, which is a great response. Some are TRA neighbors who have not renewed...

- The newly formed car club – Warren received about 7 people interested – need to get list of names
 - 5. As previously stated before, our book club reading lists and the soup and stew recipes are now on our TRA Website.
- TRA Membership – New Business
 1. Possible Co-sponsorship of an event with the Heartstone Community – no real progress on this... we are still working on it
 2. TRA Annual meeting – new venue... SF Realtor building... just need to take a look at it, but by all accounts looks like it will work out for our needs. The venue is reserved for Sunday, December 3.
 3. TRA big nosh venue – we are considering a new venue for the 2024 big nosh (and beyond). We need to make a call to the owner of the Heartstone covered arena and find out the cost, availability and details for us to possibly consider holding an annual TRA big nosh there.. very casual ... picnic style...

The topic of should the clubs only be for TRA members was discussed. There are pros and cons but an overriding issue relates to TRA's liability insurance and non-membership could be used to void an insurance claim. The lists of club members will be reviewed to see the number of non-TRA members participating in the clubs.

Security Patrol: Warren will be ordering new round signs for use in cars on security patrol.

Technology and Trails: Lorrey reported approximately 100 TRA households expressed interest in supporting a potentially new fiber optic installation but that is not enough interest required by the company that considered doing the installation therefore it's unlikely to happen.

Insurance: CB has had discussions with our insurance agents and we have doubled our liability coverage for no increase in cost. Waivers should be signed by those participating in the hiking club. Warren will send the waiver used by Security Patrol since it may, with little change, work for any TRA event.

Water table: Ellen indicated the annual hydrology report should be available soon and will be posted on the website.

Short Term Rentals: Doris relayed information on the County's new ordinance on short term rentals. Properties with short rentals need to be registered with the county by June 1. Links to information on the ordinance are posted on the TRA website.

CB is going to look into the possibility of getting "no overnight parking" postings in the La Tierra parking lots.

Other Business New and Old

Communications: The best way to contact Robert Holmes is to call or text him. Info@tanoroad.org also goes to him.

There seems to be no reason to pursue a TRA Zoom account at this time. People using their personal Zoom accounts is working well.

TRA ByLaws

We need to update the bylaws and a lawyer is not required to do so. Board members will review them before the July meeting. Should we add job descriptions to the bylaws?

The bylaws do discuss the dissolution of TRA should that ever be needed.

Vision for TRA

Boards members agreed on the below summary of the Vision meeting that was held on April 5.

Communication is a key mission for TRA and the main tools are eBlasts and the website. Snail mail is expensive and TRA will continue to convert to more electronic means to do business and communication.

Social events are still a desired mission. Given the size of TRA and limited number of volunteers a new model for social events has to be developed in order to not burn out volunteers. Small clubs will be the focus of most events. The Nosh and Annual Meeting location needs to be standardized and an event planner should be hired to run the Nosh. The board will work on those options for use in 2024.

The Security Patrol and Trash Bash can continue as they are now.

Annual meeting: We should look for a speaker for the event to help draw interest in the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. The next Board meeting will be held in July, **2023. Date TBD.**

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dale