

Tano Road Association Board Meeting Minutes July 18, 2022

Attendance: Michele Barefoot, Steve Barthelme, CB Bowlds, Debbie Dale, Karen Freeman, Doris Longhurst, Lorrey Muellenberg, Peggy Samaha, Helen Swinson, Warren Berg

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

The minutes from the last board meeting on April 4 were approved.

Committee Reports

Membership

Peggy reviewed the Membership Committee report for the board.

Membership Statistics: 434 Households for 2022; 246 ACTIVE members who have joined for 2022; 19 brand new members

2022 Program Updates:

May 15 – The Newcomer’s Party was a big success, 23 attendees.

June 4th – The TRA Nosh for members was held at the home of Lisa and Art Blum. The event was well attended with close to 100 people. Catering and member dishes and beverages were provided. Photos of the event are on the TRA website.

December 4 – TRA Annual Meeting/In-person gathering open to entire membership. This will be at Unity Church.

TBD – An in-person birding event hosted by Warren Berg.

“Small Group” events:

Cooking Club (Judy McCarthy Team Leader)

May 25th - High Tea at St. James Hotel in ABQ

The next event will be to a Lavender Farm. Date TBD.

August or September – Jam or Jelly Making with late season peaches

November – Either a nice dinner at a new local restaurant or a class teaching traditional Tamale Making. Restaurant dinner would include spouse.

Book Club (Heather Cameron Team Leader)

A new book club has been established and there are 10 members. They have created their reading list for the year. We will be posting the lists of books on the TRA website in the future.

Hiking Club (Debbie Dale Team Leader)

The Hiking Club has established hiking dates and locations through July 2022 – Hikes are posted on our eblasts monthly. The next “hike”/summer event is July 21 at the Botanical Garden. Michele Barefoot is leading.

A new member of the membership committee, Kathryn Gray will be leading with the planning of a potential Halloween event.

The Fire Marshall zoom lecture should be provided every year during the winter since that is the time of year he is easiest to book.

Security Patrol

There are 18 people who serve on security patrol. Warren is planning an event for the security patrol in the Fall.

Infrastructure/County Liaison

Nothing to report

Technology and Trails

No new technology to report but the T Mobile 5G router is said to provide great internet service if you have good signal from their cell tower on Camino de los Montoyas.

Volunteers for the Santa Fe Conservation Trust perform trail maintenance on Wednesdays. TRA members can see the TRA website if interested in finding out more about helping to maintain area trails like La Tierra.

Propane, Trash Bash

The new propane contract will come up in Aug/Sept and prices will probably be higher.

The Fall Trash Bash will be Sept 17 (3rd Sat. of the Sept.) and Steve may not be available to lead it so backup is needed.

Other Business

Michele provided a handout for discussion of succession planning for the TRA board and other volunteer positions.

Peggy will continue to manage the TRA member database until a replacement can be found for her position. This position requires being able to work with Excel and also to perform reconciliation with the Treasurer's record of paid memberships.

In addition to a Zoom membership for the organization, Lorrey and the membership committee will also get free Zoom accounts for future needs, such as the Fire Marshall zoom in the winter.

CB agreed to take over the task of checking in with the hydrologist for annual aquifer reports.

Helen will retire from the Membership Committee; currently Helen and Peggy are working with new volunteer Kathryn Gray on membership activities planning.

Karen will be leaving her current role as the Communication Director.

It was agreed to send out an email blast to TRA members to aid in recruitment of those with needed communication skills and volunteers for security patrol and membership. Karen will draft the specific communication skills we are seeking. Michele will finalize the blast.

At this time a recruitment Committee will not be formed since we are trying the email blast to recruit. Also all board members should make an effort to talk to neighbors and other members about their interests and skills to get some leads for recruitment.

Michele worked with a member volunteer who is a lawyer and who has also worked on non-profit boards to review the bylaws; Michele provided a handout for the board to discuss potential changes.

There was discussion about recent flight paths that are sending more planes over the TRA/Santa Fe area and what might be done about it. Perhaps it was due to the fire and maybe it is occurring less now.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on 3:00 **Monday, Oct. 17, 2022**, at Helen's house.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dale