

Tano Road Association Board Meeting Minutes April 4, 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.

Treasury Report: Doris reported that membership fees were paid by approximately 225 members which is within the expected range.

Membership Committee: Peggy and Helen reported that out of 430 households in the TRA area, we have 242 active members in 2022, 16 brand new members.

Several activities planned for 2022 include:

May 15 - Newcomers Party where the TRA board welcomes new members

June 4 - Full TRA Nosh for entire membership. Invitations and details will be sent out in May.

August TBD - In person birding event hosted by Warren Berg

October 31 - Considering hosting a "Trunk or Treat" event to attract new/younger generation members with children. This could take place possibly at the Unity Church parking lot or the San Acacia cul-de-sac. TRA members would fill their trunks with goodies and park. TRA families could come and walk by each car trunk for a safe Halloween trick or treating event.

December 4 - TRA Annual Meeting/In person gathering open to entire membership. - Considering having the Cooking Club prepare a variety of soups, bread, cheese platters etc.

Additional Events: The Cooking Club, Book Club (2) and Hiking Club all have a variety of events planned or in planning for 2022. The Membership Committee can be contacted for more details.

Infrastructure: Lorrey reported that T Mobile has a 5G router that could be of interest to some in the area for better internet streaming. There was some discussion about trail access to La Tierra Trail via private lands from Heartstone Drive.

The Board unanimously voted to get a TRA Zoom account for \$200/yr. to allow for greater participation in zoom meetings and to provide additional licenses for different TRA committees to host for TRA business.

New Business:

By the next Board meeting, board members should review the bylaws since it has been 10 years since the last revision. Possible updates of interest include board member term limits, nomination process/committee, and meeting notification. An update requires a lawyer; John Hays was the lawyer involved in the last revision.

Michele will contact Ellen Collins to see if she wants to continue to be our contact with the hydrologist with respect to the level of our aquifer.

Karen has leads on local tree service providers that provide group discounts on their services. This could be something TRA could provide members. Steve and CB will look more into the providers and possible discount.

The membership committee will see if John Formby from the NM State Forestry Dept. can give a Zoom seminar on tree health.

It was also agreed that a talk by the Fire Marshall should be an annual event given our high fire risk. This year's topics could include tips related to grass and backup generators for wells.

A discussion on the possibility of moving to electronic membership renewals and payment was had. It is something we should continue to think about since checks are being used less by people and due to the security issues related to mailing sensitive information.

A motion was passed to approve the minutes from the last board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on **Monday, July 18, 2022**, most likely at CB's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Dale