



YA-KA-AMA

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YA-KA-AMA INDIAN EDUCATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FOR MEETING
November 5, 2007
6PM TO 8 P.M.

SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT
(Meeting location subject to change)

Call to Order (Chair) - 5:55 p.m.

Roll Call (Secretary):

Present:

Nelson Pinola, Ben Albini, Liz Derouen, Lynn Silva, Sandy Smith, Joann Bacci, Violet Wilder

Absent: Eric Wilder

Approval of Agenda (Directors):

Motion to accept agenda: Joann Bacci
2nd: Ben Albini

Reading of Minutes (Secretary) – Tabled until October 2007 meeting, secretary was not in attendance at October meeting.

Motion: Lynn Silva
2nd Ben Albini

Chairman's Report:

- Tree Cutting

During a field trip to YKA, he received a report that 7 very large trees had been cut down. The limbs of these trees were cut to build the arbor on the weekend of the baseball tournament.

The board did not give permission to cut these trees down. The board authorized the use of the low lying branches only.

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The area was cleaned up prior to the event, now the area, because of the tree cutting, area now needs to be cleaned up again.

Consensus of board to be more cautious about allowing people to cut tree limbs in the future.

Liz:

Recommendation to have event's Planning Committee map out and be specific about where materials will be gathered or cut. Both sides need to present more detail.

What will be our next step to get it cleaned up?

Assess the area.

In addition to the fallen trees we have an oak that might have been damaged during a storm. We need to get a person to assess the oak to see if we need to cut it down.

Liz appointed to look into the tree issue. She will, as a priority, look for donation of service.

Committee Reports:

- Finance – Violet Wilder

Review of Betty's report. There was some confusion as to how it works, all the negative amounts.

Some discussion took place on how the WIA program works and the different amounts being paid out.

- Personnel - Nelson Pinola

Caretaker's agreement – CLOSED SESSION

Action taken in closed session:

Motion: To terminate caretaker made by Sandy Smith

2nd: Violet Wilder

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- Education –

No one to oversee this subject, Liz DeRouen volunteered and appointed to oversee this “Committee”.

- By-Law – Eric Wilder NR
- Planning – Violet Wilder - NR - Need to solicit volunteers to chair this committee.

Violet stated that she has no time to oversee this committee, she asked for volunteers from the current board. A suggestion was made to send out a letter to the community to solicit volunteers to chair and sit on the committee. Violet will compose a letter to be sent out.

- Cultural - Sandy Smith, Eric Wilder

Sandy spoke with Dan Bluthardt regarding tapes and what it would take to copy tapes on to DVD. Sandy will meet with Dan at Ya-Ka-Ama to go over what equipment is there and what is operational. He gave her a list of the tapes that should be there in the archives. The cost for copying the tapes to DVD is estimated at \$300 an hour.

Motion to accept reports: Lynn
2nd Joann

Instructor's Report:

See attached.

Motion: Liz
2nd Ben

Administrative Assistant: NR

Old Business:

- MOU – Board previously met regarding MOU. Handout was brought regarding comparable land leases in the area. The rumor is that SCIHP is working on a re-draft to be presented back to Ya-Ka-Ama.
- Status of Zoning Plan – Where is the draft letter at, at this time? Was there a

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response from PRMD? They will most likely not be a response. They will look at our letter as comment only.

Do we want to stay non-conforming, or ask for one of the designations?

Maybe at this point we want CILS to get involved.

- By-Laws – Tabled

New Business:

- Agreement between Ya-Ka-Ama and Robert Lawson - No agreement exists at this time and it is verbal. Maybe clarity needs to be addressed as far as his equipment and property. As it stands now, his fees were agreed to be a donation per month. Someone needs to talk with Robert to see what the actual agreement is between Robert and Ya-Ka-Ama.
- Resolution for ongoing CILS representative for Ya-Ka-Ama – Liz stated that Maureen suggested we included issues of the past that they were previously working on and other items that we would like to be included. Liz will get copy of previous resolution.
- Thanksgiving Gathering – NR
- Fill Treasurer Position – Joan Bacci was appointed as new Board Treasurer and become new check signer

Motion to appoint Joann as new check signer – Violet Wilder
2nd – Ben Albini

- Building Access – Work out time to go out with Betty
- Set another cleanup date – Table
- Long Term Goals and Objectives - Tabled
- Legislation prohibiting cultural resources – Thursday, November 8th @ Foss Creek, Suite C,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Indian people only. Get as many “Indians” that you can there. Steve Smith contact #473-2159.
- Elections -

Nominations Meeting – Friday, January 25th, 2008

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Annual Elections – Saturday, February 23rd, 2008

Closed session conducted prior to adjournment.

Adjournment: 9:45 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Lynn Silva
2nd : Violet Wilder