

MINUTES OF THE FITCH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2009

Laura Rodriguez called the meeting to order in the Villa Chanticleer Annex at 11:02. Officers present: Rodriguez, V-P Colin Joy, Sec'y Ellen Silge, and Treas. Maryann Murray. Trustees present: Kate Barrett, Don McEnhill, and Donita Proctor. In all, 37 people were in attendance.

Guest Speaker Jennifer Abraco, community service officer with the County Sheriff's office, gave information about how to contact the appropriate responder for given situations and talked about the Neighborhood Watch Board on the website sonomasheriff.com. This is a neighborhood-specific, password-protected site where residents can post concerns and questions and get feedback from the sheriff's office.

The minutes for July 6, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Current checking balance was reported as \$944 and savings as \$1,906, but the Treasurer learned after the meeting that these figures were not based on the most recent bank statements and that the amounts should have been reported as checking \$154.98 and savings \$2398.78. There is a balance of approximately \$470 due for printing and mailing the newsletter.

The following By-Laws Revisions approved by FMA Trustees 12/5/08 were discussed and voted upon separately by a standing count (shown as *ayes and nays*). (Deletions are shown as strikethroughs; additions are in **bold** type. These are followed by the complete section as included in the revised By-laws, if the revision was adopted.)

ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 4. ANNUAL DUES

1. The annual dues shall be \$10.00 **\$20.00** per individual per annum and are due and payable by the 1st day of July each year **on or before the July membership meeting.** *[28 aye, 1 nay.]* 1. The annual dues shall be \$20.00 per individual per annum and are due on or before the July membership meeting.

SECTION 5. PAYMENT OF DUES

1. Notice of dues shall be sent to individual property owners and residents of Fitch Mountain by June 15th **30th** each year. *[28 aye, 0 nay]* 1. Notice of dues shall be sent to individual property owners and residents of Fitch Mountain by June 30th each year.

ARTICLE V, MEETINGS

SECTION 1. PLACE OF MEETINGS

1. All meetings of the Trustees shall be held at the Office of the Association in the State of California as may be designated for that purpose from time to time by the Board of Trustees, or at such other place on **convenient to** Fitch Mountain Road, County of Sonoma, State of California as shall be designated by the President and approved by the Board of Trustees. *[passed unanimously]* 1. All meetings of the Trustees shall be held at the Office of the Association in the State of California as may be designated for that purpose from time to time by the Board of Trustees, or at such other place convenient to Fitch Mountain Road, County of Sonoma, State of California as shall be designated by the President and approved by the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 2, REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at 10:00 A.M. on Sundays on a quarterly basis **at a time and day agreed upon by the Trustees and the President of the Association.** *[8 aye, 17 nay]*

SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2. Fourteen (14) days' written notice of the time and place of said special meeting shall be given **to each Trustee and officer.** *[24 aye, 2 nay]* 2. Fourteen (14) days' notice of the time and place of said special meeting shall be given to each Trustee and officer.

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

1(a). The annual membership meeting shall be held every year at 11:00 A.M. **1:00 P.M. ... [14 aye, 14 nay; President broke tie with aye vote]**

1(b). The annual membership meeting shall be held every year ... commencing 1, July, 1979 and on the 1st **2nd** Sunday of every July **at a place convenient to Fitch Mountain Road. [26 aye, 3 nay]** 1. The annual membership meeting shall be held every year at 1:00 P.M. on the 2nd Sunday of July at a place convenient to Fitch Mountain Road

.New Business:

Attendees divided into four “break-out groups” to brainstorm on these questions about the Fitch Mountain Association: Who are we? What do we do? Why? How? Responses from each group were written on big charts to be given to volunteers who will incorporate the ideas into a “mission statement” for the association.

Announcements/Concerns: Don McEnhill is seeking volunteers for an election protocol committee, which will “meet” via email.

July’s membership meeting (now on a different weekend at a later time) will be a potluck in the picnic area at Villa Chanticleer. There was some discussion of where the signs announcing the meeting should be posted. Glen Sirchuk said that he could help make new banners reflecting the new time.

The Spring St./So. Fitch Mt. Rd. sign has been missing for about 2 months, and a resident requested that the President call or write the County about it representing the Association.

On Jan. 27 from 7-9 pm at the Luther Burbank Center there will be a last chance for input on proposed new statewide septic ordinances. The PRMD website shows the entire document, and info is in the FMA January newsletter as well.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.