

FEBRUARY 27, 2014 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and a welcome was given by President Pat Overstreet.

Pledge of Allegiance: Kathy Kramer

Minutes: Minutes from January 23, 2014, read, required two corrections and then approved.

Treasurers Report: Denise Sutherland, Treas. \$5569.85 in General Fund

Old Business: **Norco Birthday Calendars for sale \$5.00.** Many locations and people are helping to sell the calendars and the proceeds go to the Veterans Memorial fund. Get your's now before they are sold out. Please put on your 'thinking caps and help suggest items to fit into the Time Capsule for RURAL's contribution to the 50th Year Birthday Party for Norco. Also for the July 4th picnic, RURAL needs to contribute some type of "Game" or "Activity" for the people to play or be involved with at the picnic. All the various Norco organizations are being requested to come up with a fun idea. Something that you have seen in your childhood at past picnics or celebrations, that could be set up and enjoyed. Share your thoughts or ideas with President Pat Overstreet or at a RURAL meeting. We need your help. Oh, and fireworks lovers, the fireworks show was canned. Unfortunately, it was going to cost too much, and no one wants to just burn money up. And with the area being sooo dry, the fire hazard is too risky. On a happier note, those who attended the F.F.A. Barn Dance fundraiser will attest that it was very well planned and executed! Everyone seemed to have a great time and hopefully the F.F.A. raised a considerable amount of money for their activities.

New Business: **Volunteers will be needed for up-coming events. Our busy time of the year is right around the corner** (ie: Horseweek Activities; Fair Beer booth; Mounted Posse Rodeo [RURAL will be selling tickets]; Ranch Tour etc. etc.) Pres. Pat "O" will be calling asking for your help or you can call her to offer your services.

Other: RURAL board of director's have secured "Board of Director's Insurance". The cost of the insurance was covered by cutting small amounts of the donation that is given out to the various organizations. Kind of a "Rob Peter to pay Paul" philosophy.

Guest Speaker: Mayor Pro Tem Herbert Higgins. Councilman Higgins applauded the citizen volunteer programs throughout the City. We all know how fantastic the volunteers are in serving in this community. This has literally kept Norco 'afloat' during the financially challenging times and is still an intricate component in Norco's survival. Volunteers in 2013, numbered approximately 991. Hours volunteered: 7,507. (At approx. \$22.14 hour pay scale it was a savings of over

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\$166,223.00 for the City). Then Herb discussed the The Charter System, that was passed by the voters to protect our animal keeping lifestyle. He explained how it actually keeps Norco safe from losing it's animal keeping and trails. It takes 4 out of the 5 council members to change our lot sizes, animal keeping and other items that Norco treasures. So when voting comes around, know your candidates and protect your community with a well informed vote. Lastly, Councilman Higgins discussed how expensive our Norco lifestyle is to maintain. He shared that a "Recreational Fee" might eventually result, in order to fund the maintenance of our trails and other city costs. A possible way to do this would be to apply a fee to each homeowner, per the size of their lots. It's just a futuristic thought to try to keep Norco out of the red. Nothing has been proposed as yet. A question and answer period followed from the attendees. And a thank you to our Mayor Pro-Tem for a thought provoking talk.

Remember to always tip the awesome servers at 6th Street Deli.

50/50: \$21.00 given to the winner.

Next meeting: March 27th Councilman Kevin Bash

Adjourned at: 8:15 p.m.

Interesting articles for our news letters are always appreciated, so don't be shy if you have anything you want to share. Contact Dana Adams at editor@rural-norco.com who has agreed to accept this opportunity to serve.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Higgins, Secretary
(Please understand, this is only a brief recap of the meeting. So try to attend in order to get the full focus and extent of our knowledgeable speakers).

REMEMBER: SHOP NORCO (Especially when you buy your gasoline!)

YOU CAN BE A PART OF EVERYTHING HAPPENING IN NORCO...JUST VOLUNTEER. YOUR SERVICES WILL BE APPRECIATED AND YOUR INTERACTION WITH OTHERS WILL CEMENT SOME LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS.