



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016**

**SIXTH STREET DELI**

**By Denise Lynn Sutherland, Treasurer**

**Call to order** by Vice President, Kathy Kramer at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** by Treasurer, Denise Lynn Sutherland

**Minutes** of Board Meeting January 7, 2016 – not read at General Meeting

**Treasurers Report** by Denise Lynn Sutherland - \$3400 in Trail Markers, \$4295.61 General Fund, total \$7695.61 as of 12/31/15.

**Old Business** – Mission Statement, Articles of Association and By-laws were updated. Members may go on line at [rural-norco.com](http://rural-norco.com) to review and a report will be given on May 26, 2016 General Membership meeting on the updates.

### **Other Business – Lake Norconian Club Foundation (LNCF) Update**

Linda Dixon updated everyone on the 13-year crusade and 9 months of petitions to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and went to court to appeal temporary access into the Lake Norconian Hotel and won on all 3 issues which included 1) right to go into emergency injunction based on El Nino and 2) shore up the roof and 3) clean gutters and unplug drains and pumps.

LNCF was given permission to take pictures to see what they were up against. All who have volunteered have been vetted thru Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The main issue is around the kitchen area with gaping holes in roof & filters in bathrooms and dining room as water runs down the walls on the murals. LNCF discovered the paintings were actually tapestries and they got permission to remove all artifacts, chandelier's, lighting, brass fittings and door knobs.

LNCF obtained a bid from a plumber for new pumps and to clear drains that were stuffed with rags. Bid was \$10,800. Repair roof area in kitchen estimated \$30,000 just to prevent further damage and \$20,000 for temporary fixes in other areas.

Litigation will continue and we can also go in after every rain to remove varmints that are the size of Pit Bulls. Everything is documented with photos. Very few of the floor tiles were damaged.

There are 5 stories, 3 above and 2 below and possibly 500 rooms that are plaster that is beginning to crumble and come down. The Norco Historic Preservation Commission is not involved with this restoration.

## **New Business – Shared with members our 2016 Speaker Schedule**

- February 25, Mayor Kevin Bash
- March 24, Councilman Berwin Hanna
- April, no meeting – Horseweek Event
- May 26, speaker to be announced & presentation of By-laws changes
- June 23, hopefully Brian Petree
- July 24, Elections & Pot Luck @ The Azevedo's @ 5pm instead of 2 due to heat
- August, no meeting – Mounted Posse Rodeo Volunteers needed
- September 22, Councilperson Robin Grundmeyer
- October 27, Councilmen Ted Hoffman
- November, no meeting Happy Thanksgiving
- December 18, Sunday Silly Gift Exchange & Christmas Potluck, location TBD

## **New Business – 50/50 Legality**

Denise Lynn Sutherland, Treasurer notified all members present, of the Boards decision to discontinue the 50/50 raffle as it violates Penal Code 320.5, subdivision (b)(4)(a) that with respect to the 90/10 rule designating that 50% of the ticket-sale revenue is awarded as a prize and 50% of the revenue is retained by the organization conducting the raffle. 50/50 raffles are illegal because 50% of the gross ticket-sale revenue is not used for charitable purposes. The current Treasure of Hall of Fame was in attendance and commented on their position as well as several other groups in town that have discontinued their 50/50. Denise recommended to donate your prior 50/50 donations to the Lake Norconian Club Foundation (LNCF).

## **Council Corner – May Pro-Tem Greg Newton**

Greg provided some colorful handouts with updates of all the improvements to the cities sewers, waterlines, streets & trails, etc. \$25,000 a year is what is available to fund trails but Greg stated it would take \$800,000 to bring our trails to standard, of which Norco doesn't have. Talks have been for a yearly maintenance tax for 1 year then, ½ cent to maintain a fund of \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year. So where do we get the \$800,000 to bring them up to standard???

Denise Lynn Sutherland asked Greg if Council ever discussed her recommendation from last year about the possibility of increasing the documentary transfer tax associated with the sale of each property in Norco. Currently most of California is \$1.10 per \$1000 and there are some cities or counties that have an additional ancillary percentage for their funding's. Greg said he would bring it up again, that he hadn't recalled it discussed.

There were 15 in attendance.

Everyone was reminded to please tip the Sixth Street Deli staff and to SHOP NORCO!!!!

Next meeting February 26, 2016 with Mayor Kevin Bash

Meeting was adjourned @ 8pm