

2-12-22 SPCA Board Meeting Follow-up & Action Items

Meeting: 10:00, 2/12/22, hosted by Donna Morehead

Members Present: Donna Morehead, Diana Bayliss, Bob Bosch & John Griffiths

Members Absent: Christine Lagerlef

If there is anything that was missed, please add and send to each Board Member.

Finances

- 1) Diana gave us a quick update on finances with about \$10K in the account
- 2) In addition to Diana as the primary contact on the account the Board agreed that Donna will be listed as the back-up / emergency contact, mainly due to local convenience with Wells Fargo in BCS (result of bank closing in Marquez) Diana and Donna will set-up time to make the change. **Also, need to remove Dennis from account.**
- 3) Agreed to leave \$100 annual dues in place which will provide enough funds for mowing, Spring picnic/party, Fall General Meeting and other possible projects (see below)

Utilities

- 1) John updated on knowledge and activity related to county road improvement. Reported that the county is seriously considering a major improvement to 740 sometime this year. John agreed to follow-up with Commissioner Sadler.
- 2) Board had a discussion about the ongoing need for tree trimming to reduce the risk of power outages in the neighborhood. We discussed that it's especially important to those making SP their permanent resident and for the elderly to not have frequent and long outages. We discussed the possibility of the neighborhood funding a tree service to do this but quickly agreed that we are all already paying for this service through NVEC and that it is their overall responsibility. We agreed that while some progress is being made we need to encourage folks in the neighborhood to request trimming by NVEC of possible problem spots on their easements. To assist our members/residents we agreed to add a link on our website to an easy to use online request tool for tree trimming from NVEC. Donna will add the link below.

Lake

- 1) John provided an update of his contacts with TPWD regarding the water hyacinth problem. TPWD has on the schedule to spray /treat Lake Limestone this year. The cold weather has helped but it's a situation that we will continue to monitor. All residents are encouraged to contact TPWD if they see this weed propagating in their area. We agreed to add the below links to make it easy to understand and report water hyacinth.

Community

- 1) Neighborhood Aesthetics – we had a discussion about what we could possibly do to add to the overall beautification of SP.
 1. We agree to continue the contract with the current mowers
 2. We discussed investing in some nice landscaping around the entrance sign and possible at various areas down the streets (example: crepe myrtles or other deer

proof shrubs). We agree to have the mowing company offer some plans and pricing. Diana agreed to make contact with the mowing company. Once we receive, we will discuss and vote on a plan.

3. John will continue to clear street side branches and deadfall as needed.
 - 2) Welcome packets – we agreed that they are important and useful for new residents but agreed to provide the info digitally on the SPCA website. Donna and Diana agreed to set this up.
 - 3) Membership drive – agreed that we will use the Spring picnic / party, the General Meeting in the fall, word of mouth and digital Welcome Packets to encourage new membership but that no other outreach / drive is necessary at this time.
 - 4) Directory progress – Diana agreed to add what addresses she has to the directory and send a copy only to the Board members to help us in communicating with SPCA members (example was used, in case of a property emergency). Will possibly hand put at picnic but I can't recall what we decided on this.
 - 5) Website
 1. Donna provided a great evaluation of the current website and provided some improvements / changes that the Board agreed to.
 - i. Removal of Board member e-mails addresses (security risk). Phone numbers will remain as the primary way to contact. Email contacts will now go to SPCA site administrator.
 - ii. We asked Donna to see if / what the annual web hosting fee is and to submit to for reimbursement.
 - iii. Diana suggested to make sure the AirMedCare membership link is added/ up-to-date and that the **promo code** is there which provides a \$10 rebate back to the SPCA.
 - iv. We also discussed the need to encourage members to post updated photos as they liked.
 2. Addition of these links:
 - i. **Navasota Valley Electric Coop On-Line Tree Trimming request tool**
<https://www.navasotavalley.com/form/trim-trees>
 - ii. **TPWD invasive species general info**
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/landwater/stop-invasives/>
 - iii. **Reporting Problems:**
Aquatic Invasive Species Team, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
aquatic.invasives@tpwd.texas.gov
- 6) 2022 Spring Picnic / Party and Fall General Annual Meeting
 - a) Lots of discussion about the need to make the spring get-together more of a fun event to encourage better turn out and community. For now, this is what we decided.
 - b) Date: May 7
 - c) Time: 5:30 – 8:30
 - d) Encourage members to bring families
 - e) Bob's band will be the main attraction. We approved \$400 to pay the band. The Board recognizes that this is much less than their normal fee. Thank you Bob.
 - f) John to contact Johnny Armstong about the use of their facility on 743. If this does not work out, Bob agreed to contact the church about the use of

their pavilion. John will also asked J. Armstrong about the use of their place for the Fall Annual meeting which we agreed is to be on Sept 3 (per the SPCA bylaws)

- g) We agreed to communicate via email as we develop plans but will most likely have a Board meeting in late March/April to finalize plans. This may be a web/Zoom.
- h) We need a plan as to how to best communicate this event to the neighborhood

Safety / Security

We discussed the current status of the medical AED unit located at the fire dept water tank. We were unsure of whether the fire department is actually maintaining (mainly the battery) the unit since it's been a number of years since SPCA donated and turned the responsibility over to them. John agreed to contact the fire dept to verify. Bob suggested to first check if the green light is flashing to know the current status. John checked the unit on 2/24/22 and it is flashing green