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SPECIAL ICRC BOARD MEETING
Silver Pines Lodge

MINUTES
Monday, August 31, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Chris Singer called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Directors present were Emily White, Chris Singer, Bob Schraff, Linda McCaughin, Vic Sirkin, Dawn Sonnier, and John Simpson. Absent; Dick Goldberg. Also present, Claudia Posey (Minutes), J.P. Crumrine (Town Crier) and Pete Capparelli (CSA 36).

I. Introduction of Guests

This meeting was called by the request of several members. J.P. Crumrine, of The Town Crier, and Pete Capparelli, of CSA 36, were introduced as guests. Bill Brown of CSA 36 was not able to make it to the meeting but Bill wants a joint meeting with CSA 36 and ICRC, on September 17th at 5:30 at the Fire Department. It is suggested ICRC talks with Bill Brown privately first.

II. Confidence in Chair

Chris reads a prepared statement as the Chair. The statement ends in her saying that it is clear that Bob Schraff does not have confidence in me as Chair. "Is there anyone else who agrees?" Chris stepped out of the room for discussion:

Directors commented that Chris is passionate, eager for feedback, open to discussion and correction. Board members want to learn from her, and love her passion. "We are a Board and we make mistakes together." "All of us are smarter than one of us". Bob agrees with Chris that he does not have confidence in her.

Motion by Linda, seconded by Emily, to give Chris a vote of confidence to continue as Chair. One abstained vote, all others in favor.

III. Expected Behavior of Board Members

This is a private board and what we do should be done privately and professionally. Bob went to others such as the press, without giving the Board a chance to defend themselves. We do need to have a standard on protocol. There is a discussion about recent events that have been published in the newspaper. It is said that one of the things that makes a Board successful is that everyone has a mission and ours is the Community Center.

Motion by Linda, seconded by John that Bob Schraff be removed from the Board without cause. Bob interjects that Linda, Vic, Dawn, and Emily are not on the board. He says that ICRC is a public corporation...the California Public Corporation, so as of May we only had three members on the board.

Vic reads the California Corporation Code Section 5520.b to help the Board understand that it is a public service cooperation but not a public Board. It is understood to mean that if someone is in office, they are in office until they are replaced. Paul Schlenz was asked about it by Vic and he agreed that a person can hold an office for as long a time as the board wants them to.

So it is said that everybody on the Board is of like mind except Bob Schraff.

Pete Capparelli asks Bob why he is so angry. Bob says that the Board was blindsided by Vic even though Chris takes the blame for it. Pete says to Bob that he is bringing up issues at the worst time possible; Bob is in charge of a huge project and is working against this Board. Bob

says that he is just looking out from a legal standpoint. The insurance companies of this world would argue any claim because of the legal issues of this Board. Pete said "yes air our infractions but then move on as a board". Vic asks Bob if he is really upset because the Town Crier knew that Bob Lewis was hired before the Board did. Vic says it is not true that it was done intentionally. Now you are angry and this is not the time to cost the community its Center and its recreation. Bob says that is not true. Chris indicated that many of Bob's complaints about the Board were put verbatim in the newspaper. She believes Bob invited Bill Brown and the press to our last private meeting. She says it is clear that Bob Schraff is not cooperative and does not like this Board. Bob remarked that he would quit making it miserable and indicated that the Board could continue with the vote.

The above mentioned motion to remove Bob from the Board with no cause was passed with all in favor, and no abstentions.

IV. Spokesperson

Vic is requesting that someone take over as spokesperson for the time. The spokesperson issue is tabled and Chris will speak as interim until it is voted on in September meeting.

V. ICRC's relationship with the Town Crier

John tells the Board that he wrote a complaint to the newspaper (not specifically representing ICRC). Becky Clark associated John and ICRC on facebook. The letter was signed by John personally and he stopped advertising in the paper with no collaboration with Chris. John wanted to make the board aware and open it for discussion.

Chris gave the Board a copy of emails between Chris Singer and Becky Clark, the Town Crier's editor. She told the Board of a conversation with Becky in which Becky says the Board is in trouble with Vic on the Board and especially as spokesperson. That is why Vic has been asked to step back as spokesperson to make peace with the Town Crier.

Pete reminds the Board that the best option is to mend fences and re-establish a relationship (with Becky and the Town Crier). J.P. spoke on behalf of the paper saying that Chris and John's message to pull their advertising came within 15 minutes of each other and it felt like ICRC was trying to pull their (Town Crier's) organization down. So ICRC should try to see it from their point of view.

It is agreed that ICRC and Town Crier should have a private meeting. J.P. is asked to talk to Becky and Marshall to see if a meeting can be arranged.

VI. New Business

At the next Board meeting we will discuss who will head up the ICC Committee. We will have to discuss whether or not that person will have to be on the ICRC board.

September is the time to vote on the chair of ICRC, so maybe the board should think of appointing a new chair. Chris said she is willing to serve as ICC Chair if someone else will serve as ICRC Chair.

VII. The Next Meeting

Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 in the Idyllwild Water District Conference Room.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Posey