

## **INVERNESS RIDGE ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES, General Meeting, January 15, 2011**

**Being duly noticed the Annual Meeting of the Inverness Ridge Association took place on January 15, 2011, at the home of Alan and Sydne Bortel, 1 Lower Dover Road. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 am by David Wilson, IRA President, and business was concluded at Noon. Approximately 55 people attended.**

**After introductory remarks by David, and all-round thanks to the Bortels for their hospitality, Alicia Jackson delivered the Treasurer's Report, reporting a total of \$13,739.89 in the accounts held by IRA at Wells Fargo and Luther Burbank. Members present were reminded about 2011 dues, and the Alicia had lists indicating both persons who have already paid, and those who have not.**

**The following incumbent directors were re-elected for a two year term:**

**Sydne Bortel  
Richard Blair  
Bill Carlin  
Bob Lundstrom  
Mike Ongerth  
Russ Ridge  
David Wilson**

**Later in the meeting Bruce Baum volunteered to serve on the Board, and nominations were reopened. Bruce was then elected to the Board.**

**Harvey Fried invited questions from the audience regarding the activities of the Road Advisory Board., following which David introduced the guest speaker, who was David Wimpfheimer, a neighbor and experienced naturalist and photographer. David sketched the history of the upper end of Tomales Bay. describing how it was once navigable, but over the years became filled with silt as the result of farming and other activities on upper slopes beginning in the latter part of the nineteenth century. Another major impact on the area were dikes and levies built, initially by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, and later by ranchers desiring to expand their pastureland. Over the past five-plus years, much of the enclosed pasture has reverted to tidal wetlands thanks to efforts by the National Park Service, the Point Reyes National Seashore Association. David discussed this restoration project and some of the many impacts that are already apparent, including increases in ducks, raptors, otters and other species. There was an extended and lively question and answer session, covering subjects like continuing hunting activities adjacent to park property and the threat posed by invasive plant species. Tamia Anderson**

**volunteered to provide information on the latter subject for posting to the IRA website.**

**Richard Blair was designated as the person to contact with regard to e mail and other address changes.**

**There being no further business the business portion of the meeting adjourned.**