

Minutes of Inverness Ridge Association General Meeting
11:15 AM, Saturday January 24, 2009, at Sydne and Allan Bortel's, 1 Lower
Dover

1. President David Wilson opened the meeting at 11:15 AM. He gave a brief description of the role of the IRA, reminded us about 2009 dues (\$25.00), and introduced Mark Bartolini.

2. Mark Bartolini

Mark spoke of his work with the International Rescue Committee on projects in Iraq, Afghanistan, Thailand, and Indonesia. He now works out of his home in PRE, for the Point Reyes National Seashore Association. He said that PRNSA seeks to avoid controversial issues and keep to its core projects. These include the removal of dikes and restoration of wetlands on the former Giacomini land at the end of Tomales Bay, and a range of workshops and trips, such as the ones to Cordell Banks last year. PRNSA's educational programs cover climate change and other environmental issues, and introduce students to the Park.

Victor Stangenberg asked about whether a bridge will be built to complete the path across the Giacomini wetlands. Mark said that no decision has been made to build it; cost is still a problem.

3. Treasurer's Report: Russell Ridge

Regular Checking Account.....	\$5,335.61
Dues.....	+150.00
	<u>\$5,485.61</u>
C.D. at Burbank Savings.....	\$2,332.69
Total.....	\$7,818.30

Russell reported that we have 26 paid members at present. There were 82 in 2008, up from 40 in 2007, in large part because of the work of Eleanor and Ivan Stern, and others who worked on the name list and reminders.

A member asked what dues are spent on. David said that we fund vegetation control, respond to emergencies, send mailings, etc. Maria Straatmann has helped organize liaisons and obtain radios for them, funded by the IRA treasury. (Bob Lundstrom has taken over as Area Coordinator.)

4. IRA Web site

David announced that we will soon have a new web site through which we can communicate. We are working on ways to protect the privacy of members from

hackers, etc. Jerry Block asked about putting e-mail addresses on a CD that would be distributed only to members. Michael Scriven said this was not a good idea because copies could go astray. Richard Blair pointed out that those concerned about the privacy of their e-mail address can opt out. David said that two people have already done this. Katherine Williams said that there will be a log-in code to protect the site. She noted that about 80% of the list is e-mail now, while about 20 people still get newsletters by mail. Maria Straatmann said that the e-mail list has enabled us to send out timely announcements, for instance when the road is blocked.

5. Nomination and Election of Board Members

The terms of six Board members have not yet expired. These are: Sue Brown, Jerry Block, Alicia Jackson, David Starkweather, Katherine Williams, and Mary Anne Warren.

It was moved and seconded that the current Board members whose terms expire this year be re-nominated, with the exception of Anthony Prud'homme, who is leaving the Board. These are: Sydne Bortel, Bill Carlin, Michael Ongerth, Russell Ridge, Eleanor Stern, and David Wilson.

Richard Blair and Bob Lundstrom were also nominated.

The nominees were elected by acclamation.

6. PRERAB: Michael Ongerth

Mr. Lunny has not repaired the potholes on DVD yet. Harvey Freed said that we normally do pothole repair earlier. We have a long relationship with the Lunny's, who have done good work before. This year they have been very busy, and we must look for another contractor. The work will probably be done in the spring—earlier if it stops raining.

Dead tan oaks that endanger the road will be removed in the next 30 days. Property owners will be contacted and this will not be done by PRERAB if they want to do it themselves. Ismael will do this, and also some chipping of brush left at the edge of the road.

Marge Ridge asked whether any new residents were present. Robby and Eric Sadler are at 328 DVD, Pat Sadlers's former residence.

Adopt-A-Trail did not happen last year. The CCC has done the work on the Ridge trail and the trail to Little Muddy.

7. Next Board Meeting: 9:30 AM, Saturday March 14, at Sydney Bortel's, 1 Lower Dover.

8. The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10.

Submitted by Mary Anne Warren, Secretary, March 10, 2009.