

Summary Notes
Rancho Ventana Board Meeting
December 10, 2013
(These are NOT official minutes)

Call to order at 2:30

Minutes of November 12, 2013 moved and carried

Committee Reports:

Architectural: There have been requests for 3 sheds, 3 cement pads, 3 lattice, 1 shed painting and palm trees.

Maintenance: The decorative light post has been replaced. Hooks have been installed in the Men's room near the showers. A leak in the hall roof, above the Ladies Room has been repaired. Rope lights have been placed on the palm trees near the office.

Social: Beef on a Bun was well received. 120 people attended. Thanksgiving dinner had 130 guests. January breakfast has been postponed. Leslie Bell and Joanne Windsor have been decorating the hall and patio area for Christmas. Saturday evening there is a "Dance your Christmas Socks off" event with D-Jay Oscar Gomez. Admission is \$3.00 or a new Christmas ornament for the tree. There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 draw. The Children's choir will be here on Saturday, December 20th. Sign up for the Christmas Day scramble at the lots listed on the poster. This is not a social club event. Dinner on December 25th, turkey dinner for \$10.00/p/p Pay by December 20th. New Year's Eve with Oscar Gomez. A 10:00 snack buffet will be served. The Wilson Family String Band will be here on Friday, Jan. 3rd at Happy Hour. Admission by donation. Bingo may be returning.

Finance: 2014 budget is complete, and posted on the web site. Maintenance dues will be reduced by \$5.00 per month to \$84.00

Communications: The internet is working as well as we can expect it to work. There has been another router installed. Each lot receives 1/2 MB of service. We have a back-up power supply in the office to protect our equipment from power surges and/or outages. There is no one in Blythe that can give us any more bandwidth than we have right now.

Recycling: There have been 2 trips to the depot this month. There is a balance of \$4700.00 in their bank account.

Operations: Thanks to the Social Committee for the lights around the hall and on the palm trees. Thanks to Dale Vetsch and Tom Schutz and their "gang", for the great job on the Fire Pit area.

Park Managers Report: Spechtenhauser will be here tomorrow to trim palm trees. There are 18 names on the list, however please add yours if you need your tree (above 12 ft. Tall) to be trimmed.

Correspondence: Al Wilson did some research for acoustical repair to the hall. The estimate was \$5000.00. The Board will need further input from residents, since there is no budget for this.

Unfinished Business: The Board has spoken with the Fire Dept. And Ambulance Service. They are both happy with our numbering. They both have access to the park with their own remotes. If there are any park residents who wish to head and form a committee of first responders, they may, however the Board will not be responsible. Trees must be trimmed once a year, according to our restated Architectural Guidelines. The Board does have the authority to have a tree trimmed and bill the lot owner if it is not compliant. Smoking areas will remain as they are.

Open Forum: Rick Deely asked the Board to look in to moving the pool, so the smokers could still have their corner of the patio:) Linda Coates asked if the dues could remain the same and the \$5.00 could be used for trimming trees, so as not to charge the lot owners. Warren stated that since not everyone has a tree, and some people have 2 or 3, this would not be an equitable solution. Carol Thachyk asked about repairing the inside of the perimeter wall. Warren said we are working on the outside this season, and looking for volunteers to sign up as painters. It will be a large project that will possibly span several seasons. Roger Handley asked about enforcing the palm tree trimming policy.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05