

## DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF 9/23/15

### Inverness Association

Attendance: all present with exception of Francine Allen and Robert Johnston

Agenda – changes/additions, if any:

Change, per request from Elizabeth Whitney, the item labeled Website and change it to Bagpiper. Elizabeth points out that she isn't the website liaison.

Approve minutes of August meeting

Minutes were approved

### Public Expression

Susan Brayton reminded the Board that she wrote in January about the second valley path to the Aberdeen trail which is no longer continuous... and the condition still exists. Marshall pointed out that the stairs were well done as was the new bridge by tennis court, but then, it all comes to an end, confirming Ms. Brayton's point. Marshall indicated that with an allocation of funds, Burton can make it continuous, reusing existing RR ties, etc. He stressed Burton's capacity to perform quality renovation of these facilities.

Susan asked that a hand rail be considered.

As the discussion ensued, Kathy requested that the Board needs to be clear in giving instructions for the repairs authorized and that there needs to be an item in the budget for such expenses.

**MSC: Branan/Arndt:** We authorize Burton to fix the trail with an expense not to exceed \$1250, excluding the hand rail, and to construct an extra stair or other appropriate link for the bridge by the tennis court, where the "rise" is too great.

### VP's Report – Bridger

- Letters of Appreciation: Madeline Hope, Alfonso Ramirez, Katie Jay, Inverness Garden Club
- Queries: SFD road noise, Boathouse event rental,

Bridger reported that the letters listed above were sent from the organization. Regarding the other items, Francine replied to the Boathouse inquiry and the SFD road noise matter is one the sender needs to take up with the county.

Bridger also reported that we are all invited to a Volunteer Dinner at the IYC put on by IPUD on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Committee reports

- Inverness Fair – Elizabeth
  - Letters of Appreciation: Madeline Hope, Alfonso Ramirez
- Membership – Catherine
- Website – Elizabeth  
[directing messages to responders; local resources guide]
- Bylaws & Governance – Bridger/Kathy
- Treasurer – Joyce
- Design review – Bridger
- [Wright, 950 Vision Rd: new well; TBOC enforcement action]

**FAIR:** Elizabeth reported that she doesn't have any figures to provide yet. There was a brief discussion about the vendors' payments, and there only two seem to have paid, so far. No letter has gone to them, nor have they been called. The Board (not by vote) suggested that the vendors need to be

contacted. Kathy pointed out that she neglected to send in IGC's 2014 fair fee and did it with the 2015 payment, but that she had never been contacted by the IA to ask about payment. (IGC and Library have paid)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Catherine reported 346 names on list, 30 have lapsed due to non-renewal for a couple of years, 337 could renew and 162 have thus far; nine memberships are complementary. Of those mailed for renewal (no email), 34 of the 64 have already responded.

She proposed a postcard for the TY which can be a way to remind people they are part of the IA/IF and build for renewal in a year's time. She asked Sarah to help with the art work on the postcard.

**BAGPIPER:** Elizabeth is trying to get herself connected to internet, her housing situation complicates this. She will contact Dewey about producing an issue in the near future.

Tom said that the Board should set the production dates, as this is part of building the organization's stature; that several of us got on the Board to professionalize the duties of the volunteer on the Board.

Marshall suggests: pre-holidays (Christmas) and pre-summer

Elizabeth wanted to do a feature on the volunteer firefighters, other topics include housing, VRBO's, the play at St. Columba's, The Green Bridge, The meeting on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at Civic Center, The Fair, and the Inverness Almanac.

Some discussion ensued on housing, and the consensus was that this isn't something to be writing about at this time, as it's a complex issue and consensus might not be reached on it within the group.

**WEBSITE:** Catherine reported that she is having difficulty working out the sort of PayPal "buttons" she would like on the website. She mentioned that we don't have a service contract with the company, and she wants to explore alternatives. Kathy asked that Catherine work with our webmaster, Martha, and let Martha address the needs we have with the company. She pointed out that this company is successfully serving a number of other non profits in the community.

**BYLAWS:** no discussion took place, other than an attempt by Kathy to bring up the odd fact that the IF bylaws and the IA bylaws are not compatible. It was suggested that this needs to go to the committee before Board discussion.

**GOVERNANCE:** A training session was discussed and approved for November 4<sup>th</sup>, early evening. Carol Friedman will conduct.

MSC: Livingston/Caulfield to hire Ms. Friedman for \$500 and that our last meeting of the year will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The documents from the bookkeeper were provided and questions came up which were not answered. The treasurer was asked to get something from the bookkeeper that will enable her to explain the report to us.

Tom gave a report on the Museum. Currently there is Dewey's 2<sup>nd</sup> Valley exhibit on display, and 125 people attended the open house. On Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12-5, there will be another open house for the new exhibit, a look at the remaining buildings and towns from the RR years. Meg Linden is doing this.

**DESIGN REVIEW:** Two permits, one for a well (Wright), "no big deal" was the report; the other was TBOC, which withdrew its application. County staff going to enforce the '87 permit, meaning much of its picnicking activities will be eliminated.

There was also a paper street matter – and next month, we will have someone try to explain to us why there should be an abandonment of such a street.

Other Items:

- Planning of training session for Board members
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**OTHER ITEMS:** See above, for discussion and result.

Approve minutes of August meeting

Approved by consensus

Committee reports

- Buildings/Grounds/Trails – Marshall  
[completion of Aberdeen-to-SFD trail]
- Treasurer – Joyce

**REPORTS:** The reports were covered with discussions in the IA and open portion of the meeting.

**Future items:**

10/28: David Tirrell presentation on public street – corrected to indicate that this will be a presentation about Paper Streets and his desire to see one abandoned to the benefit of the adjacent landowners.

Kathy 10/9/15, 10/20/15, 10/29/15 , 10/29.15 revised