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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 19th, 2010, 6-9 PM MONAN’S RILL HUB

Facilitation Team: Ray, Bill

Attendees: Ray, Bill, Sherry, Jeff, Megan and Linda

Approved April minutes

Financial Report – Bill
$100 Donation to Felidae Conservation Fund for Puma Project Presentation at the Hike and Hoot.
Checking account balance after above item: $9,661.34

Fiscal Sponsors No changes at this time. Bill will contact Amy about MRI as a possible fiscal sponsor.

Guest Facilitator for next meeting. We are short on guests so we will hold off on Guest Facilitator. Ray and Bill to continue in meanwhile.

New Members: None.

Road signs: No news. Megan will make more calls.

Monthly meetings There was discussion about changing monthly business meetings to called meetings, quarterly meetings, event-driven meetings or Internet driven meetings. Another possibility suggested would be to have fewer general meetings and to encourage the more active members to also attend Stewardship meetings and work with the committee when it is working on a specific educational event with our local partners.

Newsletter Discussion about eliminating the 1 newsletter per year or working with local partner agencies to combine publishing efforts. Same question applies to Hike & Hoot mailer (invitation). Together, the annual newsletter and H&H mailer represent FMWW’s major annual expenses.

Community Building
Hike & Hoot - Well attended and fun. Financial report and details to follow.
Committee Reports

Stewardship – Ray
He will email the last Stewardship meeting notes to current members. Cresta project is progressing well. More updates to follow. RCD has a few projects we may wish to be involved in. Collaboration to follow. RCD road assessment MEETING was cancelled for lack of interest (not the road assessment itself). Looking to create interest through the EPC or ???

History – Linda
Alpinevalleyhistory.org <http://Alpinevalleyhistory.org> is the new website. Data is currently being entered. Last meeting canceled due to low attendance.

Fundraising – Sherry
Fundraising event – October/November 2011 – set date
Fundraising at local educational events? Movie night? Discuss at August meeting.

Emergency Preparedness – Bill
Next meeting mid-summer. Bill will talk to Tim about scheduling.

Public Policy Committee – Ray
Nothing new at this time.

Next Membership Meeting August 18th, 2011 - Monan's Rill HUB
Directions to Monan's Rill: 7899 St. Helena Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404. Approx. 4 miles on St. Helena Road from Calistoga Road. At the bottom of a sharp S turn, there are several mailboxes on the left at the base of the main drive onto the land. You will also see a sign for Monan's Rill at the entry on the left side of the road. Go up the gravel drive. Please keep your speed below 15 mph. Monan’s Rill community HUB is about a mile up the drive. Once you get onto the property, keep going straight, curving around to the left until you get to a "Y". Take the right fork and make the next left at the mailboxes. The community building is on the left and parking is on the roadway or in the parking lot area on the right of the building. Please leave your pets at home ~ stay clear of the ponds ~ no smoking. Please Note: All attendees at our monthly meetings are asked to sign a general liability release for the benefit of Monan’s Rill.