FRIENDS OF THE MARK WEST WATERSHED
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 16th, 2012, 6-9 PM
MONAN’S RILL – HUB

Facilitation Team
Linda, Ray, Bill

MINUTES — DRAFT 1

(Action Items in RED)

Attendees: Linda, Penny, Harriet, Bill, Zoey, Playalina, Jeff, Ray

6:30 Business Meeting

Minutes: Approved November 17, 2011 minutes without revisions.

Financial Report – Bill
$11,078.34 in checking account. Only expense since 11/17/2011 was $60 for our quarterly Sonic.net payment.

Proposed FMWW Administrative Committee for 2012:
Linda & Harriet – Co-Chairs,
Bill – Treasurer, Josh – Secretary
Approved.

Potential Fiscal Sponsors or 501(c)3 Creation:
Bill reported on discussions with Frankie & Penny regarding fiscal sponsorship by Monan’s Rill Institute.
The upshot is that FMWW should investigate becoming a 501(c)3. Bill to investigate, using both Volunteer Center and online resources.
Linda notes that donations for the set-up of 501 would be tax-deductible to contributors.
For the immediate future, FMWW will make it clear that FMWW contributions are not tax-deductible.
(Exception – In-kind donations for the raffle will be deductible.)
Next fundraising event is Hike & Hoot on May 12, 2012 (where the raffle is used to cover the costs of the event, the bulk of which is the invitation mailing).
Pepperwood Wildflower Festival - Sunday, April 29, 2012 –
We are invited to set up a table at the event, which runs from 8AM – 4PM.
Penny is willing to do ½ day and be in charge of organizing.
Emphasis is on having activities for kids to do at our table/booth/tent.
In addition to having our newsletters available, Bill proposes a very simple, inexpensive black and white brochure that explains FMWW; much of the text can be re-purposed from our website. Bill to write.
Include a sign-up sheet for FMWW Listserv.
Have Hike & Hoot invitations at booth.
Attending: Penny (1/2 day), Linda (all day), Harriet & Zoey (maybe Bill) ½ day.

Newsletter
Deadline: drop dead for articles March 10th, to printer’s 12th.
$100 from RCD to help with postage? Q for Playalina. (Newsletter will include news from the RCD relevant to the Watershed.)
Articles:
1) RCD update on MWW
   Proposed July workshop on citizen water conservation projects, “how to”
   No date or location yet.
   Brock Dolman from Occidental Arts & Ecology Center will hopefully be the key presenter.
   Playalina to write article on above.
2) Invitation to H&H (Bill)
3) Harriet’s coho article (done)
4) Penny’s natural history article.
5) Playalina mentions that some grant/matching funds available for forest management plans for private property owners with at least 10% forest coverage. Ray to contact Jill Butler. Write-up for newsletter? To be determined.

Spring Road Clean Up – April 21st 2012, approx. 9AM to 1PM, then lunch.
Is Doerksen’s available? Probably; Jeff to remind them.
Should we attempt to do areas other than Saint Helena Road?
   Switching from SHR to Calistoga Road? This year…or maybe next year?
   Bill to email inquiry to listserv to see if there is sufficient interest on Calistoga Road to attempt any changes to scope of clean up.
Bill to notify Landpaths about clean up and have them up it on their calendar.
**Hike & Hoot** – May 12th

Members signed up for Assignments; **Harriet** is keeping the Assignments List current; please volunteer — it’s fun!

Topics for our H&H Program this year?
**Pat to write a piece**, maybe with a second contributor, about the 10 year anniversary of FMWW

Short workshops:

**Steve**: on pond ecology. Steve has since confirmed (2/20).

**Sue Kavinoky**: bird box building? *(Penny to ask)*

**Penny**: Wildlife enhancements on private property: removing fences, leaving (or creating) standing dead trees, fallen wood placed parallel to slopes, bush piles, different components of wildlife habitats, ecotones (?).

**Playalina**? restoration ecology?

**Frederique**?: bug collection and expertise. Does Bob have an owl box(es) for raffle? *Jeff to contact.*

**Susan Smith**: very popular hike. Note: Sonoma Land Trust holds the easement to her land; maybe SLT can help promote Sue’s hike? Harriet to give Ray contact info for Sue; *Ray to contact Sue.*

**Music**: LindaLou and Michael? *Jeff to contact.*

**Monan’s Rill Hike?** MRA member does middle loop? *Need to get a MRA volunteer…*

Can we use *Josh’s* projector? *(Ray’s is dead.)*

**Beer**: *Jeff to ask for donation from Lagunitas.*

**Ray**: to look at FMWW’s wine inventory.

**Greg**: photography workshop? Lead the hoot hike? Harriet to contact. — Yes, *Greg has confirmed* (2/20)

**Harriet needs help with raffle**: people willing to call on local stores for donations. Pat will help.
Committee Reports

Stewardship Committee – Harriet
Will attempt to do the rest of the H&H planning by email

Fundraising Committee – Sherry
See H&H (raffle).

History Committee – Linda
Has not met recently. If interested, contact Linda.

Emergency Preparedness – Bill
Has not met recently. Watch for spring meeting.

Public Policy Committee – Ray
Has not met recently.
Ray reports that the Sonoma County Water Coalition is carefully watching the County-approved plan for a wineries-driven “science advisory committee” to monitor their own use of public resources (river water).

End of meeting.

Minutes by Bill.

Next Membership Meeting May 17th, 2012 –
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.