FRIENDS OF THE MARK WEST WATERSHED
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting Minutes Draft 1 (done 2015-01-30)

January 22nd, 2015, 6:30-8:30 PM
Monan’s Rill HUB

Facilitation Team
Linda, Bill


2014-10-16 Minutes: approved without further revisions.

Financial Report
Income: Two unsolicited contributions totaling $45.
Expenses: Sonic.net $60
Checkbook balance: $9813.12

2015 Hike & Hoot
April 11, 2015 (Saturday)
Set-up will be on Friday April 10th.
(Is a Monan’s Rill workday in AM)
(Linda will not available until 3:30PM.)

MRA: needs event insurance.
LP: Heather to look into LP’s insurance.
Sherry: to ask about Comet Corn’s insurance coverage.
Penny: to investigate thru MRI or Rites of Passage.

Notes on Location Discussion:
LandPaths: If H&H at MRA, LP can only have 1 person work it (for funding reasons), as opposed to multiple paid personnel if held at Rancho Mark West.
Sherry: better attendance at MRA? We’ll test.
Lynn: MRA is more special (rarer) location, since Rancho.
Harriet: Better owls at MRA.
Linda: Does LP website registration reduce numbers?
(Bill: did the group make a decision to eliminate registration?) Harriet: I don’t
think so, but it’s a good idea to bring up!

**H&H Goals:**
Ray: raise the profile of this unique watershed
Penny: explore climate change, water on the landscape, forest work (e.g., CalFire grants), fire, wildlife enhancement, increasing the stewardship
Ray: more targeted outreach: Supervisors, Planning Commission, etc.
Richard: speakers, biology, birds, geologist,

Get a main speaker who is a big draw for 4:15 to 5:15PM. Stewardship Committee to contact potential speakers.

**Need a computer projector**
Linda’s is old.
Maybe LP’s? Heather to check.
Maybe the main speaker has a projector? To be asked.

**Potential Hike/Break-Out Session Leaders:**
1) Kate Maryannchild, Oak Woodlands: Penny to ask.
2) Sue Smith, plants hike: Dolores to ask.
3) Steve Williams: ponds exploration: Harriet to ask.
4) Kids’ Hike, lead by Amanda? Penny to ask.
5) Joan re. water resiliency; Penny to contact Joan to ask Daily Acts, Brock
6) Fred Ufrat (sp?): Forest, ridge trail? Who to ask?
7) Heather Morrison, forestry walk? Who to ask?
8) Shelly Benson, lichen walk? Who to ask? I think Heather?
9) LP’s Heather Knoll, edible plants walk?

**TABLES:**
1) Promotion of LandPath’s Owl Camp: kids wear their existing t-shirts, table, article in H&H Invite/FMWW Newsletter. Richard or Heather to do table?

**50% of H&H proceeds to Owl Camp?**
Problem: H&H has never been a fundraising event.
At best, is a break-even event.
For example, in 2014 we spend $747 mailing 785 H&H Invites/Newsletters and $102 to Alpine Club for chair and table rentals, while the raffle income was $562…so we did not recover $285 in our costs.
Bill assumes FMWW would allow Owl Camp to accept donations at their H&H table…

2) Projector (prior to main speaker): Robin’s computer demonstrating Lidar images of our watershed. Penny to ask Robin.

3) RCD table: Harriet to ask.
4) **Sonoma Land Trust** table: Penny to ask.

5) **CalFIRE** table? Penny to ask Jill Butler.

6) **Rescue Bird Center**, owls and other: 3:45PM to 4:45PM? (Bill to contact)

7) **Wildlife Camera Presentation**? Table? **Who to do? Chris? Graham?**

**Owl Hooter/Night Hike Leader**: Greg Damron, Harriet to ask.

**Music**: Michael and Linda Lou; Jeff to ask.

**Road Clean-Up**
April 26, 2015 (Sunday)
Jeff to start permitting process; will contact Sue Gorin if typical unacceptable delays occur.

**Officers for 2015**
Chair: Harriet
Chair: Linda
Treasurer: Bill
Secretary: Graham, with Penny as back-up

**Determine March meeting date**
March 19th, 6PM potluck, 6:30PM meeting
Agenda: focused on H&H and Road Clean-Up Planning.

**Safari West**
There is a proposal before PRMD for an increase in their Use Permit. A neighbor of Safari West has asked FMWW to oppose the new use permit.

After discussion, FMWW decided that they did not have enough information to act and that Open Space has made its concerns known to the County.

**FMWW Wildlife Cameras**
Chris & Graham – wildlife camera participants can bring memory cards to Chris and Graham for help in learning how to upload images to the Wildlife Camera website: [http://camera.1reality.org/#/info](http://camera.1reality.org/#/info).

The following participants are known to want help: Pat, Levines (2 cameras), Jeff & Sherry, Betty Doerksen, total of 5 cameras.

Chris and Graham to contact other participants who have not uploaded images or expressed a need for help to remind them that there is an obligation to share images.
Chris to buy additional memory to allow people to give memory to him for uploading. 10 cards for about $35. Expense APPROVED.

**Committee Reports**

**Stewardship**
Busy planning to coordinate a neighbor information meeting to educate about land preservation/conservation options (Sonoma Land Trust/Agricultural Preserve and Open Space District) – Harriet.

Emergency Preparedness – Bill
Re. fuel reduction Concept Proposal applications. From Jill Butler:

*CAL FIRE has not issued any ggrf project application invitation letters as of 1/26/15. We continue to experience processing delays due to the over 500 concept proposal requests that we have received. We are currently completing our concept proposal evaluations, finalizing the list of project application invitees, and updating Project Applications, Procedure Guides and other information.*

*We are projecting that invitation letters will be issued in early February. We will provide more information and updates at that time. We appreciate your patience and interest in our program.*

Public Policy Committee – Ray. No report
History – Linda. No report.

**Newsletter/H&H Invite**
Potential articles:
H&H Invite
Owl Camp
Wildlife camera
Penny’s nature article (1 page, 800 words or less)
CFIP, what we did, Jill’s quote, carbon funding
Conservation option (Stewardship Committee’s effort)
RCD? Bill to contact

*All articles due to Bill by February 28th.*

**Watershed Signs**
RCD has signs, but they are not readable and none have been placed.
Richard and Bill to put together sign proposal.

**Next Membership Meeting: March 19, 2015 at Monan’s Rill HUB**
6PM Potluck, 6:30PM
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. When the road changes from gravel to pavement, take a left at the “Y.” It will turn back to gravel shortly. Once you get onto the property, keep going straight, curving around to the left until you get
to a second "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 quarterly meetings are asked to sign a general liability release for the benefit of
Monan's Rill.