

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Tuesday February 15, 2011 @ 1:00 pm**  
**RH Johnson Lecture Hall**  
**Minutes**

Attendees: Dusty Bowenkamp, President  
Bill Hansen, Vice President  
Mary McGrath, Secretary  
Susan Lewis, Treasurer  
Mike Trent

Doug Rhodes  
Lou Annacone  
Larry Woods  
Merlyn Carson

Connie Scott, Executive Director

Absent: Bob Jones  
Lu Gay, Parliamentarian

1. **Call to order**. Pledge of Allegiance. Dusty Bowenkamp
2. **Establish a quorum** Dusty Bowenkamp

**ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 - QUORUM**

**A minimum of 100 Resident Members shall constitute a quorum at any General Membership Meeting. In the absence of a quorum, matters proposed for action may be discussed by the Resident Members present, but in lieu of Membership action, will be referred to the Board of Directors for their sole determination and resolution at a subsequent publicized open meeting of the Board.**

MOTION: by Bill Hansen- I move to suspend the rules and declare a quorum present.

The MOTION was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. **Welcome** to residents, guests and press Dusty Bowenkamp
4. **Minutes** of January 18, 2011 for approved as written Dusty Bowenkamp

5. **Presidents six month report of PORA** Dusty Bowenkamp

I have been part of a committee working with the Rec. Centers Board to improve communication between both organizations. This has led to joint approval of new CC&R guidelines in the expansion area, and applying fines to homeowners who do not respond to requests to maintain their property.

I have given several presentations to local organizations, sharing information about how PORA membership helps the community and ensures that our property values will be maintained. I also participated in the dedication of the El Mirage Road extension.

As the representative for PORA Bingo I hand delivered many of our donation checks to local organizations where I was able to speak to their membership and share our appreciation for the services they have provided to our community.

I also authorized the clean up of the abandoned property on 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. which had become a serious health and safety concern to the neighborhood, which has been greatly appreciated by the residents in the area.

Bill Hansen, PORA Vice President and Government Liaison Revised our Bylaws. He and Larry Woods have spent countless hours working as interveners with the Corporation Commission to ensure that our water rates would not increase due to consolidation. He has also worked with the new Life Expanding Lessons program, replacing the Lifelong Learning program. He has attended legislative meetings regularly to ensure that the concerns of our residents are addressed. In that role he helped block the passage of HB 2153, which would have affected our communities' ability to control parking on our streets.

Mary McGrath represented PORA at the Joint Environmental Task Force meetings, keeping our residents apprised of new mining operations applying for permits in the Agua Fria riverbed, updated us with information about Valley Fever, the Flu and the need to get Shingles Vaccinations. She worked closely with Parks and Sons to ensure we had updates on schedule changes. Including information about recycling and disposing of hazardous waste materials. Mary also was part of the "working together committee" with the Rec. Centers.

Bob Jones chaired the Traffic and Roads Committee which dealt with striping issues, Traffic signage, road repairs and resurfacing, and getting the right hand turn lane removed from Trail Ridge at RH Johnson. His committee is working with other communities and the county to review golf cart safety concerns, which has lead to the new Maricopa County Committee working on golf cart laws and safety.

Dusty Rhodes arranged for Dr Alexander White, a Holocaust survivor, to speak at Palm Ridge. He also arranged a Town Hall meeting regarding propositions on the November ballot, and to have Attorney General Terry Goddard give a presentation regarding scams. Dusty was also a member of the "Working Together Committee". He helped arrange committee social get-togethers, helping to improve the two Boards relationships. He also works hard to get the new programs and changes offered by PORA out to the community.

Larry Woods, as a private intervener with the Arizona Corporation Commission was successful in preventing consolidation of the water districts. Larry has also been working closely with Sun City Taxpayers Association to find ways to bring their services to Sun City West.

Lou Annacone worked with our marketing department to ensure the success of the first Green Fair. We hope to make this an annual event. Lou also kept the Visitors Center updated on real estate trends, investigated companies interested in renting rooms, and helped in investigating the cell tower company interested in building on PORA property.

Merlyn Carlson attended West Marc meetings with Bill Hansen, and legislative meetings to ensure that your legislators are aware of the needs and interests of the residents of SCW. Merlyn also attended the Traffic and Water committee meetings and was prepared to step in and represent PORA whenever Bob Jones was unable to attend.

Mike Trent, our director at large, attended monthly Recreation Center Governing Board Workshops and meetings so that we were always up to date on things that might affect PORA.

## **6. Presentation of Candidates**

Connie Scott

Each candidate was given 3 minutes to speak to the audience. There are 3 openings for PORA Board this year with four applicants.

1. Marshall Oaks
2. Mike Trent
3. Paul Piper
4. Susan Lewis

Election will be March 21 through March 25<sup>th</sup> at the PORA Office from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday. Members can request absentee ballots February 28 – March 11. New members must join before March 11<sup>th</sup> to vote this election.

## **7. Presentation by Arizona Smart Power**

Troy Quarter

Gave a PowerPoint presentation and brief explanation of Arizona SmartPower and reasons why they have joined the “Arizona Solar Challenge”, a community solar campaign that will transform Arizona into the solar capitol of the United States. Arizona SmartPower’s mission is to help Arizona residents make smart energy choices. They rely on the strength and commitment of communities like Sun City West to make Arizona’s clean energy future a reality.

## **8. Executive Director's Report**

Connie Scott

### **Administration**

The Newcomers meeting was a success and we had seven new members sign up after the presentation. We received an updated postage machine. I have been working on the PowerPoint with all departments for the Torch presentation and working with marketing on the “Vendor Expo” to set-up a PORA table.

### **CC&Rs**

CC&Rs has been swamped with residents and forms on the block wall letters that were sent out in the expansion area. A new part time employee is being considered.

### **Membership**

We had a total of 104 new members sign up in January. Membership had 1428 calls and walk-ins and \$177.00 in donations. 71 Movie tickets were sold.

### **Consumer Services**

Is constantly processing new and renewal vendors. In January there were 851 calls & walk ins, 28 new vendors; had 22 compliments and no formal complaints.

### **Visitors Center**

The Visitors Center had the highest month for visitors in January - 1,720. The video was shown 83 times and 40 videos were given away.

## **Marketing**

Billing to vendors went out late in the month due to training a new Consumer Services Coordinator. Main focus of Marketing was the Vendor Expo, yet they managed to meet with over 50 potential vendors and signed up 28 new vendors. Staff continues to work on all of the marketing material which includes the Rec.Centers news, newspaper ads, brochures, etc.

## **Life Expanding Lessons**

The new spring semester begins February 14<sup>th</sup>. As of January 31<sup>st</sup> there were 127 students registered. The featured headliners were a success. A Day at the Horse Races was sold out (22 tickets). Two of our free presentations have taken off really well. China, Today and Tomorrow have 33 students and Dr. Jasser's presentation on Muslims has 16. Elma is still waiting for Banner Health to secure dates for a four part health series. Even though SCG has reduced their class fees, Elma still receives positive comments about our offerings and they do not complain about our fees. A frequent request Elma receives is for basic computer classes because of one-on-one training. Elma suggests that they contact the Computer Club. Banner Health will conduct a 4-part health series on heart, cancer, Alzheimer and diabetes. The popular How-To classes will be returning with a greater selection. The new catalog is available at PORA and Elma has distributed others through out SCW, Grand and Corte Bella.

## **9. Financials**

Susan Lewis

No written report given. We started the year \$10,000 ahead of pace.

## **10. Bingo**

Dusty Bowenkamp

Bingo was played for 4 weeks in January and had 1571 total players. We started the year with \$15,089.35 and as of 1/31/2011 the checking account has \$19,721.38 which is a good start for the New Year.

## **11. Government Affairs**

Bill Hansen

The Government Affairs Committee held a very successful breakfast in January attended by five of the six Legislators, our district County Supervisor Max Wilson, Arizona Corporate Commissioner Chair Gary Pearce. The first public forum for Legislators will be held February 25<sup>th</sup> at the PORA offices. For the fifth consecutive session Legislators have proposed again stripping PORA of the right to regulate internal parking. We are very busy forming new coalitions for the battle since our state Homeowners Association has decided not to resist the bill this year. I have testified against the bill on January 26<sup>th</sup> of this year.

## **12. Life Expanding Lessons**

Bill Hansen

No Report Given.

## **13. Health & Environment**

Mary McGrath

February is the month with the largest number of flu cases reported, please get your flu shots now. Cemex Hearing will be held on 2/16 @ 6pm at 11550 W. Glendale Ave. in the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Ctr., Lecture Hall room 219. Watch SB 1598. This bill will help the mines with adding and grandfathering in new mines and have the effect of lowering the permit criteria.

14. **Water/Traffic**

Bob Jones

No Report Given.

15. **Public Relations**

Doug (Dusty) Rhodes

The last Chartered Clubs Open House is coming up this weekend. We signed up 10 new PORA members at last week's event. It was decided at the last workshop to draft a letter to be included with the renewal notices which we hope will reinvigorate membership. The next project is to create a short PowerPoint presentation to show to the clubs in the SCW to inform residents and encourage membership.

16. **Community Liaison Report**

Larry Woods

I will be testifying at the ACC on 2/17 in opposition to a portion of a proposed pilot project by APS called "Residential Demand Response Pilot Program. The specific portion that needs to be addressed is "Pre-Pay Energy Service", which allows a ratepayer to pre-purchase electrical energy. I have been working with SmartPower people and APS to get this new program stated in SCW. I am also working with Arizona Environmental Quality department to schedule a used electronics collection.

The Northwest Valley Chamber of Commerce annual luncheon to honor volunteers in SCW with Citizen of the Year Award is coming up. You can get the form at PORA or the PORA email Newsletter, and nominate a colleague, a peer, or nominate yourself.

17. **New Business**

**Motion:** by Larry Woods to approve Arizona Smart Power Proposed Resolution. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

18. **Next Meeting:** March 21, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m.

19. **Comments from Board Directors**

20. **Comments from PORA Members**

Mark Fairall: Thanked PORA for having Life Expanding Lessons, he has a class on coins, he also shared some thoughts regarding our community and our Legislators.

21. **Adjournment** at 1:59 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary McGrath, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_