



MONTE NIDO VALLEY



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



*A Dark Sky Community*

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## WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE

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#### **TUESDAY DEC 10 MNVCA BOARD MEETING/POTLUCK**

This is a short version of the bimonthly Newsletter to let all Monte Nido Valley community members know that there will be a special meeting of the MNVCA Board combined with a Holiday Potluck at the home of Judy and Dan Goldin  
7:00-9:00 PM  
1101 Cold Cyn Road  
818-983-1910

Please car pool with neighbors to this event and park outside the gates to the property.

The MNVCA Board is comprised of eleven

volunteers from the community elected for two year terms. Every year at the Nov/Dec meeting about half the Board slots are up for election. At the Dec 10 meeting, we will be electing the Board members for 2014 from a slate rounded up by a nominating committee that includes participation by Board officers and community at large.

We are always looking for new and long-time residents to get involved in Monte Nido community activities with new ideas for established traditions as well as totally new Neighborhood fun activities.

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov. 12, 2013**  
**(by Jill Reiss)**

**2014 PLANNING**

**This year, we did not manage to put on the traditional October Square Dance and BBQ Dinner. We need a volunteer to head up that initiative by about Aug/Sept 2014. So if that is a favorite of yours, put it on your calendar and join us at the summer meetings to get all you ideas into the planning.**

**Thank you**  
**MNVCA Members**

Thank you to all the people who responded during the 2013 membership drive for Monte Nido Valley Community Association. It's only \$50 a year to support the organization that supports you. The MNVCA organizes and finances insurance and infrastructure (like tables, microphones, trash, food) and other expenses for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and picnic, and the autumn BBQ and Square Dance. Board members and community volunteers organize and staff the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, Fire Safe Council, the monthly Bulletin Board and this newsletter. They represent our interests at Las Virgenes Homeowner's Association, at County Supervisor meetings, and with local developers to protect our rural character and our trails. If you are not a 2013 member it is not too late to join, and plan to respond to the 2014 membership campaign. The cost is \$50 (\$25 for first time members) and addressed to MNVCA at P.O. Box 8054, Calabasas 91372.

Judy Goldin, Treasurer

Minutes of the MNVCA Board Meeting of November 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:17PM at the home of Gary Wooller.

Present from the Board: Jill Reiss, Joan Slimocosky, Carrie Baltin, Reva Smilkstein, Mary Helen Young, Gary Wooller, Judy Goldin, Dana Chidekel

Present from the Community: Ann Monahan, Katy Wooller, Brent Baltin

**Agenda changes:** Addition to new business: Ilda Jacobsen/Square Dance, Attempted Robbery at Monahan house

**Minutes** from last meeting were approved previously, online.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The CD has been renewed at interest less than 1%. There don't appear to be any realistic, safe alternatives to earn better interest.
- Save Open Space is having a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the dedication of Ahmanson Ranch on Sun., Nov 17 from 1-4PM. They want a donation. SOS is an organization started about 15-20 years ago mostly to protect Ahmanson Ranch, which was part of Bob Hope's estate. Mary Wiesbrock from SOS got very involved as a local resident attempting to save the land. She and some other founders of SOS discovered a spotted red frog and a fern on the endangered species list at Ahmanson Ranch, which prevented development there. A motion to donate \$200 to SOS in honor of anniversary celebrations passed.

- The CA State Franchise Tax Board sent a letter to Judy Goldin revoking our 501c4 tax-exempt status as of May 2013 because for 3 consecutive years we did not file the correct forms. To reinstate we must pay a minimum of \$800 for the last three years. Other non-profit fees have been paid annually to register us as a non-profit. Do we need to investigate and/or reinstate the 501c4 status? Suggestion was made to retain a CPA to get us the correct info. Joan Slimocosky will contact Tony Procopio, CPA, a local resident, to see if he can help us gratis, as a resident. Judy Goldin will respond to the Tax Board with copies of the tax exempt forms we have been filing stating, "This is our documentation for tax exempt status. Please advise if this does not satisfy the state requirements."
- Our \$1million Board liability insurance premium is due in Dec and the renewal notice states that we are 501c4. The question of whether that is a matter of concern remains unresolved. Motion passed to authorize payment for the premium when it comes due, not to exceed \$2000.

**Correspondence:** The letter from SOS and 1 membership check were received.

**Federation:** Joan Slimocosky attended the last meeting.

- The biggest issue was the aforementioned SOS celebration.
- Joan will again ask Kim Lamorie to email Jill Reiss the Federation newsletter to forward to the MN community.
- The Federation is supporting a movement to have rodent poisons taken off the market because it goes up the food chain and kills larger animals. (A tangential

suggestion was made to put huge chili peppers in gopher holes, rather than poison, to get rid of them).

- Dave Brown died recently; He was very active in community affairs.

### **Old Business** –

- FAA Noise: Joan Slimocosky did some historical research from a decade or so ago when this was formerly an issue. At that time, Dave Pevsner contacted FAA to ask about why the noise had increased. He learned that they had changed the flight patterns from LAX to Utah and air traffic was rerouted right over the Santa Monica Mountains. After the Monte Nido complaints, the air traffic was again rerouted to send the flights back over the water. Joan Slimocosky will contact Dave Pevsner to see what info he still has and if he wants to get involved with this issue again.

### **Newsletter** –

- Many thanks and much appreciation to Mary Helen Young for accepting this task and agreeing to continue to produce the newsletter.
- Katy Wooller has lived in Monte Nido her whole life. Ann Monahan will do a profile on her for the next newsletter.

### **New Business:** -

- Nominations: We are late for the annual nominations for the board. The election should have been in Nov. We need a nominating committee consisting of 1 person from the board and 2 people from the neighborhood. We will put a notice on the Next Door Site soliciting interest from some new community members. A meeting will be held Tues., Dec 10 at Judy Goldin's house to accept nominations. (Joan Slimocosky is a backup location). We agreed to publicize that meeting on

the Next Door Site, as a holiday potluck celebration and invite the neighborhood. The Board members up for re-election the year are Joan Slimocosky, Joan Kay, Yehuda Netanel, and Dana Chidekel.

- Ilda Jacobsen is hosting a get together Nov. 19 at her home to discuss how some neighbors can get together to organize social events like the square dance.
- Ann Monahan spoke about her idea for Meet Your Neighbor articles for the newsletter: one new and one old neighbor profiled in each newsletter.

- Ann Monahan also reported that her grandson was being delivered home from school recently and saw someone sneaking away from the driveway. The concern was that someone was casing her house or checking it out but no crime was committed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM

### **How to reach us:**

Send your email address to Jill Reiss, the MNVCA secretary, at [mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mnvcanewsletter@gmail.com), to receive announcements of meetings, community activities, and the time and location of our Board meetings.

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### **Current Board Members are:**

*Carrie Baltin*

*Joan Slimocowsky*

*Judy Goldin*

*Jill Reiss*

*Mary Helen Young*

*Heidi Stompe*

*Gary Wooller*

*Reva Smilkstein*

*Dana Chidekel*

*Yehuda Netanel*

*Joan Kay*

