

ATTENDEES: RAC MEMBERS: Kimberly Clow, RAC Chair, Mitch McDiffet; Gary Adams, , Claude Plymate,

STAFF ATTENDEES: Wes Shryock BVSA GM; Ashley Krempien Rec. Manager; Adam Tiefenthaler BVSA Director; Tilly Russel Sports Manager; Talin Hurst Safety Manager

ABSENT: Will Handley, Lucy Radike, Linda Ricketts, Carol Miller

GUESTS: Key Budge & Pam Miller

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DECEMBER 7, 2022 VER. 2 DEC. 7, 2022 G. Adams 1st, M. McDiffet 2nd, Unanimous approval

APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOV 2, 2022 APPROVED VIA E MAIL

MEMBER COMMENTS:

To Do: 2023 Board Advisory Committee Request to be Appointed

OLD BUSINESS –Key Budge stated staff has been doing an excellent job of cleaning courts of leaves!!! **Thanks!**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) Beaubien Field: *Gary Adams* I Just want to thank Ashley, Tilly, Debbie, and their crew for lining the ball field!

- a. K. Clow stated that rock has been placed in the 2 entrance driveways to Beaubien Field and it has helped to reduce the huge divots in the entry drives. **Thanks!!**

2) **Nature Path-** *Kimberly Clow* The path has been draining well after the precipitation.

A truck made a huge divot in the path on the south side from driving on it too soon after a rain, most likely janitorial cleaning the Dog stations.



Also a truck has re graded the horse path that goes through the Nature Path and intersects with the existing path on the far west side away from the RC field. This will be for the Carriage group accessibility.

K. Clow asked if the Horse Path that ran along the North side of Jack's Hole has been re-routed. A. Krempien will find out where the course of the Horse Path here.

3) **RC Modelers-***Mitch McDiffet*

1) *The picnic tables arrived - **Thank you!*** 1 table will be moved to the RC Car Track viewing.

- a. A. Krempien asked to possibly switch new tables (2) from RC Fly field to Lakes. Yes per Mitch.

2) *We had three of our members participate in picking up trash with the Litter Loathers on November 15, 2022. Laurie was very appreciative.*

3) *Our annual membership drive and Holiday party will be in the first part of January 2023.*

4) *Tehachapi Living Magazine did their story on our club by interviewing three of our officers and coming to the field to take pictures. Should be in the magazine in the next few months.*

5) *We begin the crazy weather part of the year. Many of our flying Wednesdays and Saturdays have been impossible due to wind.*

4) Sportsman Club Will Handley

November was a bit of a blank month all round – no Sportsman's Club activities, no range so no BVS shooting but the group of Sportsman's members have been shooting regularly at Sand Canyon.

The Club held their annual fund raiser for the Toys for Tehachapi Tots on Friday December 2nd. The Club collected over 60 toys and \$475 in cash donations for the Toys for Tehachapi Tots. The toys and cash will be distributed by the Knights of Columbus.

Shooting Range

A post on Next door prompted me to write a reply of my understanding of the situation. A flood of further replies and posts indicated that my knowledge was far from complete. It would appear that following the fire, the BVSA Board had virtually all the equipment **[Note 1]** removed from the range and repurposed. This has made the range effectively unusable and expensive to bring back into operation even if all the equipment could be retrieved.

A couple of the posts suggested that this was done because the Board believed that they would be charged by the Fire Service if there was another fire originating at the range. Although I have not fully investigated this, initial information that I have been given suggests this is not the case. It is also conceivable that the Board has taken this action as a cost saving measure but they have not admitted to this.

I am deeply concerned that the Board should, without notifying this Committee or residents generally, close a significant amenity. It also sets a worrying precedent for future amenity closures. The poll about closing the range that the Board carried out was not widely distributed and none of the shooters that I know heard of it. Nevertheless there was a majority in favor of keeping the Range open.

There are a number of other concerns and factors that arise from the Board's action:

The closure of the Range will, almost certainly, signal to the CSD that the restoration of Deertrail as the primary alternative emergency exit from the Valley is not important nor a priority as far as the BVSA is concerned.

Hitherto, the large mowed area of the Range offered a substantial firebreak to fires coming from the west as was the case with the fire started on Highway 223 a few years back. This represents a major risk to properties on Hazelwood, Derrick Ct and even as far as El Camino.

The 2022 fire was not caused by any shooting activity but by clearance of weed growth. Significantly the previous fire caused by clearance activities was on Oakflat but nothing was said about imposing restrictions or closing anything in that area.

The Range has been operated for several years without causing any fires by the simple expedient of ensuring all bullets used are made from non-ferrous materials such as lead, copper or zinc.

Historically, the Range was operated by Residents with appropriate qualifications acting as Range Officers. This could enable the operation of the range without a financial commitment in the form of employee wages. It is also possible that much or all the maintenance could be done by work parties of shooters. This option was not explored by the Board.

[Note 1] Equipment moved includes the two connex boxes used for storing equipment, target holder etc, tractor and mowing equipment, roofs from the covers of the firing points, clay pigeon launcher and at least one of the huts and its contents.

W. Shryock responded w/ comments from A. Tiefenthaler. There still is 1 shed at range. Range became a Liability issue. It will not be open in the warm, dry summer months. But the BVSA is looking at opening for Off Season months late fall, winter early spring a concept like the pool access + events could be scheduled. Ideas have been discussed RE: how to facilitate this. Wes requested Will to call him.

5) Astronomy Club-*Claude Plymate* BVS Astronomy Club

Our dark sky star party was Saturday the 19th. Several met at the end of Amberwood Ct. It was quickly realized that it was just too cold and windy up there for us and so we decided to go down and set up at member John O'Bryan's house. His house is not quite as good for astronomy but was protected from the wind and he invited us inside to warm up (and use his bathroom) as needed.

Our next public viewing night will be Saturday, Dec 03 at Cub Lake weather permitting.

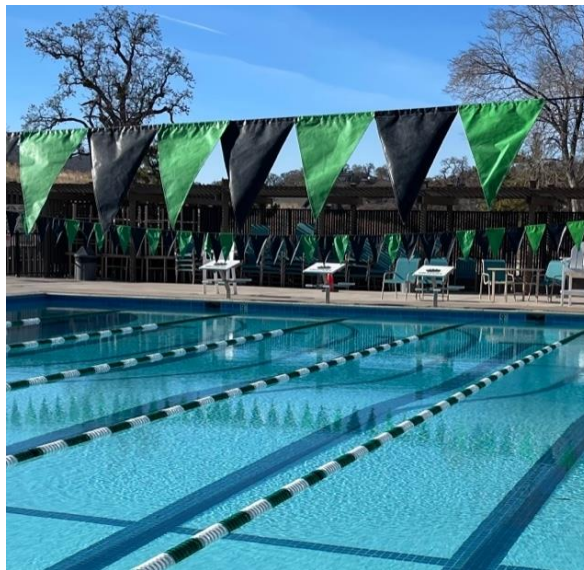
The astronomy club's observatory project is still awaiting final approval for locating at the airfield, goes to BVSA/CSD Liason in Jan.

The club will not hold its normal monthly general meeting in December. In its place, we are planning a holiday "Solstice" party on Sunday the 11th. Starting in Jan, monthly board meetings will be the last Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Green Room and general meetings will move to first Mondays in the Country Club Banquet Room starting at 6:30pm."

The Moon and Mars will be in close viewing this evening!

6) Pool –*Kimberly Clow* 585 Lap swim, 190 Grizzlies (3 wks.only) 27 guests=**802 total swims**

- a. BVS Grizzly Team & Bear Valley Masters Swim Teams both competing at different USA meets Dec. 3-4
- b. Had 25 swimmers at "Thankful for the Pool" party Nov 12
Planning a Jan 14 Polar Bear Plunge & food Party at pool Sat. AM.
- c. Swim Parkas ordered for both teams, plus sweatshirts for the BVSAquatics swimmers.
- d. A member donated a new clock on the pool office ext. wall.
- e. **New Lane Lines!!! They are wonderful as they reduce the movement of the water & material is more forgiving. Thanks to the BVSA!!!**



7) Tennis-*Linda Ricketts* Christmas Party Potluck Sat. Dec 17 at Eq. Lounge 5-8pm. Bring side dish for Ham & item to donate for a raffle.

8) Pickleball-*Carol Miller* Shed is completed and AED at Pavilion. T. Hurst stated batteries are regularly checked on all AED. Key Budge reported re: PB Brest Cancer Awareness Tournament for PB with other teams raised \$3500. Thanks to BVSA! The BVS PB players are recognized on Podium out of area because of their excellent play!

Will have Certified trainer for Leagues and youth Clinics. Key is VP of Leagues and Tournaments. Youth Clinics after Sat. League play. PB has 8yrs. To 80 yrs. Whiting Center 1 afternoon a week.

9) Tailwaggers- Pam Miller for *Lucy Radike*

- a) The Tailwaggers Club's main fundraising this year is for the Snip Bus. The first fundraiser was a bake sale at the Garummage Sale. They made over \$1,000. The second was custom made dog coats in all sizes sold at the November meeting they made another \$1000. The third fundraiser was a "Portrait with your Pup and Santa" event held Dec. 4th that was well attended.
- b) In one month the Bakersfield & Lake Isabella shelters took in 754 dogs which includes 263 puppies and euthanized 200 dogs. The TW have plans to attend a workshop put on by the shelters to learn how to walk shelter dogs so they can walk dogs once a month to help with socialization so the dogs are more adoptable.
- c) The TW Bulletin Board at Dog Park has been moved! Thanks!!
- d) The Tailwaggers have a fire hydrant that they want put next to the sign that is being moved. *FU A. Krempien will check with Brandon.*

10) Recreation-*Ashley Krempien*

Whiting Center has a problem with the sewer system that is being addressed.
2 picnic tables installed at RC field.
New lane lines delivered and installed at pool.
Still awaiting signage for the valley-*UPDATE rec'd proofs & invoice*
Playground equipment shipped and should be installed late December/early January.

11) Youth Sports-*Tilly Russel*

Hockey signs ups ended on 11-27. Walls in gym will go up the week of Dec 12th. Practices will start after walls are in place and games will begin in January. *UPDATE: Not enough sign ups so will have a Hockey camp (like Baseball)-educational concept. Will end up with Drop In play. Will see if Falcons have gear. K. Budge suggested contacting wholesalers RE: donating gear.*
Starting in January field prep for soccer will start.
Suggestions for Corn Hole Tournament.

12) Range, Campgrounds & Lakes-*Ashley Krempien*

- a. Christmas Trees are again being requested to be brought to Jack's Hole area after the holidays so they can be used as Fish Habitat in the Lakes.
- b. Fred using nets to capture the unwanted Bullhead catfish.
- c. Adam stated fishing is good now.

13) Special Events-*Debbie Papac*

Sat. 12/3 – Breakfast w/ Santa by Boy Scouts w/ burritos served 300!! Scouts did an amazing job!!
Sat. 12/3 – Veterans Bingo 12:30 TO 4:30
Sat. 10 - POP's Orchestra- Cultural Arts 2-5pm
Mon. 12/12 – WC closes at 5pm for Employee Party
Tues. 12/13 – Christmas Family Bingo \$10 includes Pizza & drinks
Mon. 12/19 – Game Day No School
Tues. 12/20 – Family Dodgeball-perhaps have age limit games
Wed. 12/21 – Christmas Crafts & Read to Therapy Dogs
Thurs. 12/22 – Movie in the Gym, "Christmas Chronicles" 1-3pm
Sat. 12/24 – WC Closes at noon
Sun. 12/25 WC Closed

Wed. 12/28 & 12/29 – 3 x 3 Basketball Tournament

Dec. 31 closes at 5PM

January 1 – WC opens at noon

14) BVSA Admin & BVSA Board Report

**Wes Shryock- The Trail crew folks have been doing a tremendous job. All of the trails have had maintenance in the past 3 months. The crew is 3 full time individuals that work 10 hrs. a day.*

**Adam Tiefenthaler- looking at the past year as director, it is great to see and positive reports from the amenities, the organizations and the clubs that the BVSA BoD has made decisions regarding member requests. Many members are committed to a better Bear Valley for our residents as a whole.*

15) New Business: The lockers below have been left in the kitchen driveway for months. Doors are open and uniforms are still left in lockers from a previous supplier. These lockers can be viewed from the drive up access for Take Out. I feel that they are an eyesore especially when the time, energy and materials have been procured to beautify the “drive through” area with the rock and privacy fencing. Requesting that they are removed or at least close the locker doors!



Talin to close doors. Wes-BVS In negotiations w/ company.

16) Action Items:

- a. Ashley to find out if the Horse Path which ran along the north side of Jack's Hole has been re-routed.
- b. The Tailwaggers have a fire hydrant that they want put next to the sign that is being moved.
Ashley will check with Brandon.
- c. Ashley will check w/ Melissa so our RAC monthly meetings can change location to OTCC Card Room

ADJOURNMENT AT 2:52PM Next meeting Wednesday Feb. 1, 2022@ 1:30PM LOCATION *WC Green Rm.or OTCC Card Rm.*