

B-BAR-H Ranch Community Association



(This is an example of a letterhead we can vote upon at our next meeting. It's open for changes.)

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes **September 27, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. VFW Hall**

Attendees:

Anna, Jim, Curtis, Guy, Andy, Suzie, George, Dennis, Bill, Dorraine, Doug, Hector *(last names and contact details located on updated Key Contact Sheet attached)*

Agenda:

1. Purpose of the B-BAR-H Ranch Neighborhood Watch
2. Need for two neighborhood watch groups - North & South sides of Ranch
3. North side progress - Officers & Block Captains
4. South side ideas - Key Contact & Volunteers
5. Next steps
6. October meeting date

Discussion:

Curtis opened the meeting with the following information:

1. Announcement of North NW Officers:
 - Curtis Schway, President
 - Guy Hildebrandt, VP
 - Jim Fosbinder, Treasurer
 - Anna Miller, Secretary (this position was filled at the meeting)
2. Goals of the NW are to look out for each other and get to know each other. It's not a vigilante group and we do not take the law into our hands. When we see something suspicious we call Law Enforcement.
3. The Sheriff's Dept phone number is 760-836-3215
4. 911 land line goes directly to the County Sheriff's Dept. Cell phones dialing 922 go to CHP (California Highway Patrol.)

Guy discussed the need to have two NW groups – one for the North and South ends. He encouraged the South side to get the word out and recruit members to join our meeting. The N & S ends of the ranch will work cooperatively in support of each others efforts.

Block Captains were identified and introduced as follows:

- North Paintbrush Trail – Doug Gordon and Anna Miller
- Sagebrush Trail – Steve Garsha

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- El Serape – Pat Carney
 - El Sombrero – George Munoz
 - Long Canyon – Hector Serna
 - Yaqui Lane – Bill Bentinck

Jim discussed the role of the Treasurer and asked for donations for more NW signage. The signs are \$35 each and we need to purchase 4 more signs. Three of the signs will be placed as follows:

- At entrance of the North end to be seen as you enter ranch
- Far end of Sagebrush Trail
- Far end of Paintbrush Trail
- The fourth sign will be a spare and used as a replacement

Donations were received from Doug, Andy, Curtis and Anna. Pledged donations were made by Guy and Steve. The total donations equal \$140 and enough for the purchase of 4 new signs. Jim will contact Guy and Steve for their donations, order the signage, and Curtis and Jim will hang the signs.

Anna reminded everyone of the County sponsored events coming up in October. See the blog for details:

- October 11, 2008 – Clean up day at Bubbling Wells Elem Schl 7-Noon
- October 25, 2008 – Neighborhood Conference (see blog for details)

She also brought up two suggestions made by residents who could not attend the meeting (Larry and Steve):

- Name our neighborhood group the B-BAR-H Ranch Community Association (not to be confused with a HOA). The NW would become a function of the Association. There are benefits to doing this. We will discuss further at an upcoming meeting.
- Look into getting our addresses changed from Desert Hot Springs to B-BAR-H Ranch, 92241. Doralaine said there's a new area called Desert Edge near Sky Valley. Anna will make a few phone calls to see how we need to proceed with this item and report at next meeting.

Open Discussion Items:

1. Do not walk alone after dark. Call the Sheriff's Dept with any suspicious activity for advice and guidance.
2. Get photos of any suspicious activity you see using your cell phone.

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3. Curtis suggested we learn self defense techniques. Suzie suggested we invite a local Self Defense Instructor to one of our upcoming meetings to show us common sense reactions for self protection.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Dorraine suggested we attend the CSA County 115 meeting. We all agreed, and Anna will discuss with Pat Carney for our attendance. Details will be posted on the blog.
2. Guy suggested his wife contact Marion Ashley to see how we can get more police patrol coverage for BBH Ranch.
3. Curtis will plan a visit to the County Sheriff's Dept with Officers and residents to introduce ourselves and the BBH NW program.
4. It was unanimous to contact Animal Control for a presentation at an upcoming meeting. We need more animal patrol in the neighborhood. Anna was asked to call and report at the next meeting.
5. Anna will contact Code Enforcement to find out where we are allowed to hang signage and notify them of the date of our next meeting.
6. Dorraine suggested we look into sub stations locations for Sheriff's Depts in our are. We asked Dorraine to look into this item and report at our next meeting.
7. Letterhead is needed for our group. This is a sample. An email was sent to Doug after the meeting to see if he wants to design a logo. We will discuss this item at our next meeting.

Next Meeting is October 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m VFW

Please continue to send Webmaster@PaintbrushTrail.com ideas and suggestions for the blog. If you see there's something missing from the blog, please send the Webmaster a reminder.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE EDITS TO THE MINUTES & SUBMIT AS AN ADDENDUM.

Thank you,
Anna Miller, Secretary



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