



**Pro-Sayulita meeting
April 30th, 2009**

“Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit”

Meeting was called to order by President Cap Sparling
Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

AED: Mike Beck was not at the meeting today but he emailed in his report:

I have identified the type of AED (Zoll AED Plus), and the cost \$1,695us. The units can be ordered in either English or Spanish, but not both. A unit uses replaceable photo lithium batteries, one replaceable pad and 5 year warranty. This unit is the same one that the doctor in the Pharmacy owns. I think we should buy two extra pads for each AED, bringing to total to \$2,000us per unit. It appears you can buy the batteries at U.S. camera stores, but I do not know if they are available in PV. The batteries are supposed to be changed every 3 years.

We need to know if Damian wants to purchase a unit. If so, we can have both units sent to Dr. Moy's father who can bring them to Sayulita. Perhaps Damian's unit would be in Spanish and the unit that goes to Dr. Moy would be in English (This one makes little difference since it will always be operated by Dr. Moy). I think the instructions will be so basic that language will not be a problem. It will take at least 6 weeks. Gina offered to call Damien to ask him if he wants to buy one.

There was no vote on this purchase at this time but it will be brought up for a vote at the meeting next Thursday.

Animal Clinic: Neither Tamra nor Sara was at the meeting but they also sent in a report:

Hi Friends, Just wanted to update you on our progress. Sorry that Sara and I will not be able to attend the GPS meeting today.

We have found our new vet for spay/neuter, her name is Paola and she's in surgery right now! We are so blessed to find such amazing people to work with. Thank you GPS for funding her salary!

There's one little situation that I'm hoping that you may be able to help us with. Paola is commuting from Tepic to Sayulita for her work and we want to be able to offer her a place to stay. She will only be making \$4000 pesos/month, which as you know is not enough to rent a place in this town. Currently, she sleeps in the reception area of the clinic and Marco (our current vet) is kindly sharing his space with her until we find something else. We're looking for someone to donate their place over the summer (or longer) in exchange for house-sitting. Please if someone can help us out we would greatly appreciate it.

Muchas gracias,

Tamara

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Bathrooms: following the management discussion last week, Marcos reported that anything “attached” to the Campo wall belongs to the baseball club and so if they want to manage the bathrooms they have the first opportunity. It was reported that there has been an election and there are now three new officers. Lazaro Cardenes and Fred Pena have been put in charge of collecting the money and maintaining the facilities, i.e., buying supplies with funds that are collected.

Finance: Cherly Vaughan reported that she paid rent \$30,000 Ps to Santos for rent on the Recycle Depot through April 11. She also paid of the final payment for the GPS logos (300 large and 300 small) for \$970 (total \$3970 Ps). We have \$10,265 Ps on hand and a balance of \$261,678 Ps in the general fund.

From the wastewater account, \$64,000 for bathrooms was reimbursed back to the GPS account which now has a balance is \$137,951 Ps. Education acct has \$77,274 Ps. The Total in all our accounts is \$476,904 Ps prior to paying our commitments to Recycling and the Animals.

Life Saving: No one was present but we need photos of their work over Easter so we can put something on our site.

Parking/Traffic: Regarding street signs, it appears that we would need about 70 street signs if we put them on opposing corners of the main town center. The decision on signage needs to be made to the Delegado and we need someone to take on this task.

Public Education Project: English classes. Cheryl recommended that we buy a software program to teach the kids English. Some of these programs are free and Cheryl is looking into what seems to be the best. **Class Meals:** Food costs were \$3500 Ps for the classes this season (12 weeks).

Gina reported John Gillette said that if he could get a contact at the Rotary in PV that he would work with them on helping to support the schools in Sayulita. Cheryl is looking for grants.

Cheryl reported that she has been given a list of the materials needed by each teacher at the secondary school but without costs. Examples given were: tables without water/gas for the science class, literature books for the Spanish class, Supplies for the Physical ed teacher.

Cheryl reported that Library books at primary school can now be ordered in the States and shipped to Gina's store. She reported that the same books can be bought in Mexico and while they cost more, once you deduct shipping that it might be more cost effective to get them in Mexico.

Gina updated everyone on the continued discussion about a possible Millennium status for the primary school. They need someone to go to Tepic from Sayulita and Cheryl and Gina volunteered. In order to be a Millennium school, we would need to have a kitchen and multimedia center. Further discussion will follow after the visit to Tepic.

Patty Duarte reported that school is cancelled until May 6th but while they love the new computer systems, they are in need of 10 used keyboards and 6 monitors. If anyone has one or more to donate, they would be so very appreciative.

Recycle and Garbage: Cap ordered 42 cans and paid Cocula for them and the painting. Some of the cans have been distributed round town, but the rest, which are at Cocula's fenced area on the P.M. Road, need to be distributed. Cap also acquired and is distributing the new GPS stickers.

Special Guest section:

Luis Verdin brought Eric Sorache from Alianza Jaguar, who consults for a number of Mexican non-profits in the area and is very knowledgeable about how civil associations need to be managed. Here are the things we need to do immediately:

You have to invite your members at least once a year for an assembly.

You need all the important decisions to be voted on and approved annually. Then, a Notary needs to stamp their approval. If you don't do this you can be fined. Funds need to be set aside to pay a notary and accountant.

Need an annual activities report, and a financial report sent to Hacienda, and the future year's plan written. Non-Profits need a Registro Cluni and an Alianza Jaguar for civil association.

We need our minutes approved.

We need to get a CLUNI, a code that is given to a government approved organization.

Our last financial report was filed in 2006 and our legal council, Daniel Amador, is looking into who was assigned to do this annual work. In the mean time, it was suggested that we contact a Notario and ask him if he has an accountant who can do our work. Marcos brought a list of the members and we will set up a meeting for next week so we can begin this legal process. Marcos is still the GPS president and Luis Verdin, the Treasurer.

Armando (the sub-delegado) spoke about their desire for GPS to assist with the cost of boulders along the street between the baseball field and the river. The boulders would widen the road enough to provide parking.

The belief is that this should be a project for the municipality and not GPS.

New Business:

1. Jose Luis said that he's been coming to our meetings for a month and seeing what we are accomplishing and it's a lot. Now, he is seeing that there is a huge need to keep the

beaches cleaner, less animal waste, motor vehicles and such problems.

He would like to buy 4 more recycle bins for the beach in their area. He would also like to get 4 more plastic bins for garbage. Gina suggested that the kids from the schools should help clean up this area.

Street animals are also making a lot of mess on the beach and no one is picking up their own dogs mess. He thinks that the animal clinic could be involved in helping get people to be responsible in cleaning up their dog's mess. Jose Luis volunteered to head up this committee.

I've attached a note from Tamra at the Animal Clinic on this subject.

a.) For the contamination issues to due to dogs (garbage, feces), this is a direct result of overpopulation. Solution: bring dogs to our clinic for free spay/neuter surgeries. For the dogs with owners, perhaps we can post some information (like a dog free beach sign), that states that owners must pick up after their dogs/help keep our beaches clean something along those lines. For me, this seems like perhaps it could be a great collaborative project between Sayulitanimals and Sayulimpia.

b.) What if we have a "beach clean up" with the local schools. We make it fun. We get teams and they try to collect as much garbage and plastic in a specific time frame, then we weigh it or count bags. The team with the most garbage/plastic gets some reward. Also we can have the kids collect donations for people to sponsor their team (much like they do here with the princesses/princes) and the money goes toward the prize or another fund to continue having programs like this one. For example, each classroom in town has a designated area on the beach that is their responsibility to maintain.

c.) Also, I noticed that we have a bunch of new garbage cans in town. Fantastic news! I've been thinking for awhile how important it is for our community and the health of our animal population that we reduce the amount of full plastic garbage bags left on the street (especially overnight). It's a fact that the dogs are going to get into it and make a mess. Hopefully, the garbage cans stick around, as I know they make great water containers that people like to "borrow". I suggest that holes be made at the bottom of the cans to deter people from using them for other purposes. I thought of bolting them down, but this would just be hell for the garbage workers I'm sure. or maybe not??

Just some of my thought to share.

Sincerely, Tamra

2. Lazaro asked for our group to help him pay one person (\$1,300 Ps per week) to keep the Punta de Mita road clean of trash and cutting back the growth as well as Revolucion. He took Cap around to show him how much work had been done in the past few months. Bern suggested that instead of taking on this expense by ourselves that possibly we could match funds donated by others. Cheryl suggested that different groups take responsibility for an area like "GPS keeps this beach clean of trash". Jose Luis said that his office is keeping the beach and road between their office and Los Muertos clean, as that is where they take their clients and possible he could get them to donate to Lazaro's project since it has to do with town cleanliness.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.