



Grupo Pro Sayulita Meeting

January 21, 2010 In the Courtyard at The Blue Iguana Restaurant

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

Eric welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for coming.

Motion- to Approve the Minutes of the last meeting-Barbara Rudd, Seconded Janet Anderson Carried.

Eric explained the legal and organizational set up of Grupo Pro Sayulita since the New Year. He gave a short history of the organization which Marco Scott expanded and brought in some more of the beginning history of why the organization was originally begun. We are hoping to continue to assist the municipality and the town in gaining services for residents and visitors alike. We hope to continue to keep a balance between the work and recognition given to all who donate time, energy or funds for this purpose.

GPS Organization

Our mission is to make Sayulita a better place to live and visit.

Voting Members

There are 11 current voting members, but there are applicants to increase the voting members (to around 25); the board is encouraging the active GPS participants to become voting members. The voting members meet annually to elect the officers. On January 7, 2010, the majority of the 11 voting members voted for 5 officers that constitute the board:

Officers of the Board:

Eric Rudd President

Suzanne Gravelle Secretary

Cheryl Vaughan Treasurer

Lazaro Cardenas Garcia Comite de Vigilancia

Marcos Scott Comite de Vigilancia.

The officers can also appoint or designate other positions for the organization.

Proposed Executive Committee:

Eric Rudd- President,

Suzanne Gravelle -Secretary

Cheryl Vaughan -Treasurer, Education Chair

Cap Sparling -Past President

Bern Schnyder- Program Consultant

Jeff Gersten -Traffic and Streets Chair

Mike Beck -Safety and Medical Response Chair

Leslie Gersten or Janet Anderson - Fiesta Fundraiser Co-Chairs

Jose Luis Caselin-Beach Preservation Chair

Monica Jimenez -Trash and Recycling Chair

Of Legal Counsel -Daniel Amador

(Included are the major committees but not all members will be called for all executive meetings; it will be dependent upon the agenda.)

Our weekly meetings are held on Thursdays at noon, in the courtyard of the Blue Iguana Restaurant, and everyone is welcomed. Active participants are encouraged to be supporting members (and can be voting members if they should choose). GPS will also schedule evening meetings from time to time.

On an operating basis, the group generally seeks consensus from those attending the meetings.

The consensus was to accept this operating structure.

Eric then brought forth a plan to recognize membership and donors through Fiesta tickets and program and website recognition. Soon you will be able to buy Fiesta tickets online through Paypal and become an individual supporting member of GPS. You will have your ticket put aside for you at the door of the Fiesta. Other levels of support, including a casa or business membership will be available also. Further donations, also available to do online, will be recognized on the website for their various levels of donation.

This structural change was also accepted by the meeting.

Eric brought forth two other items.

1. Insurance for 2 trucks paid out is \$6,600p. This money has been necessary to put liability insurance on the 2 vehicles we own and is good for one year and is refundable if the trucks are no longer in service.
2. Special thank you to Christopher Bruno for the huge job he has done to do website updating.

Treasurer's Report-Cheryl has been away but will update us at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

1. Education (Cheryl)-The English classes have begun with up to 60 kids. The cabinets are here for the library books. The new director of the school is Prof. Rayas who has worked with us well in the past. There is a call for more desks and chairs for the Secundaria. Alaska Airlines has generously sent down many boxes of books and supplies for free. We have connected to the Rotary in Michigan and may get assistance there in the future for sending materials. There are 3 schools raising money and supplies for our schools in Michigan. Tropical House Restaurant is donating a connection to their internet so there will be a wi fi connection to the Elementary School. With the idea of giving back to the community for their English classes, the kids cleaned their school yard. Other giving back jobs can be brought forth from the other committee heads. Upcoming will be Career Day at both schools so many people can come to talk about possible careers that they have enjoyed.
2. Safety and Medical Response (Mike Beck) Paul Bellows should have the AED in town tomorrow. Mike and Dr. Moises will put together a letter of understanding re its use. The schedule for training can then be put together and access and the list of trainees can go out to the community. Also, next week the municipal police will be in our meeting. They are looking for help to establish a greater presence here in town and work to prepare an office for them. Perhaps there will be a way to put a budget together with the traffic/streets committee. Block watch captains have been established in 7 areas of town. If there are break ins they have the paperwork to fill out but it must still be taken in to Valle de Banderas to be filed or the statistics look like there is no problem here.
3. Traffic and Streets (Jeff Gersten)-The transito report that they have 34 towns and only 32 officers. They are looking for volunteers to direct traffic but they would not have the authority needed. No tickets are being given out but the friendly approach does not seem to be working to enforce the one side of the street parking rule. The Pippa truck has been watering the streets and it appears that it is helping considerably to keep the dust down and people are starting to shovel away the mud that is gathering in front of their establishments.

Girrsa-The meeting with GIRRSA did not result in as much assistance as expected. Two signs were given to us to copy out and put up around town instead of info to all persons in town. There was not help regarding garbage cans, dumpsters, bagging of the big cans or of timing of pickups. REPORT YOUR GARBAGE PROBLEMS TO 2965454 OR girrsa@live.com.mx

4. Beach Preservation-See signs around town regarding the next beach clean up with underwater divers helping out offshore.
5. Fiesta Fundraiser (Janet Anderson, Leslie Gersten)- Janet announced that more volunteers are needed to gather silent auction items and to take on other organizational duties. Tickets are soon available and will be available online through the website using Paypal. Good news also is that payments by credit card secure server will be available at the Fiesta. Posters are ready and will go up soon. Next meeting will be 2:00 p.m. at El Espresso Tues. 26th. January 2010.
6. Animal Clinic, (Cherrie Olson)- The Sayulita Animal Clinic will be continuing their work as a non-profit spay and neutering clinic and community education center. Outside volunteer vets will be coming Jan 26th to 29th for the next clinic. Contacts for volunteering or for donations can be made to Cherrie-cell 322-152-2183, or leave a message at 510 517-3075 cherrieo@earthlink.net, Sara cell 329-291-3834, The Clinic 329-291-3974. Remember that the Sayulita Animals calendar is for sale at the clinic at Marsara boutique and in the plaza. If you are calling from the USA put 01152 in front of your call to a cell phone in Mexico.

Thank you all, see you next week Jan. 28 in the courtyard of the very yummy Blue Iguana Restaurant.