



## General Meeting February 11, 2010

Eric Rudd welcomed everyone and we did introductions as we had many new faces today!

He explained the way GPS works :

The Board is legally responsible and will take on the final responsibility for:

1. Setting general policy for GPS.
2. Approving funding requests that come to GPS in writing.

The responsibility of the General Meeting is to be a check and balance to the Board and if a Board decision needs to go back to the Board a majority vote must be taken to do this. The General Meeting gives clarification of issues to the board, receives reports on committee work, and votes to send Board decisions back to the Board if need be for further study. Committee work is done autonomously and reported to the General Meeting. Requests for funding must be in writing and should not come from Board members but from a member of the committee requesting the funding.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Janice Rothrock and seconded by Will. Accepted.

Eric asked the group to think of possible future projects for GPS. These were the ideas brought forth.

1. A better police building and a tourist information office combined.
2. An ambulance as part of a Medical Center and Emergency Response Center for Sayulita.
3. The proper piping of the effluent that flows into Calle Ballenas.
4. A Recycling and Garbage program that starts with a working program in the schools is supported in the home and in businesses throughout the town and by the garbage company itself.
5. Proper street signage that would support the Emergency network and would be better for tourists visiting the town.
6. Many roads are in need of paving or cobbling. The ongoing dust and dirt problem in town is there because of the dirt streets that spill mud and dirt onto paved streets.
7. The water system could be improved to allow pressure throughout the day to houses in the hills surrounding Sayulita.
8. There is an ongoing problem with parking and cars in Sayulita-too many cars and too little parking. It would be wonderful to have a walking only center of town and have

parking areas on the outskirts. A shuttle service could be in operation and parking fees could be charged and a car washing service could operate in the lots.

9. We could build affordable housing for teachers in town. This could incorporate a library/media center building for the Primary School with Public access in the evening.
10. It would be wonderful to have enough volunteers to allow full availability of after school English Classes to students at the Primary School and Secondary School.
11. GPS could use a grant writer! This person would research the needs of the community and through GPS, write grant requests to NGO's and sources within Mexico. Eg:Telcel has a program to buy computers for schools.
12. A Boy Scouts and Girl Guide program in Sayulita would wonderful. A Boys and Girls Club could also work to give direction and activities for young people in Sayulita.
13. GPS could help support airfare to bring Vets down to do spay and neuter clinics in Sayulita with Sayulita Animals.
14. GPS could investigate more ways to create partnerships with local organizations and business and individuals.
15. The baseball field could be made more multifunctional and inviting.
16. The Magnet Schools program could be investigated further.
17. The Mexican Federal Program of "Magic Towns" could be investigated and applied for.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. Recycling and Garbage: no report
2. Health and Safety: Contact Mike Beck at [mikehbeck@msn.com](mailto:mikehbeck@msn.com) to receive information about the block watch organization in your area.
3. Education: Cheryl reported that there is a new director at the Primeria and that the new Library is about a month from opening.
4. Sayulita Animals: no report
5. Beach Preservation: The next Beach Cleanup Day will be February 27<sup>th</sup> 2010. Meet at the area of the fishing boats with a hat, gloves, and water at 8:30 a.m.

#### **Treasurer's Report: entered here from last week.**

1. Jeff Gersten and Lazarro put in a request for \$6000p to pay the extra salaries for the small truck to pick up garbage for one more month. Approved.
2. The \$8,000p for the two pumps for the Pipa Truck to wash the streets will come out of General Funds.
3. Sayulita Animals' request for \$19,000p for 6 months rental of their building was approved.
4. Sayulita Verde's request for funds will be disbursed on receipts to a maximum of \$15,000p.

Next meeting Thursday, February 18th , the courtyard of The Blue Iguana Restaurant, 12 noon. This is a lunch meeting.

