

Grupo Pro Sayulita Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2010, Rear, Blue Iguana Restaurant

Making Sayulita a better place for everyone to live and visit.

Secretary's Approval of Minutes: Moved –Egle, Seconded- Berne, Carried

Treasurer's Report (Cheryl)

There has been a request for \$4000p to the Exec. Committee for security bars and a lock on the door of the Police Station to be able to store the Beach Rescue Equipment there. This was approved.

The Fiesta raised approximately \$320,000p. This is slightly up from last year. Congratulations all.

Committee Updates:

1. **Fiesta Fundraiser (Leslie)** The Fiesta was a financial and a party success. We are looking for volunteer to make next year's even better. The date is set tentatively, as March 09, 2011. If you are interested in specifically, doing the organizing of the silent auction, or doing the advertising media side of the Fiesta, please let Janet or Leslie know.
2. **Trash and Recycling (Suzanne, David)** Suzanne reminded everyone to look at the article in El Sayulero regarding the garbage pickup. Please try to only put garbage out in the morning. Please try to use a garbage can and promote your neighbours doing the same. The bags are just ripped open by dogs and horses!!

It appears the black and white organic milk containers are not being taken by the recycler, and neither is clear plain plastic or bubble wrap.

We are short a worker until Monday and if you want to volunteer, please call Suzanne at 322 171 6137 until March 31st.

We are mapping the route of the recycle part of Sayulimpia to find the bins. If you need a bin, please let us know. If you would like to buy a bin that is even better. They cost \$250p. and this will buy the materials and pay the worker time to make them.

Sayulimpia was the original term for the cleaning of Sayulita. We are hoping now to go to that name for the garbage and recycling part of Grupo Pro Sayulita's efforts to keep Sayulita clean. We want to have these signs more prominent on the trucks and have the workers wear t-shirts to identify them as Sayulimpia workers.

3. **Traffic and Streets (Jeff)** Jeff introduced Ramon Rodriguez architect and urban designer and Alonzo Chacon from Don Pedro's. These men were born here in Sayulita and Ramon has a company in PV that does town planning and urban design. They are interested in helping Sayulita with its traffic problem. They see that if a number of options are put forth and the costs associated are worked out, they could present these to local authorities and the people of Sayulita to see if some of the problems can be addressed. There are many aspects of the plan that will need to be put into the design-eg. Street signs on buildings, parking for housing, restaurants on the street, delivery truck sizes and times, pedestrian only streets. There may be a need for bylaws but certainly there is a need for ownership of a plan by local residents.

For next week, these gentlemen want to put together an interim proposal to bring back to the group. They are speaking to several local people including Damien and Eric and will begin the process.

Contact information tintoc21@yahoo.com.mx 322 779 7898

4. **Beach Preservation** - We are wondering when the next beach clean up is and whether there could be one during Semana Santa to show those in attendance on the beach that they need to clean up after themselves. Last year there were Porta Potties on the beach and we are not sure where they came from. They were helpful and we hope they are here again this year.
5. **Emergency Response and Beach Safety (Dr. Moy)** Dr. Moy has taken over from Mike Beck with this committee. re minutes;

Eric stressed that we are very appreciative of Mike's efforts over the past two years, especially in getting the AED (defibrillator) for our community and for getting the Police Station set up along with Tuck and for the Block Watch organization going strong.

See the note from Treasurer's report regarding work on the Police Station.

During Semana Santa there will be a Medical Services tent set up in front of Punta Sayulita and near the lifeguard tower on the North End. There is a message to this effect in El Sayulero this week.

The red flags for the rip off the north side are needing to go out. Where are they? David Geist says he will help with them.

Sr. Trujillo, the constable is being replaced with Sr. Lopez. We hope the telephone is being transferred now between Sr. Andrade and Sr. Lopez.

6. **Animal Clinic, ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SAYULITANIMALS**

Our wonderful Dr. Chris Holmes, from Northern California is once again returning to Sayulita to offer us another free spay and neuter clinic. Dr. Holmes is bringing his colleague, Dr. Charlotte Burns with him to assist at the clinic.

This is an exciting opportunity for us, because Dr. Holmes has developed a very efficient method of operating that allows him to do a large number of animals in one day. Chris told us that he could neuter every single male cat in this town in one day, which would greatly improve the unwanted animal situation.

The clinic will take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 20, 21, and 22, and we need everyone's help at this time.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, PASS THE WORD AROUND, AND BRING IN EVERY CAT AND DOG YOU POSSIBLY CAN.

We have cat traps, you can use, and the animals must be brought in to Sayulitanimals clinic by 9:30 am. on the day of the surgery, with no food or water for 12 hours before.

We will need volunteers to make this a successful program, so please contact Sayulitanimals, at 329 291-3974, or e-mail us at sayulitanimals@hotmail.com. Also, any restaurant or private individual, who would like to donate food and beverages for the workers at lunch time, please contact us as well.

This is a golden opportunity for us to improve our town, and the lives of the animals and people who live here.

We also want to thank the following individuals for their generous support of Dr. Holmes during his stay.

Kerry Moeller, for donating her house, "Casa Mariposa", and Patty Southworth for donating the use of a long board for Dr. Chris to use after his long days of work.

Let's show our "Sayulita spirit", and make this another successful event.

New Business:

1. Plaza Information Proposal-Eric outlined a general concept of using our organization to help get larger projects off the ground. There will be further discussion of this in following meetings and Ramon's visit was just an example-- to address parking/traffic in the downtown area requires a complete study, a master plan that needs support, input from the community-- and all of it then needs to go to the government for funding consideration; these projects will need start up funding for these studies.
Out of many discussions among ourselves and with various people, there is a wish list of major projects-- some which are linked together. examples include a renovation of the baseball field (with

playground, basketball, skateboard, parking, fencing, etc), downtown zone traffic/parking, a full fledge life guard program for the beach, a full fledge recycling and trash program and including cleaner streets with a street sweeper truck, and a library/media center for the children at the primaria that would be open to the public. Some of these projects will also outline how to allow growth in order to preserve the character and quality of the town. So GPS's goal is to continue its many necessary programs but to also try to move the bar upward and try to find consensus and support for larger projects that Sayulita needs as it moves into the future.

GPS is helping to discuss these ideas as well as to formulate the necessary documentation and gather support for these projects, in order to give our local leaders the necessary materials to appeal for governmental assistance. Only by working together, will these large projects ever be realized.

We might not see the results for some time, but if they are successful, it will be due to this type of early work. We believe that Grupo Pro Sayulita can be the catalyst to gather support for worthy projects.

Next meeting, noon-1:30 PM, March 25