

**Volcano Cymbidium Acres Road Maintenance Corporation (VCARMC)  
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting  
Thursday, April 15, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

**Quorum: Nat Baker, Robin Coonen, Adrian Hindin, Mary Lee Knapstad, Mike McKenney, Sharon Moraes, and Diane Ware**

**Guest: Bea Arnapole, VCARMC Member**

**A motion was made by Robin to move and accept the January 14, 2010 VCARMC Board of Directors Minutes as is. The motion was seconded by Nat and accepted and approved by the Board of Directors.**

**Email Addresses: Mike stated that he liked emailing everyone rather than calling each individual for Board business. The Directors agreed that this was a much easier way to expedite Board matters. All Board of Directors email addresses and their telephone numbers will be kept private. A record of the aforementioned will be kept officially in the secretary's file. It was concurred and unanimously accepted by all the Board of Directors present at this meeting.**

**Bea suggested that the Board set up a website and email address. VCARMC members would be able to read the By Laws, Articles of Incorporation, a monthly newsletter, notifications of when the poisoning of the easements, work on the roads would be taking place, etc. Mike stated that he would look into the possibility of opening up an email address site with Robin's offer of assistance. He also said this new email address would be used by members to contact the Board and be kept completely separate from that of the individual personal and private email addresses of the Board of Directors. The business of setting up a VCARMC website would have to be considered at another time. All Board of Directors agreed to these matters.**

**Triple K: Bea stated that after doing some research on her own, she found that Triple K is bonded and licensed for the island of Maui but not for the Big Island. She stated that other subdivisions here were not happy with Triple Ks work. Also, she strongly felt that the Board is responsible for the protection of its member's money and that we should discontinue contracting them to do our road work. Bea requested that Triple K be bonded to protect the money of paid members if we continue to hire them. Mike stated that he would look into it and that we already have contracts with Triple K.**

**Both Nat and Mike informed Bea that the Board was happy with Triple Ks work and that we have contracted them for the last 4 years. Triple K has gone above and beyond to help and maintain a good working relationship with the VCARMC. We will continue with the poisoning and the fog sealing of the roads. Nat made the**

motion to have Triple K continue with the poisoning and fog sealing of our roads. Adrian seconded the motion.

**Road Poisoning:** Mike informed the Board that the road poisoning would continue. Bea objected and stated that Triple K sweep sprays and leaves the areas poisoned looking ugly. She suggested that poisoning be done carefully along the edges of the road the way Diane and Mary Lee did it in the past. Mike and Nat both said that they and other VCARMC Board of Directors and members also use to spray the road sides. It became too time consuming. The weather and especially the scheduling became a nightmare. Mike stated that we cannot do it ourselves. Triple K was contracted and has been doing a good job. Each owner may request to poison their own area if they sign the form (adapted from the County of Hawai'i). Signs must be clearly seen and posted saying "No Poisoning" year round. Failure to sign and submit the form to the Board, having signs posted, and caring for the area will make it necessary for the Board to step in and take it over again. Aesthetically it is ugly, but it must be done. Bea agreed to sign the form and take care of their area.

**Eric Zuehlke:** A letter of apology for bumping the ohia tree will be sent to Eric Zuehlke. As for the cutting of the gingers, Mr. Zuehlke will be informed that the VCARMC have been pushing and cutting the gingers off the shoulders of the road since 1996 to avoid dangerous and hazardous road conditions. It will also be mentioned that the easement extends 40 ft. from the road. A form will be sent with the letter to Mr. Zuehlke to sign stating that he will take responsibility for the cutting and maintenance of the gingers in front of his property. A specific and timely date will be set for Mr. Zuehlke to reply back to the Board so that this matter will be settled before the next cutting.

**Speed Bumps:** Mike requested that all Board of Directors read the email he sent on the guidelines regarding speed bumps. He suggested that we follow their recommended guidelines. The speed bumps will affect all VCARMC members since it involves "safety". As for now, we will postpone putting in the speed bumps. Bea stated that she appreciated the delay. She suggested that since implementing the speed bumps does affect the budget, and the membership should vote on it. The Board decided that a notification regarding speed bumps will be written and sent out to the general membership. No definite date was decided on as to when this notification be mailed out.

**Friends of Puna's Future:** Diane attended the Friends of Puna's Future meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010 to discuss the Resolution for Fuel Taxes. These are moneys that the State has asked to set aside for substandard roads, such as ours (private roads). There is a grant that is being made available, but you must be a 501K. Diane formerly asked the Board for permission to represent and give testimony on

behalf of VCARMC. Nat motioned that Diane represent and give testimony on behalf of the VCARMC. Robin seconded the motion and the Board approved it.

**Reimbursement:** Mike asked to be reimbursed for postage and other VCARMC business. Nat will take care of the reimbursements.

**Other Business:** Bea asked that the secretary be authorized to notify VCARMC members of the Board Meetings and that the meetings be held at the Cooper Center. Mike stated that it's too expensive. Bea suggested that we ask the Cooper Center Council to exempt us from paying the fee since we are non profit. The Board stated that we would be expected to give 2 hours of community service and be required to attend every VCA and Cooper Center Council Meetings. The present Board members do not have the time to do this. Mike again stated that due to expenses and logistics, the Board of Directors decided to use someone's home for Board meetings. Diane mentioned that our Annual General Meeting notification was not on the VCA Calendar Newsletter because the VCA failed to publish it. It has happened several times. All efforts are being made to keep Board members informed.

**Adjournment:** Diane made the motion to adjourn the meeting with Mary Lee seconding the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Sharon Moraes*  
*Secretary*