



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Nature and Science
Committee Meeting
Thursday July 14, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Yvonne Tryce, Chair
Andrew Browne, Member
Brook Coffee, Member
Bonnie Crater, Member
Tedi Park, Member

SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
Speakers' time is limited to three minutes.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. April 14, 2022
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Biodegradable Signage
 - b. Meteor Shower – Set New Date and Assign Hosts
 - c. Start Party Scheduled for September 30, 2022
 - d. Other Events and Suggestions for Future Programs
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. Nature Center:
 - Mid Peninsula Open Space District
 - b. Budget and Bill Paying
 - c. Discussion of Composting Ideas

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is August 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Town of Portola Valley Nature and Science Committee
Special Meeting Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:07pm on Zoom.
2. Roll Call. Attending Committee members: Andrew Browne, Brook Coffee, Bonnie Crater, Yvonne Tryce, and Tedi Park. Absent: Jeff Aalfs, Town Council
3. Oral Communications. Andy read a really nice letter he sent to thank Sharon Hanlon for her service as well as her note back to the committee.
4. Minutes of March 10, 2022, meeting. The minutes from March 10 were unanimously approved.
5. Reports. Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District meeting of 3/21. No one from the committee was able to attend. Yvonne will retrieve the minutes from the March 21 meeting.
6. Planning.

Meteor Shower Event. Andrew Pierce, Friday, May 6, 2022 for meteor shower event. Scheduled for 8:00pm start with 30-45 minute lecture from Andrew Pierce. Yvonne to confirm Andrew. Provide Star Finder at the library. Promotion through the town and PV Forum. Yvonne will do a write up. Bonnie will fill out forms and request “add to calendar” button for the notice. Brook will host the zoom.

Bonnie made a motion to approved Brook Coffee to purchase Star Finders up to \$600 for the Meteor Shower event. Andy seconded the motion and the committee approved unanimously. Brook will send a note to the Town to find out the best way to make the purchase. The Star Finders will be placed in a basket in a display at the PV Library.

Star Party Event. Targeting September 30.

7. Report on discussions with other committees about composting event.
Bonnie will introduce Brook to Loverine Taylor to discuss composting event.
8. Suggestions for future programs.
Yvonne requested that the committee members bring ideas.
Tedi (and Brook) will research a biodegradable reusable sign for promotion.
9. Action Items:
 - a) Develop budget for 2022-23. Yvonne will request \$1500.
 - b) Program proposals including setting dates. See above.
10. Adjournment: Next meeting – May 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm.