

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2010

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9 a.m.)

Board Members: Bette Goldfarb, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell, Jessie Lee Van Sant, and Rhoda Teplow.

Absent: Susan Keller and Susan Juhl Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: Michael Potts

Quorum Declared: Yes X No _____

II. Approval of Minutes:

Annie received kudos for such good minutes. There were many corrections made and they were accepted. There was a discussion about who should get the minutes. We want the president of the board to post the agenda to The Caspar Exchange, our web site and to post the agenda outside.

III. Guest Speaker:

Michael Potts began speaking at 9:18 a.m. He came to speak about ecosystems and the development of Caspar. He stated that he couldn't follow the discussion of the cats because the last minutes corrected on the web were March 27th. He reviewed consensus model. He reminded us to ask past board members about history of local issues. We have been working on forming Caspar for 20 years. He wants us to consider the history of the board and its legacy. He asked us to represent the community and to try not to govern using our personal prejudices. He left at 9:50.

Paul S. concluded that the board would wait and see if our two new cats will be affective. The cats were tabled.

IV. Reports

A. Correspondence

Bette announced the upcoming Jackson State Forest Advisory Committee meetings. There is still pressure to clear-cut. The recreation committee meeting will be May 28th in Fort Bragg from 1 to 3 pm.

B. Treasurer

Dalen passed out a profit and loss statement for the kitchen. Paul R. read the detailed numbers for licenses, permits and for fixed assets from Dalen's detailed printouts. Tuesday, May 25th is the finance committee meeting at 4 p.m.

C. Manager's Report

We received a nice apology from the people who left the center dirty after their wedding. The rope broke on the flagpole and Mike Dell'Ara helped fix it. The breakfast is the 30th this month. Dalen requested taking off for the June breakfast and not having a breakfast in July.

IV. Business :

A. Kitchen:

Paul R. thanked Judy for all the emails re: kitchen costs. Judy said that we need to wait for the new bids to come in to see detailed costs at current market prices.

Paul R. is trying to collect the figures needed to create a realistic budget to be ready for the bids coming in. The proposed south deck seems to be out of the question. Bette reminded Paul to include sales tax and he said he is using the internet for prices and there may be better prices elsewhere. Judy has deep concerns over contractors' \$9,000 for a performance bond. The bond is part of a contractor's costs. We need a treasurer for our loan. Judy wants to know if we should raise more money now. She personally would like to cap the costs at \$325,000 for the kitchen. Paul S. would like to wait until the bids come in. We have the beginning \$125,000 and the loan from USDA is \$200,000. We could remove items from the first budget to pay for specific items later in order to keep at the \$325,000 cap. We can go to the 30-day bid period after the permits come back from the county. Dalen reminded us to notice the community for a general meeting regarding our USDA loan. The community was notified at a general community meeting on Sept. 24th, 2008. Judy said there should be a general email sent out when we go out to bid. Kitchen committee meeting is Thursday, May 27th at 10 a.m. at CCC.

B. Playground Party:

Dalen said the party was very successful. Our goal was to raise \$800 and we raised \$1,068.70. Judy suggested that we thank everybody who participated in the playground process. Bette said to thank all the people in the newsletter.

C. Garden:

Bette, Liz and Dalen met and sent a proposal to Noyo Food Forest to offer a certain amount of beds for them to maintain. Susan Lightfoot will send the proposal to her board. They would do their own fundraising and could sell their produce at our events.

D. Sidewalks and Curbs:

Annie reported a sinkhole found by a county employee. Nothing will happen until there are community meetings with the county as it is not a board decision. CCC can provide a public meeting place, and Paul will contact the county D.O.T. The Board will not take a stand on the sidewalks, curbs and drainage issues.

E. Caspar Fest:

The next planning meeting will be at 4 p.m., June 3rd at CCC. The proceeds go to Caspar Community. Dalen said it is the major fundraising event for the second half of the year and would like more help from the board. The board can do all the food and beverage stands.

F. Day of the Dead:

Nov. 13 could be a mushroom dinner and silent auction at CCC.
Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Reminders:

CasparFest Meeting will be Thursday, June 3, 4 p.m.

Board Meeting will be Friday, June 4, 5 pm.

CasparFest will be Sept 25 and 26th.

Board Retreat will be Sunday, June 13, 10-5 Susan Juhl's house.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow