

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

November 5, 2010

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.)

Board Members: David Alden, Paul Schulman, Susan Juhl, Miriam Davis, Paul Reiber, Judy Tarbell; Jessie Van Sant

Absent: Rhoda Teplow, Susan Keller

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Bette Goldfarb; Ray Duff

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Reports

A. Correspondence

None.

B. Treasurer

Reports will be distributed next meeting. A finance committee meeting will be held on 11/17 at 1:00 pm.

C. Manager's Report

El Dia de los Muertes party netted \$226.63 in profit. Counting Dalen's time, it probably broke even, but was a fun event. We should think about gearing it up a notch next year, as this appears to be an increasingly popular event.

Only 16 reservations have been made for the big fund raising dinner on 11/13, but these often come in at the last minute. We should contact friends tho to ask if they're planning on coming.

Matt Rowland is selling off his catering related equipment, and we may pick up dish ware and flatware that we will then be able to rent out at events.

People are using the CCC trash receptacles and this heinous practice must be stopped before she who must be obeyed finds out who is doing it and where they live. If you care at all about your neighbors' welfare, get the word out!

IV. Business

A. Kitchen

All proposed changes have been given to Dan Dickson for incorporation into the revised plans which will be submitted for rebid to the three original bidders on the project. Once that has been done, we will ask for new bids within two weeks.

The two major individual cost saving changes are switching from the "on demand" hot water system to a single traditional tank system (approximately \$5,000 in savings) and removing the second furnace from the HVAC plan.

Dalen will be applying again for a Community Foundation Grant to fund the kitchen

stove, and will be discussing with the Tarbell Family Foundation whether a matching grant can be arranged.

B. Garden

A complaint was received that the developmentally disadvantaged person who is using part of our greenhouse as part of the ABC No Barriers Program was feeling that there was some friction with the garden group, and perhaps some misunderstandings about the extent of use that we had granted him. The board reaffirmed that it was our intent that he be able to use the entire west wall of the greenhouse for his seed business, and Judy Tarbell agreed to speak with the gardening folks to work out any misunderstandings. The board reaffirmed that the garden should be managed in such a way as to bring the maximum enjoyment and beneficial use to the community, and the board discussed asking the garden folks to form a management committee to make sure that any management issues were resolved and that this objective was met.

C. CCC Events

The Jerry Juhl Evening will go forward on 11/12/10, with gathering and welcoming at 5:30, and a show at 6:30-8:30. Dalen will try to advertise it in the paper and on the list serve.

The Harvest Festival Dinner and Auction is scheduled for 11/13. Many fine donations have been made to the silent auction, and the committee will be selecting a handful of these for the live auction. A setup crew is needed that Saturday afternoon at about 2:00 pm. Lynne K_____ has offered to play music for the event. Alden agreed to give a fund raising pep talk to shake some fruit out of the giving tree which should focus in part on thanking all the donors and volunteers who have made the CCC work and grow over the past thirteen years.

Charles Neville (of Neville Bros. Fame) will be playing at the CCC on 11/21 as a fund raiser for the Noyo Food Forest.

A Volunteer thank you event/dinner will be held on January 28, 2011.

The CCC is sponsoring an event for NY's Eve this year. The Entertainment has not yet been identified.

Pub Nights are scheduled for 11/19, 12/17/ 01/14 and then on the second Fridays of each month thereafter until Alden runs out of repertoire ...We are looking at sometime in 2030 for this to happen.

D. Speed bumps on Road 500 and Gorse

Ray Duff stopped by to let us know that the speed bumps on Rd. 500 have still not been removed or significantly altered, and remain an issue –although some slight reduction in height seems to have been done. We are all encouraged to keep after CDF to do something.

The primary purpose for Ray's visit, however, was to bring us up to date on the Firesafe Council's gorse removal efforts, which have largely finished the phase I removal part of the program, affecting 13 parcels in Caspar. The organization is now applying for grants for the subsequent phase, which will deal with regrowth issues. Ray wished to bring to the community's attention –and seek advice and donations as either might be available – to deal with the fact that in removing the gorse from the parcel on the east side of Caspar Road kitty corner from the terminus of Pacifica, we have removed the “natural” fencing provided by the gorse as well as some pre-existing actual fencing which was being used by the renter of the property to secure her horses. About \$1000 is needed to replace the lost fencing. Ray will be

asking if any of the gorse grant funds might be available to assist, but is also asking for any community resources which might be available.

E. Septic System

Paul Schulman reported on his conversations with Karl Rittiman regarding the septic system. The system is technically in a “failure” status, although it appears to be not performing only when confronted with large events: For the typical everyday uses the CCC experiences, is still coping. However, there is real cause for concern. Paul will be exploring further with Karl Rittiman whether repairs can be effected which will extend the useful life of the existing system.

F. Drive and Parking Area

An offer was made by a community member to pay for 20 yards of additional gravel to be brought in to repair the existing drive and parking area. However, the bid came in at about \$800., which may be higher than the putative donor was anticipating. Accordingly, Dalen will be following up to see where this will go.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:30.

David Alden