

Caspar Community Center Board of Directors Meeting

April 22, 2011 9:30 am at David Alden's house (Center very full of construction sounds)

Susan Juhl, Paul Reiber, David Alden, Paul Schulman, Jessie Lee van Sant, Judy Tarbell

Excused: Miriam Davis, Annie Lee, Rhoda Teplow, Susan Keller (until June 10)

Guests: Oscar Stedman, Michael Potts

1. Call to Order at 9:30
2. Approval of minutes of April 8, 2011, with corrections
3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda
Insurance (see below)

G. Eucalyptus Project (moved up from below)

Michael Potts gave a synopsis of the firewood project, a by-product of the cutting of the Eucalyptus trees on Caspar Headlands by State Parks. Firewood sold by CC totaled \$2,975 in 2009-10; firewood sold by Michael Potts totaled \$4,492. Michael paid Greg Valles and Mike \$5,308 to split and deliver firewood. He considers the \$926 difference between cost and income a donation to Caspar. Michael has 2-3 more cords of wood to sell which is already split, after which Judy and Jim Tarbell will begin selling Eucalyptus wood in their yard in hopes of recouping some of the cost of having Greg split the bucked up trees felled by Cal Fire into their yard. There is bucked-up wood on the west end of the cleared area, but it is nestled among poison oak; other bucked-up wood is hard to get to because trucks can only drive on existing roads.

Michael noted that people (largely Michael, Sienna, Jackie, Rhoda and others) volunteered 179 hours in moving bucked wood and delivering split wood in 2009-1020. Judy Tarbell focused on removing sprouts from the Eucalyptus stumps, spending 24 hours, along with 9 hours with Art Morley, and 20 hours by Michael Potts.

Michael noted that the decline in resprouting this spring might well indicate that it is not necessary to use herbicides in the permanent removal of Eucalyptus.

H. Reforestation of Cleared Area

Michael reported that Helene Eve of Jughandle is growing 30 wax myrtles and 50 shore pines to reforest the cleared area at a cost of \$280. Reforestation will begin in the fall of 2011, with further planting the following fall. Caspar Community will purchase the plants.

E. and F. The North Intersection and the Bridge over Caspar Creek.

Michael Potts hopes a bike/pedestrian trestle will be built over Caspar Creek at the site of the original Caspar Bridge.

Regarding the north intersection, Michael Potts registered his opposition to the plan to realign the entrance into the existing exit with a slow-down turn lane starting at the current exit. He prefers to keep the current exit which will keep the travel lanes unencumbered; he believes the proposed realignment will lead to accidents, based on the condition of the realignment onto Lansing Street south of Jack Peters Creek. He

prefers to take walkers off the road and onto a proposed trail below the exiting road, and to have traffic bumps to slow traffic and more 25 MPH signage. Others disagreed, citing that the Caspar slow-down lane would be much longer than the one onto Lansing Street, and that people come off the highway fast and keep driving fast into town to the danger of pedestrians. Some noted that the existing exit is difficult to locate, especially at night and requires slowing down in the high-speed lane, which is dangerous. Several noted that Fern Creek intersection is dangerous and the board should deal with it beyond the signage and lights noting the intersection. This intersection needs to be reclassified from its open rural designation to get a light. If there were more traffic, it could get a light.

A. Playground.

After considerable discussion, the Board decided we must be clear with our insurance company about our historic swing/slide set as well as the new playground equipment. David Alden will discuss the situation with them and be sure it is covered. The Board further decided to put in a new base if we can keep the legacy swing set.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Treasurer's Report

Dalen needs one signature on checks under \$250; two signatures on checks over \$250. Current signers are: Paul Reiber, David Alden, Susan Juhl, Annie Lee and Judy Tarbell. Dalen will be able to change deposit slips.

6. Committee Reports

A. Caspar Community Center

a. Executive Director's Report

1. Dalen has ordered drapes and hardware for the north room at \$1,256.77
2. Have a yearly insurance application, requiring new square footage of the Center. David will call regarding when CC begins paying for increased square footage and if contractor's insurance covers the addition until then.
3. Egg hunt on Easter Sunday after 4th Sunday Breakfast.
4. KZYX Benefit with Mike Ehlers on Saturday.

b. Kitchen

Much discussion about what stove to purchase, height of back splash and gauge of steel. A pot-filler will be added to the stove. The Kitchen Committee will meet to recommend final items to the board.

B. Financial committee

Paul R. clarified that the \$23,633 from USDA was an advance. CC needs to spend its \$125,00 before using the USDA funds.

Dalen will create a draft budget from QuickBooksPro and send it to the financial committee. They will make recommendations to the board.

Dalen noted CC's tax filing is on extension.

C. Pub night committee

David reported that the first 10 sound panels are covered and up. The upcoming Mike Ehlers concert will be a test, as he will be performing at the east end of the north room where the panels are. There is some concern that people can knock around and soil the panels. David will order material to cover the remaining 10 panels on hand.

Judy and Jim Tarbell will cook for the 5-13 Pub Night under the aegis of Karina Ulrich. She will call Colin who has expressed interest in cooking pizzas in the cob oven.

C-1. Stage

Once the kitchen has moved to its new home, how do we want to use the stage? Do we want a full stage or a Murphy bed stage? Should there be steps from the stage to the dressing room? Should the stage be permanent and higher?

D. Caspar Fest

Jima Abbott, Michael Potts, Dalen Anderson and Paul Schulman attended the CasparFest meeting.

Kim Morgan has reported Noyo Food Forest will not be participating as a CasparFest co-sponsor this year but will probably have a booth.

When it was noted there might be fewer workshops, David Alden volunteered to coordinate with community organization and see what events they would like to put on indoors, e.g. food demos, a movie on Cuba, Living Light. He will contact Jim Tarbell.

Bob Zoller will cover bar

Judy Tarbell will cover gate

Paul Schulman will cover stage

Pamella Craven, Sue Coulter and Jennie Stevens will cover kids.

C. Darlinda (April 8 - 10)

The bar brought in \$1371, expenses were \$305.44 on liquor, \$73.85 tax, \$75 ABC permit, for a profit of \$916.71.

D. Rummage sale (April 16)

We took in \$2096. Our expenses were about \$50 for ads and posters. There is also CA sales tax to deduct.

Some items were saved for the silent auction in the fall.

Bette is retiring but will help the next organizer.

I. Septic

Paul Schulman reported the septic tank is holding steady.

Some digging but haven't found the old clay pipe yet. Need to check saturation level near the pipe. Rittiman is guessing it is compacted. The leach line has been hydro jetted. We don't use bacterial additives as this causes bacteria in the pipe.

J. May 15th Community Meeting

Need to send out postcards re community meeting on May 15.

Will announce new board officers at meeting.

K. Rose Marie Hester

David reported the death of Rose Marie Hester last week. She had willed her estate to Caspar Community in 1997, but it now appears she has willed her estate to her niece. Rose Marie legalized her will to CC with Sean Hogan, but it now appears we don't have the original will and we don't know if her will to CC has been legally superceded.

L. Oscar Stedman

Oscar expressed interest/enthusiasm for being a Caspar Community board member. The Board will discuss this at the next meeting and, in the meantime, Judy will get board orientation packet to Oscar.

Next board meeting is May 6, 2011 9 AM at the CCC

Meetings:

Kitchen Committee, Tuesday, April 26, 10 am

Events:

Egg hunt following 4th Sunday Breakfast

To Do:

David will contact CC's insurance company regarding the insurance of the legacy/historic swing/slide set, and when CC begins to pay insurance on the addition, and if the contractor covers the addition until then.

Finance Committee will create budget.

Judy will get board orientation packet to Oscar Stedman

Submitted by Judy Tarbell