

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting
August 8, 2008

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)

Board Members: David Alden, Paul Schulman, Paul Reiber, Rhoda Teplow, Susan Juhl, Susan Keller, Bette Goldfarb

Absent: Judy Tarbell

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Loraine Duff

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the Board meeting on August 8, 2008 were approved with corrections.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

THPs received. Bill from Land Trust Alliance received. Many comments have been received complimentary of the new library. Jane Kroesche emailed us about whether we would be interested in the "e-script" program, where a percentage of purchase money is donated to a charity of choice. Alden said he would look into it.

B. Treasurer

Books have been balanced. Plan is to keep an up-to-date set of financial statements in the library for anyone who wants to look at them.

C. Manager's Report

The Luau made about \$3500 in profit. Next time many more helpers will be necessary, particularly for set up and take-down. The Rabbit Hole benefit is on Aug. 29. Reiber and Alden volunteered to help out with food/beverage service.

The Cob Oven foundation is being built by Jon Wosniak.

CasparFest is set for Sept. 27 and 28. Need to start a volunteer system.

The septic system was checked after the weekend of the luau and a big wedding, and appears to be working admirably.

As a general matter, we need to alert kitchen volunteers that kitchen waste cannot go down the drain.

A Community Meeting is set for Sept. 14, 2008.

IV. Business

A. Garden Accounting

The garden group went into an overdraft position on its account by about \$500.00. The

garden account has been closed, and future purchasing authority will be limited to an authorized few. The board discussed several alternatives for managing the garden, with the major issue being the extent to which it should be independent of the board and, at the same time, self-sustaining in its financial operations. It was suggested that they could have their own account, with an annual financial report to the board. Other views were that we should maintain control over the policies of operating the garden if the CC is at all funding it, and have a clearer management structure for running it. It was decided to table this discussion until the meeting on October 3, 2008 when Judy Tarbell will be back and available to provide input.

It was also suggested that the policy in regard to who may avail themselves of food needs to be clarified: Should it be limited to gardeners? To all contributors of time/money to the CC? To anyone?

B. Use of CCC by Community

The issue of movie night was raised, and discussion had concerning whether this was a successful regular community event, or whether the time slot should be made available for other activities as well. A general discussion was had about how to draw the line between events for which we charge rent, and events which the CCC should be “sponsoring” free for the community. The suggestion was made that we hold too many events which have a fund-raising emphasis, and that perhaps more events just for community togetherness might be a good idea. Some Board members disagreed that there is any imbalance, believing that all of the events we have are focused on community and that the fact that they may also serve a fund-raising purpose is secondary to their primary effect. This discussion led to a proposal that one night per month should be set aside and available on a first-come-first-served basis to any community member who wishes to organize a free community event, and that the Caspar Movie Night should be moved into this category. (As such, it would not be a regular periodic event, but could be scheduled from time to time as the availability of a movie thought to be of general community interest may come about.) A donation can could be present at these events.

C. Caspar Aprons.

Some people have proposed that Caspar Aprons be ordered for sale as fund-raisers.

D. Pavilion Update

John Wosniak has been selected as the contractor and Mike Abel has volunteered to source some construction materials, in particular some needed trusses and salvage lumber. September 15 is the target date for commencing construction.

E. Gorse Control

Rhoda Teplow has conducted an experiment and determined that sprinkling salt on Gorse kills it off. She has not yet determined whether freshly ground pepper has a similar effect, or simply enhances its flavor.

State Parks is enthusiastic about the proposal to undertake mechanical gorse control in the headlands. Volunteers are wanted to do the gorse removal. We can borrow equipment from Parks. If we fill out a volunteer form, we are also then covered by the State Parks Workers compensation insurance. Curious minds inquired about what State Parks was intending to do with the piles of ripped out gorse at Jughandle, and we do not know.

F. CasparFest

Flynn Creek Circus has committed to participate. The operator of the hot air balloon also will reprise his Wizard of Oz performance. All music is set. There will be a meeting this Monday at 11:00 at the CCC to move forward with planning. Alden volunteered to be the stage manager for the inside activities. Set up starts on Thursday Sept 25, and volunteers are needed.

G. Playground Equipment

Marissa Cohen is interested in improving the playground equipment. She is proposing a meeting on Sept. 7th that she will publicize. It was noted that the Soroptimists (perhaps still anticipating the arrival of that baby sister they've been waiting for?) contributed to equipment for the Mendocino playground. Paul Reiber agreed to follow up.

H. Disaster Preparation

Bette Goldfarb has been investigating how we might obtain emergency supplies. She was referred to Bill Woodworth, head of the county Emergency Services, with whom she hopes to have some productive discussions. Gary Hudson of the Sherriff's office told her he believes there are sources of funding for such supplies.

It was again noted that a generator would be a really useful item to have, and that grant availability should continue to be explored.

We now have an emergency response list of telephone numbers for certain neighborhoods in Caspar that we will be looking to complete.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 a.m.