

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting under Shelter in Place order
July 17, 2020

Board Members:

Present: Dalen Anderson, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Sienna M Potts, Lisa Weg, Chad Swimmer, Judy Tarbell, Michael Potts

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by President Paul Reiber.
2. Minutes: 7/3/2020 minutes were approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input:
 - a) Chad Swimmer requested that Caspar Community act as the nonprofit umbrella organization for [Mendocino Trail Stewards](#) (MTS) to support their work in Caspar. The group has formed to promote recreational use of Jackson State Demonstration Forest (JDSF) trails. Chad shared the MTS letter of intent ([attached](#)) and online petition. After discussion, Paul Reiber suggested a consultation with legal representation to figure out how best to support our shared goals.

Michael Potts recalled that another non-profit, Dharma Cloud Foundation, acted as our umbrella when we started. We should remember our mission “To Preserve and Protect the Quality of All Life in Caspar” and pay back that debt to MTS to further their work for our community. Paul Schulman proposed that a committee be formed to support the effort and offered to be Board liaison for MTS.

- b) Lisa Weg reported that the weekly Monday virtual meeting which started with Caspar’s Emergency Preparedness group has expanded to include a larger group of Coastal residents and developed a focus on local food security. Group members also attended a mass care protocol workshop from Red Cross for guidance on operating a shelter in the pandemic. Lisa asked if Preparedness group members could set up a communication hub at the Center during future PSPS events. Since the Center is closed by the current health order, it was suggested that the group put together a proposal for consideration by the Board.
5. Correspondence:

Michael Mathay asked if the Friends group could hold a small outdoor gathering in the field. Outdoor use in accordance with the health order was approved, with cleaning arrangement made for any bathroom use.

State Compensation Insurance Fund is offering a grant of up to twice our annual workers' compensation insurance premium from their COVID-19 Support Funds to be used for workplace safety equipment.
6. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna reported that all 2020 wedding rentals have been postponed or canceled. She has gotten nothing further on the election procedure

and reiterated her belief that Caspar Community needs to ensure that the polling place is staffed and safe.

No Event Manager report.

B. Finance/Treasurer

Dalen reported that we are down about \$28,000 this year. It would be a good time to make an appeal for donations and pledges.

Next Finance Committee meeting is not yet scheduled.

C. Caspar Community Garden

Annie reported that the gardeners are working on their watering lines, fixing some leaks and making a map for future maintenance. The gardeners are grateful to Caspar Community for the garden.

Next Garden Committee meeting is August 6, 2 pm.

D. Facilities

Annie and Paul Reiber scrubbed and power washed the deck rails.

Paul applied penofin on the ramp section of the rail for Board members to consider whether all rails should be coated. Paul Schulman recommends we do not as it is only cosmetic and does not preserve the wood. Action: please look and share preference.

No Facilities Committee meeting scheduled.

E. Fundraising/Marketing

Rochelle's Summer Appeal letter ([attached](#)) was approved to be sent out to our email list.

No Fundraising Committee meeting scheduled.

F. Community Planning/Development

No Community Meeting scheduled.

G. Human Resources

No Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled.

H. Preparedness

Annie asked if use of the kitchen by a canning group preparing emergency food supplies would be possible and was advised to come up with a proposal for use of the closed Center.

Next Preparedness Meeting is August 10, 7 pm.

Board meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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