

**Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 21, 2006**

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

**Board Members:** Ray Duff, Paul Reiber, Judy Tarbell, David Alden, Susan Keller and Paul Schulman

**Absent:**

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson

**Guests:**

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No     

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for Board meeting on April 7, 2006 were tabled pending review.

**III. Reports**

**A. Correspondence**

A meeting on disaster preparedness has been scheduled here on May 18, 2006 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Judy Tarbell received a call from David Coddington. He and his wife Tracy now own Big River Realty. They are offering to donate one half of their commission for any property in Caspar, which they list or sell. It was determined that DWA should follow up with them to see what sort of pledge agreement we can get and to explore how we can help them in return.

Jim Tarbell is doing some census-based research on population and incomes in the Caspar area. Average income in Ft. Bragg is in the mid \$40,000s and in Caspar in the mid \$30,000s.

It was noted that Caspar had several references in the last Mendocino Beacon.

**B. Treasurer:**

CC checking account is \$14,960 (\$12,666 of this is dedicated Juhl donation money.)

CC savings is \$9,898.

CCC account is \$1,119

The Board, with Judy Tarbell and Dalen Anderson's assistance, went over the accounting reports in detail to gain a better understanding of how accounts were maintained. It was decided that they could be restructured so as to provide clearer

information. In particular, the question was raised as to how fund raising money and other restricted accounts should be shown. It was decided that all restricted \$ should be shown as a reserve against future obligations.

### **C. Manager's Report**

The next community meeting is set for May 7, 2006.

A meeting with Sean Hogan to go over taxes is set for May 4, 2006.

A Jazz and Tapa's night is planned for April 22. Next breakfast is April 23.

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## **IV. Old Business**

### **A. Farmers' Market**

June 11 is the start date for the Farmers' Market. It will continue on the 3d Sunday of every month through the fall.

The idea was raised of having a pie contest in conjunction with the Farmers' Market, perhaps leading up to an annual "Huckleberry Festival" each fall, which would raise funds for the CC. It was suggested that Leanne Larue might be a good leader for this.

The Farmers' Market folks would like to sell coffee and tea. Since we do not wish the Market to use the kitchen at this time, the question is how it would/could be prepared. Judy Tarbell agreed to talk with the Market folks about options.

### **B. Folk Festival**

Very nice brochures have been prepared and are being distributed. Advertisements are being sold (for a commission).

### **C. Dalen Anderson's Job Description**

Dalen raised the issue that the scope of her responsibilities needed to be articulated more clearly. In particular, does it include fund raising activities in addition to day-to-day management of the Center, and –if so–should she receive compensation for those activities?

### **D. Fund Raising**

Dave Alden indicated he would have a general plan for organizing the fund raising activities for the kitchen project by the next Board meeting.

### **E. Property Development**

Franklin Kaplan from DPZ is continuing to show interest in the Caspar Cattle Co. property, but there are no known developments in that regard.

Angie Hyman, a local resident, has been talking with her father about the property. He is developer in the Ohio area who has done sustainable developments. He is planning on moving to the Caspar area, and is giving some thought to whether he might be interested in taking on the Cattle Co. property as a project. There is a possibility he may be able to meet

with us at or after the May 7 board meeting.

On a slightly related issue, the Old Mill Farm people, who have a relationship with Angie Hyman, are looking for a site for a proposed restaurant/brewery operation. They have identified the lot across from Williams Place as a possible site. This group would also like to keep William's Place as a studio.

The "60 acre group" is still exploring possibilities for the 60-acre portion of the Cattle Co. property.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. New Board Members**

Ray Duff suggested we need to revisit the need for additional board members and identify and pursue potential members.

### **B. Trails**

A walk around Caspar has been organized to help clear trails. It will be announced in the postcard about to be sent.

## **VI. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. Next meeting is May 7, 2006.