

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2007

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

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

Absent: Paul Reiber

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Jim Katzel

Quorum Declared: Yes X No _____

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the Board meeting on March 23 were approved.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Annual publications received from the Land Trust.

B. Treasurer:

QuickBooks is up and running on the new MAC. Financial reports were distributed. The treasurer raised the issue of whether our rents should be increased. The last increase was about 5 years ago. It was decided that the manager should evaluate raising rents for weekend events and consider the establishment of a kitchen use fee.

C. Manager's Report

There is a MerMen's concert this evening. Margaret Fox will put on the upcoming breakfast

Kevin and the Coconuts are offering a CD release/Caspar benefit party on April 28. The first \$300 would go to the band, with the remainder of the house and the bar going to the CC. Generally, the facility is well booked for special events.

IV. Old Business

A. Timber Harvest Plans

Betty Goldfarb has been reviewing at the THPs we've received. Ed Powers has filed a THP, but we haven't been able to figure out exactly what he is proposing to do. Public Comment period is still open. It was decided that advice should be sought from Bill Hile and

Linda, as well as any other knowledgeable persons, about how to interpret and understand the plans. Ray Duff volunteered to follow up.

B. Kitchen Project

The permit application is in process. It will take about 6 to 8 months, and will hopefully be approved in time to get the Postal Pavilion built before next winter.

C. CasparFest

The next meeting of the CasparFest Committee will be this coming Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the CCC.

D. The Pulley

No one has yet followed up on this. We need to figure out how to transport it and get material to construct a sign using the pulley. Alden and Tarbell volunteered to go look at the pulley and evaluate it.

E. Property Issues

The proposal being floated by Michael St. Johns was very briefly discussed. Michael has suggested that community members, including Mike Dell'Ara could be of assistance in putting together a list of potential investors. St John has been in touch with various members of the community to obtain ongoing input into the project. At least one member of the community has expressed strong opposition to the idea of any development occurring. That person indicated that nine large private residential parcels would be preferable. Judy said she would put together a map showing what development would look like under existing zoning restraints.

The question was raised whether David Raitt might still be interested in getting involved. Jim Katzel, who is still in touch with him, said he would try to find out.

The next community meeting will include a report on the property project. As an additional means of communication, the County has provided us with a list of all voters registered with Caspar addresses. The second "Neighborhood Map" -showing the owners of parcels to the east of Hwy -- 1 has been obtained and posted in the CCC.

F. The Flag

The proposal to fly a peace flag at the CCC has generated much debate. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

V. New Business

A. Polling Place

There continues to be sentiment in the community that the CCC should remain a polling place for elections. The Board will write a letter to the county.

B. Gorse

Wally Clark, who is with the Pomo Community, has a gorse removal business and has contacted the Board. Ray Duff will follow up.

A meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2007 at the CCC at 1:00 pm. It will be an opportunity for interested community members and the relevant local agencies to discuss the issue of gorse removal and control. The Fire Safety Council applied for but did not receive a grant in re funding for gorse issues. They would like to raise the visibility of this issue with those in local political office.

C. MIT/Coastal Trail Meeting

The Mendocino Council of Governments agreed 1.5 years ago to give \$25,000 to put a path in front of the driveway to the CCC, running north past the Schul. They have asked if we were still interested. Judy will convey our strong interest in not only putting a path there, but in solving the drainage problem along that side of Caspar Road at the same time.

James Bernard/State Parks have received funding in regard to the Coastal Trail, and are reviewing options. They are including the possibility of constructing a bridge (pedestrian) over Caspar Creek.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.