

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2007

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:10 a.m.)

Board Members: Ray Duff, Susan Juhl, Susan Keller, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell.

Absent: David Alden

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: Elizabeth Alden, Dennis Fleming

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

September 21, 2007 and October 5, 2007 minutes were corrected and approved.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Elizabeth Alden mentioned that many people over the last weeks had mentioned Casparfest and how much they and their children had enjoyed all the Festivities. The Hights sent Dalen Anderson a note saying they were purchasing dinner raffle tickets for her as a thank you for all the time and energy she devotes to the center and community.

B. Treasurer:

A Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2007 was prepared by Judy Tarbell and reviewed by the Board. The profit/expense figures from Casparfest were not included in this summary. Judy reported that she had paid outstanding bills and that all profit from October and November breakfasts and the November 10, 2007 dinner and silent auction will go into the Kitchen fund. Judy proposed and the Board approved that after posting the profit from the October breakfast and the November 10 fundraiser, the money in Caspar Cooks Checking and Caspar Cooks Savings accounts be moved into Schwab. She would then close the two Caspar Cooks accounts. Elizabeth Alden asked for a clarification on how it is decided when fundraising money goes to the Kitchen fund. It was explained that when all bills for the community center and staff are paid, then fundraising profit goes into the Kitchen fund. It was also noted that if a donation comes to the community to support a specific project, then that money goes directly into that fund.

C. Manager's Report

Dalen Anderson reported that two new waffle irons have been purchased for the kitchen. An older Wolf range is available to the center, but needs repair. Dalen felt it did not fill a need in the kitchen and members of the Board agreed. Snow Day is December 1. The bales of hay used for Snow Day will be moved to the garden area after the event.

IV. Old Business

A. Casparfest ... Management of Next Year

Dalen Anderson reported that CELL received \$1000 from the gate this year. She said that next year, decisions concerning profit sharing will be made clear to everyone before the event takes place.

B. Caspar Cattle Co land issues

No specific discussion of this topic.

C. Kitchen Fundraising ... Clarifying where money goes

See treasurer's report.

D. Web site "Volunteers" and "Committees"

There was discussion about many aspects of the web site. Since David Alden was not there, there was a lack of input about recent discussions with the webmaster, Sienna Moonfire Potts. There is interest in making the website interactive so that needs for "volunteers" and "committees" can be posted and interested parties could sign up for duty on the web site itself. Dalen is not sure this is necessary. She is concerned it removes us from face to face conversations and just showing up at the center to volunteer. The Board again discussed whether an interactive bulletin board was advisable to have. Many Board members asked what our contract with Sienna covers at this time. It was suggested that Ray Duff, Judy Tarbell and David meet again to discuss the present web site and whether it is meeting the current needs of the community.

E. Recent Community Meeting

The October 14, 2007 community meeting focused on a presentation concerning the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and forming a Community Service District (CSD). Dennis Fleming led the discussion and encouraged the Board and community to seriously consider and work toward forming a Caspar CSD to manage the water resource in Caspar. Another area of interest is a Caspar CSD for fire protection. Also discussed was whether to morph the present Board into a volunteer Board for a Caspar CSD, if one is formed, and then bring the Community Center itself within a CSD. David Alden said that present Board members would discuss whether this idea would work.

F. Logging Pulley

No new discussion at this meeting.

G. Community Survey.

No new discussion at this meeting.

H. Dinner and Silent Auction

Dalen reported that the raffle tickets are selling very well. She asked for help in getting items for the Silent Auction. Judy suggested that everyone present ask three people or

businesses for donations or gift certificates. A list was made so that we would not duplicate our efforts.

V. New Business

A. Community Meetings Advisory Committee

This was not discussed at this meeting.

B. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Dennis Fleming presented the same information and opinions he expressed at the October 14, 2007 Community Meeting. He told the Board that there were many services needed in Caspar that could be managed by forming a Community Services District (CSD), including forming a water district, a fire protection district, an emergency services district. There was a lengthy discussion and many questions were asked about how Caspar would begin the process of forming a CSD and whether a CSD should be formed. Dennis expressed his concern about Caspar having control over the aquifer that provides water for most Caspardos and the Center. He is encouraging the Board to begin committee meetings to discuss the CSD formation process and to do this soon. He is willing to meet with anyone interested in pursuing this.

Board members Ray Duff, Judy Tarbell, Paul Schulman and David Alden have agreed to form a committee to discuss the LAFCO process and whether Caspar would benefit from forming a CSD. Several other community members have expressed interest in participating in this process as well. Judy Tarbell will contact Al Aiello, from USDA, regarding securing grant money, up to \$50,000, needed to apply to LAFCO to form a CSD. Elizabeth Alden will ask Frank McMichaels, the Mendocino LAFCO executive officer, to send the Board additional LAFCO information and application packets.

VI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.