

**Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting
April 18, 2008**

I. Call to Order/Present: (Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.)

Board Members: David Alden, Judy Tarbell, Paul Schulman, Paul Reiber, Rhoda Teplow, Susan Juhl

Absent: Susan Keller

Staff: Dalen Anderson.

Guests: Loraine Duff, Annie Lee, Bette Goldfarb, Star Decker.

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the Board meeting on April 4, 2008 were approved.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Paul Schulman reported that a governance workshop on nonprofit leadership, led by Michael Kisslinger, will be held on April 26. Bette Goldfarb said she'd talked to PG &E reps about the company's spraying power poles. Dalen Anderson gave the Dept. of Forestry reports to Loraine Duff to take to Ray Duff. There is a Ropes Course being held in Leggett. It promotes team building.

B. Treasurer's Report

Judy Tarbell said that Dalen had reconciled our reports. The Schwab account looks good (we're getting some interest). Money is coming in, sometimes in unexpected ways. We're in good shape.

C. Manager's Report

A new lock has been installed on the front door. Annie Lee and Rochelle Elkan have backup keys. Board members can enter through Dalen's office if they need to have access to or open the CCC. Steve Paul graciously installed it for us. A clock from the old Caspar mill was located in and obtained from the basement of the Kelly House by Ray Duff, and has been fixed and installed in the north room. Many thanks to Ray for making this happen. Rentals are in good shape. The back room has been cleaned out to allow installation of a library and archive facility. Among the items to be kept there is the materials archive of the Alliance for Democracy. Bette Goldfarb has volunteered to be the curator for the library facility.

A discussion was had regarding installation of mirrors in the South Room to make the facility more useable by dance and exercise classes. Alden will ask Randy's Custom Glass if they can obtain the mirrors at cost for us.

IV. New Business

A. Newsletter

The current Newsletter will be emailed to the list-serve subscribers and also mailed to the traditional mailing list. It will inform recipients that the CC wishes to convert to an email distribution system, and a return card will be included in the mailing for people to designate that they still wish to receive the Newsletter by regular mail.

B. Community Meeting

The agenda for the next community meeting will be discussed at the next Board meeting, along with the slate of Board officers (to be elected at that meeting) and new board members. A poster notifying people about the upcoming community meeting should go up quickly. Star Decker and Dalen will arrange for its posting by the time of the next community breakfast. The subject of recording, video taping and/or taking minutes of the community meeting was again discussed. Judy Tarbell feels very strongly that the meetings should be recorded, preferably by video. Other board members and guests expressed concerns once again about its chilling effect on discussion, on the difficulty of obtaining a quality recording and on its utility generally. It is imagined that this will continue to be a topic for Board debate, and the subject was tabled pending further discussion.

V. Old Business

A. Kitchen/Pavilion Projects

There have been no developments on the kitchen front. On the pavilion project, the Board agreed that it is better to use the local lumber which has been donated even if the costs of milling and quality certification approximate the cost of retail lumber. Dan Dickson reports that he will be ready for a contractors meeting by the end of April. Judy Tarbell has learned of two contractors who are willing to donate a weekends worth of work to the project.

The nesting of the violet green swallow will probably have to be accommodated during construction. Alden is following up with Becky Bowen to get more information.

B. Flea Market

We are again thinking about having a Caspar booth at the upcoming flea market on May 25, at which items donated to the CC can be sold to raise money. Considerable concern was expressed by those who had done this before about the need to screen out junk donations, to staff the booth and to arrange for the disposal of items that don't sell. It was noted that in the past this booth has been used by people to get rid of unwanted items, and the dump fee has, in effect, just been transferred to the Caspar Community. Star Decker said she has some experience in dealing with this sort of thing and would be willing to be involved and work with Dalen and Paul.

C. List-serve Policy

Dalen asked the Board for a policy determination concerning use of the list-serve to distribute public service announcements, which often consist merely of notification of upcoming events which their sponsors wish to advertise. The board determined that the list-serve should be used mostly for Caspar related events only, and that beyond that, a very narrow interpretation should be applied as to what constitutes a public service announcement appropriate for distribution on the Caspar list-serve.

D. New Board Members and Officers

Election of new officers will be discussed and decided upon at the next Board meeting. It was reiterated by several Board members that we need to publicize the need and desire for new board members, particularly now that Paul Reiber has decided to step down at the end of his term. Star Decker indicated that she will give Board service some thought. Annie Lee indicated that she was not quite ready to step onto the board, but suggested that she might be teetering on the brink. Bette Goldfarb, who has been very active and has been attending board meetings on a regular basis for some time, was persuaded by a particularly poignant appeal made by Paul Reiber and agreed that she would formalize her already nearly de facto status and join the Board as a regular member. The Board acknowledged that there are several months during the year when Bette cannot be available for meetings, but it was noted that the CC by-laws can accommodate leaves of absence of Board members, and that Bette's contributions to the discussions and activities of the Board would be very valuable notwithstanding her need for periodic infusions of tropical sun and culture.

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