

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting
May 30, 2008

1. Call to order/Present: (called to order at 10:10 AM)

Board Members: Paul Schulman, Paul Reiber, Rhoda Teplow, Susan Juhl, Susan Keller, Bette Goldfarb

Absent: David Alden, Judy Tarbell

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: Annie Lee

II: Approval of minutes

There were no minutes .

III: Reports

A: Correspondence

Dalen reported on a letter about 2 breakfast items.

B: Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

C: Manager's Report

Dalen said the Mendocino Land Trust would be meeting at the CCC on Sunday at 1 PM. Since the Rec Center in Mendocino is closed for repairs, new renters are coming to the CCC. There are 2 weddings this month.

The volunteers at the May breakfast were great.

Dalen won't be at the June breakfast. Kris Reiber may head it up.

We have 30 people on our volunteer list.

IV: Old business:

1. kitchen

There was no substantial update.

We have a Catch 22: without finished plans we can't guess what the cost will be, so how can we accept bids? Do we stay with Plan A and keep all of the original ideas, or go to Plan B and reduce the plans? Do we do the projects in pieces or remove parts?

2. Mail pavilion:

Paul R confirmed that the panel side idea was passed on to the engineer by Dan. Paul will continue to check in with Dan.

Paul S will call contractors re: lumber.

Our timeline has slipped.

The kitchen project may start next year (the pavilion is a separate project).

3. The mirrors:

They cost \$450 but a generous lovely Casparada is donating the money for them. The labor is also donated. Co-ordinating the installation could be tricky since the CCC is booked.

We'll need curtains to cover the mirrors; we could use the white ones from the North Room. The black drapes in that room, "Commando cloth", are great for sound proofing but are expensive.

4. Senior/disabled/homeless issue in Caspar:

Ray Duff and the disaster group may help in the future. There will be booklets about helping in our library.

If we put a bin in the hallway for food for the Food Bank, Bette will take them there on Thursdays. 500 people are fed each week.

We actually discussed porta potties. If we put one on the CCC grounds, it would draw people. Will there be a bathroom on the Caspar Headlands Park? It costs \$100 a month for pumping.

5. Library:

It's painted and waiting for shelves. There'll be a way for people to sign books out. Perhaps there will be a novel exchange.

E. New business:

1. Septic:

It worked Sunday, after a hydrojet got the line cleaned out. There were no blockages. Carl Ritterman was a big help. We'll continue using our leach field. A new one costs \$30,00 to \$40,000 yikes.

A less expensive (perhaps \$10,000) plan is to install a second holding tank. It would go after the existing tank and before the leach field. The sewage pump on a meter on this second tank would release the effluent into the field at a slow rate. The last Sunday (with the breakfast and with watering the garden) we used 1720 gallons. 300 gallons is what a household uses per day.

We would be electric-dependent with this plan.

We can put "Conserve water" signs up.

2. Eucalyptus on the headlands and 3. use of herbicides:

Bette is against herbicides. Garlon is used in Jughandle and she thinks Parks would immediately use Garlon on the gorse here if we send them a letter approving any use of herbicides. If we put in a disclaimer (a "significant number of people are against herbicides") it might help us from overstepping our duties as a board.

[Bette said that the Dept. of Transportation doesn't use herbicides because so many people said "NO" in 1997.]

Can we take action without 100% backing of everyone? It isn't going to happen, except

in broad easy stuff...

Consensus is hard. Michael Potts had said that "This is the opinion of the undersigned" will work in a letter. We could add a note that there is a disclaimer and list the objections.

OTHER:

We need to have two e-mail lists. One would be a large one, mailed to board members present and past, possible board members, volunteers and interested people on big issues, and the other would be just the board.

Susan Keller is on vacation until the end of July.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Susan Juhl