

Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting

February 27, 2009

I. Call to Order at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present: Paul Reiber, Rhoda Teplow, Paul Schulman, Susan Keller, Susan Juhl, Judy Tarbell, and David Alden.

Absent: Bette Goldfarb (on leave) and Annie Lee.

Guest: Stephanie Gold and Marissa Cohen

Staff: Dalen

Quorum Declared: Yes X No

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the board meeting of Feb. 19 were approved as read.

III. Reports

A. Correspondence

Judy reminded us of the visit of Anita Lopez and David Hartwell from USDA on Monday, March 9 at 9 am. Joe Craven has reserved the date for Caspar Fest August 29 and 30th.

B. Treasurer Report

Dalen said the books are in order, but there is no formal report. She is setting up payroll with the California State Department.

C. Manager's Report

Annie did a great job booking 4 weddings in Dalen's absence. We will have two weddings a month until summer.

D. Caspar Uplands Trail Advisory Group

Rhoda reported on the Feb. 19th meeting where they discussed the trail name, the application fee, the plans for a bathroom and signage. That was the last advisory meeting.

E. Eucalyptus

Michael Potts would like to head the harvesting of the wood and organize the volunteers. They would be paid in firewood. The sale would benefit the Caspar Community. He said you have to watch out for the new frog eggs. There are no frogs where eucalyptus grow due to its poison. He will organize the work parties. The wood has to be stacked and split. It has to be split immediately. Customers will call to order and the wood would be delivered to them. The trade for labor would be 5 cu feet for an hour's work. Annie Lee would take the orders. We would need a sign at the post office

to announce the firewood sale. The board approved the plan as laid out by Michael.

F. CASPAR 20/20

Rhoda talked with Chuck Bush and planned a Caspar 20/20 pre-event meeting at her house March 7th at 9 am. Chuck was happy for the \$250 honorarium. Rhoda sent out the notice via email. Rhoda said the Caspar 2020 will be March 14, Sat. from 10 to 4 pm and to bring a bag lunch. Judy designed the postcards and printed the labels. Judy sent out the postcards to more than 300 local folks. Rhoda will write a press release, and Dalen will make a poster.

IV. Old Business

A. Kitchen Update

Paul R. said we signed the papers and they were sent to the USDA.

B. The Mail Pavilion

David said the work party is waiting for better weather.

C. Playground

Marissa invited us to the fund raising event including a Mexican dinner and children's activities on March 21, 5 to 11 pm. Caspar Community is splitting the bar. They have raised \$10,000 including the grant. We have to do site prep in May according to the permit schedule. The first stage is a playground and equipment for 2 to 5 year olds in a rectangle 36 x 60 feet. Paul R. has the wetlands map. Mendocino's wooden playground structure is falling apart after 10 years. Our playground will need a low wooden retainer to contain the woodchips. We will have to talk about ADA access because there are lower components for handicapped children. Judy suggested that we buy one fat wheeled chair instead of more cementing. David suggested we get a grant for an asphalt parking lot. The playground grant comes in 3 payments but the equipment must be paid upfront. She is requesting an advanced payment from the Community Center for the equipment. It would be about \$5,000. The wood and chips might be donated. The quote for the equipment is \$17,609. She hopes to raise this from the event a fund raising letter for the last \$7,000 plus. Marissa went to a playground workshop and learned a lot about standards and liability. Our current swings and slide are too high. Reasons to get this expensive playground set are that they are insurable and will keep our children safer. There will be a meeting with Rick Miller, Marissa and the Pauls to detail the exact plans for the playground to the community. Susan Keller suggested that we make the current swings lower.

D. Lights

Greg will change the bulb. David will get Mike Dell Ara to follow up. Dalen complained that there is a porch light that is always on and not needed. How many board members does it take to change a light bulb?

E. Earth Day

Cool Blue Planet Day will be noon to 6pm, Sunday, April 26 at Fort Bragg High School learning garden. Judy asked if we wanted to have an informational table. MCOG can supply bike racks. We want a rack that will hold 6 racks.

F. Garden

Sheila Siemans will co-manage it. The garden people need to have a mission statement and to meet. There will be beds that are community based and Dalen can pick from them. Another issue is if this garden should grow for the Food Bank.

G. New Board Members

Marissa said she is not able to commit at this time.

Adjournment: 10:47 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Teplow