

Caspar Community Center  
Friday, January 10, 2014

1. Call to Order 9:10

Present: David Alden, Rochelle Elkan, Bob Frey, Susan Juhl, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Paul Schulman

Staff: Dalen Anderson

Guests: Ed Murrell, Nan Murrell, Judy Tarbell

2. Minutes of December 27 corrected and accepted. Typos and corrections should be emailed to the Secretary who will send out corrected minutes shortly before the next meeting.

3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda – review of By-Laws moved to the end of the meeting.

4. Correspondence

- Paul R. will write a note of thanks to Jessie and Oscar which will be in the office with the thank you letters to donors to be signed by Board members on Wednesday, January 15 at 10.
- Ray and Loraine Duff included a lovely note with their end-of-year contribution.
- Rochelle asked if the Board wanted to communicate with Susan Keller re: the Caspar Inn. Consensus was that this is not within the Board's purview and that individual letters were more appropriate.

5. Reports

A. Executive Director

- Representatives from the USDA will conduct a compliance review/security inspection on Thursday, January 16 at 11:30. David offered to help.
- Dalen has ordered bulletin boards, a clock, exit light batteries.
- Upcoming events include Pub Night tonight, a birthday party, Bar Mitzvah, and wedding next weekend, and ten weddings.
- Dalen will be gone from Friday, January 17 through Sunday, February 2. Claire will sub; Dalen will email her contact information.
- Two 7-day periods in March were proposed to the flooring contractor.

B. Finance/Treasurer

- End-of-Year reports were sent out. We have a net profit of \$20,500 plus \$50,00 from the Tarbell Foundation. However, our regular income/donation amount was down by \$10,000 though we did make more on events. We are still depending on generous end-of-year donations.
- We have \$90,000 in savings and \$114,000 in checking, including the TF funds. (We spent \$5,000 of the \$53,000 on the refrigerator.)
- David suggested we transfer \$15,000 each to capital reserve and the solar account in addition to the \$3,000/\$2,000 respective annual contribution, disbursing with memos to create a clearer paper trail.
- He further suggested keeping \$20,000 in checking and placing \$150,000 into a Schwab money market account which has check writing and hopefully better than 0.5% return. Bob asked about local options; Dalen and David will research.

C. Pub Night /Breakfast

- PN – David has taken charge of publicity. Karina is cooking.
- Breakfast – Katrina and Kris Reiber will cook for the January breakfast. Annie and Debra Scott will sell; Jima will return for the next three months.

D. Garden

Next meeting: Thursday, February 6 at 2. (GC meets quarterly.)

#### E. Facilities

- Paul S. and Larry installed the new pantry door, and Paul will remove the plumbing.
- The new dish table (Thanks to Jim at Branesky's for free cutting.) will be installed at tomorrow's work party.
- The windows for the north room have been ordered.
- Dalen has increased signage reminding people to turn off the heaters. Bob suggested the system could be programmed to turn off.
- There will be a solar meeting Thursday, January 16 at 10. The Browns are willing to work with us on location selection.

#### F. Fundraising/Marketing

- David suggested a concert advisory committee
- Sustainable Caspar  
There was some discussion of the merits of pot luck vs. dinner.  
David suggested sending out another letter using "economic viability for small coastal communities" as an enticement for local business sponsors.

#### G. Community Planning and Outreach

- If we are interested in acquiring water, what information do we need? Paul S. will meet with Carl to define questions. What work has been done on Oscar's upper and cluster of three lower wells? How do they affect other wells? What about Ed Powers' wells?
- We have Tarbell Funds that will pay for water testing. Judy contacted Dave Jensen of County Public Health who recommended we consult with hydrologist Carl Rittiman regarding the viability of Caspar Cattle Company's wells.
- Bob will call Eric, offering, as an interested party, to pay for water testing and share the resulting information.

#### 7. New Board Members

- The Board welcomed Ed Murrell and his sister, Nan.
- Heidi will not be available until April
- Glenn thanked Paul R. for the agenda and is still interested.

#### 8. Abalone Watch

Bob will talk with Rod Jones.

#### 9. By-Laws

David reviewed the revision so far to designate which sections are required statutes and which include choices for the Board. We have our operation style and should align with what's legal. Board members will email comments to David who will make a list of substantial issues.

#### 10. Executive closed session.

David noted that while the proceedings of a closed session are not recorded, the decisions taken by the Board are part of the minutes.

The Board offered Dalen a \$1,000 bonus.

Adjourned 10:55

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Lee

## **Calendar**

Monday, January 13	Sustainable Caspar meeting
Wednesday, January 15	Letter signing 10
Thursday, January 16	USDA visit 11:30
Thursday, January 16	Solar Meeting 10
Thursday, February 6	Garden Committee, 2
Friday, February 14	Board Meeting, 9
Friday/Saturday, February 7-8	Sustainable Caspar
Sunday, March 2	Gillette-Mangsen Dinner Concert
Friday, March 14	Board Meeting, 9
Sunday, March 30	Community Meeting