

**Minutes of Caspar Community Board of Directors Meeting  
September 5, 2008**

**I. Call to Order/Present:** (Call to Order at 9:15 a.m.)

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

**Absent:** Judy Tarbell

**Staff:** Dalen Anderson.

**Guests:** Annie Lee

Quorum Declared: Yes   X   No     

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the Board meeting on August 22, 2008 were approved with corrections.

**III. Reports**

**A. Correspondence**

A letter was received from Post Office requesting installation of a handicapped parking area next to the post boxes. Alden will follow up with P Office and Dan Dickson. Information was also received on gray water systems.

**B. Treasurer**

None.

**C. Manager's Report**

The Cob Oven is in and Paul Garvin has volunteered to build a roof structure over it.

Deb Dawson is teaching a class at CR and the class project will be cooking the November dinner for the CC. A number of new dance classes are starting up at the CCC.

On Oct. 3 Jane Kroesche is sponsoring a talk on global warming. This will be the first of the community "Open House" meetings. Dave Alden said he was thinking of sponsoring a community "hootenanny"/sing along program. Early Dec. is penciled in for that.

Floor refinishing in the north room will occur Oct. 12 through 19.

CERT training will be put on at the CCC on the weekend of Oct 17-19.

**IV. Business**

**A. Mendocino Theater Event**

The Rabbit Hole event brought in \$1100 for the CC and was a success. However, a better effort could have been made to sell tickets. IN the future we should develop a list of people likely to help sell event tickets.

## **B. Kitchen Project**

The interior details are the subject of ongoing discussions. They will have to be amended to take into account the need for handicap access.

## **C. Pavilion Update**

Paul Reiber and Paul Schulman met with John Wosniak and determined a schedule. Work will begin on Sept. 16. Vegetation that we want to keep needs to be salvaged. Will have to remove 8 feet of the garden to get access for construction. A work party to salvage plants will be held on 9/15 at 11:00. Also need to coordinate with Dickson. We need to clean out the barn to provide for tool storage during construction. A barn cleanout work party will be held on 9/8. Finally, the plywood which was donated for the project needs to be picked up at the Little River Airport where it has been in storage by Mike Dell'Ara.

## **D. Gorse Control**

Volunteer forms are being submitted and are available. Bette Goldfarb is coordinating with Parks about what we want to do in the headlands. Parks also would like us to take on Jughandle, but that seems beyond our present resources. Dates are being selected for an instructional walk-through on Wednesday Sept 10. Parks may have a portable incinerator to deal with the piles of cut gorse at Jughandle.

## **E. CasparFest**

A final planning meeting will be held this Thursday Sept 9 at 11:00. One possible change is that there may not be an evening concert, since Joe Craven's partner cannot commit. Dates for the Fest are September 27 and 28.

## **F. Playground Equipment**

A meeting will be held at 11:00 on September 7 at the CC playground. Marissa Cohen is continuing to organize this effort. Two issues need to be decided by the board. 1) do we want a playground at the CCC? And 2) do we want to expend fund raising effort to raise money for it? The Mendocino playground cost \$40-50,000. Will we undercut our other fund raising efforts if money is being sought for the playground? The general sense of the board appears to be that a playground is a valuable thing to have and that fund raising should go forward. However, we would like the playground group to present us with a fundraising plan so that any potential direct conflicts, like applications for grants from the Community Foundation, for example, can be avoided.

A question was raised about when the playground is available? For example, can the community use it when the CCC is rented out for a private event, such as a wedding?

Paul Reiber is having the question of whether we have adequate insurance coverage reviewed.

The question was also raised whether it was appropriate for private event holders to advertise in such a way as to imply that their event is being sponsored by the CC. For example, Dance Jam has been advertising its event as "Caspar Community presents...."

## **G. Disaster Preparation**

We have a survey form from Health & Human Services about the CCC facilities. If we send it in, we will be included on a list of potentially available facilities they can use, and augment with supplies, in the event of a disaster. Discussion about whether this was a good idea, as opposed to being independently self sufficient as a disaster center, led to the

conclusion that the two were not mutually incompatible, and that we should be on the county list of potentially available centers. CERT training will be Oct. 17-19 at the CCC.

### **H. Community Meeting Agenda**

The agenda for the next Community Meeting should include: A State of Caspar Address from the President; announcement of the Caspar Community Free Event; the gorse project, eucalyptus removal; the PG&E policy in re herbicide use; an update on the kitchen and pavilion projects; the playground proposal; CasparFest; and fire safety issues generally.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:00 a.m.