

Caspar Community Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting under Shelter in Place order
February 5, 2021

Board Members:

Present: Dalen Anderson, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Paul Reiber, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: Sienna M Potts, Lea Stedman, Marie Jones, Gowan Batist, Judy Tarbell, Aaron Hult

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Paul Reiber.
2. Minutes: 1/15/2021 minutes were approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input:

Marie Jones shared a presentation on gorse eradication options ([attached](#)), requesting input on priorities for follow-up after last year's work. Aaron Hult, of the County Agricultural Department, said that in 2020 they received a one-year state grant for \$40,000, which was spent on the Caspar gorse eradication project, along with funds from Caspar FireSafe Council and landowners. This year the County has received an 18-month grant of \$32,000 and Aaron expects one more 18-month grant. Aaron is considering buying a \$30,000 “diesel powered steam machine” that would cook soil surface, killing seeds. The purchase would use up most of the budget for 18 months. Aaron said the County could “contribute some man hours” toward using the machine in Caspar. After discussion, Marie agreed to set up a virtual meeting for County, landowners, Caspar Board, and interested community members.
5. Correspondence:

PG&E will be changing our rate plan on our EV Charging station connection only from A1 Small General Service to Standard Small Business Plan. California Coastal Commission sent a notice of Virtual Public Hearing on Accessory Dwelling Units, February 12, 9 am ([agenda item F8b](#)).

Mickie Zekley has called and emailed to request access to our wifi. Sienna has fixed our internet connection internally but we have no safety measures in place to share it publicly. Caspar Community may be able to support public internet access in town by getting involved with the [Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County](#).
6. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna reported that the donor thank you letters ([attached](#)) went out by email.

Lea shared her renter's guidebook ([attached](#)) for feedback.
 - B. Finance/Treasurer

Nothing to report.

Next Finance Committee meeting is February 18, 10 am.
 - C. Caspar Community Garden

Rochelle reported that four gardeners attended the meeting on February 4. There are currently eight gardeners. Bed fees are due April 15. The east side of the garden is flooded, as it is each winter. More wood chips appeared unexpectedly and may be available. Next Garden Committee meeting is May 6, 2 pm.

D. Facilities

Terry Babich will be replacing the burners on the heater in the solarium and kitchen, fixing the motor and replacing burners in the north room heater, as well as replacing all intake filters.

Judy Tarbell changed the padlocks on the trailer to weatherproof keyed locks. She will drop a key by to keep in the office.

Dalen will unplug the fridge and turn off the stove pilot lights after cooking the Valentine Dinner.

No Facilities Committee meeting scheduled.

E. Fundraising/Marketing

There are 49 reservations for the Valentines Dinner and if all goes as well as expected, we may have a new activity.

No Fundraising Committee meeting scheduled.

F. Community Planning/Development

Paul Schulman proposed that Caspar Community, Inc. adopt a resolution written by Mendocino Trail Stewards ([attached](#)).

Discussion tabled to allow more time to read and respond to the resolution text.

No Community Meeting scheduled.

G. Human Resources

No Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled.

H. Preparedness

Next Preparedness Meeting is February 22, 7 pm.

Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

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