

Caspar Community Board Meeting  
Virtual Meeting under Shelter in Place order  
February 19, 2021

Board Members:

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

*Absent:* Glenn Rude

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* Sienna M Potts, Lea Stedman, Judy Tarbell

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Paul Reiber.
2. Minutes: 2/5/2021 minutes were approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: the resolution proposed by Mendocino Trail Stewards (MTS) was withdrawn from the agenda at Paul Schulman's request.
4. Community comments and input:

Sienna expressed her personal dismay as a community member about the response by the Board President to a community member (below). She believes that in official emails, the Board President speaks for the full Board, and only after consulting with them, and for the community as a whole; any expression by the Board President in response to a communication with the whole Board should be considered "official." In the interests of avoiding "East vs. West Caspar feuds," the Board and its President must not act divisively. She noted that "Our precious community is comprised of strong personalities who work together until we reach consensus. If one person on a seven member board is brave enough to dissent, that person most likely represents others in our community, and, historically, respect for dissenters has been a Caspar value as well as a fruitful source for community development. We must continue in this same spirit to preserve the balance of our community." Annie said, "Hear, hear." Paul Schulman nodded. Bob said "I think it's fine to share opinions about an upcoming agenda item with somebody who's interested in it but whether or not that needs to be disseminated to the entire Board, I don't think it's always appropriate. But just because you're on the Board doesn't mean you can't have an opinion." The meeting was interrupted and the subject dropped.
5. Correspondence:

Michael Potts wrote to ask that the Board not adopt the MTS resolution: "I completely honor your rights, as individuals, to support the MTS agenda. However, I believe the current resolution, as written, reaches far beyond the rightful purview of Caspar Community and risks the community we enjoy, and therefore should not be adopted by the Caspar Board." ([full letter attached](#))

The Valentine's Day Dinner received some nice feedback from diners. Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group requested help publicizing their [Cultivation Expansion Survey 2021](#).
6. Committee and Staff Reports

- A. Office Manager, Event Manager  
Sienna reported that Dalen & the Caspar Kitchen crew served 74 dinners, raising \$2,000 for Caspar Community. Thank you!  
Lea reported that two weddings have just been canceled, one in May and one in July.
- B. Finance/Treasurer  
Jim Tarbell researched bonds and other possible investments.  
Without tying up the money for 5-7 years, we are getting a better rate by leaving our money in our Schwab bank account.  
Next Finance Committee meeting is March 16, 10 am.
- C. Caspar Community Garden  
Rochelle reported that the garden is in winter mode and there is one new gardener. Bed fees are due April 15.  
Next Garden Committee meeting is May 6, 2 pm.
- D. Facilities  
Lea asked anybody seeing suspicious activity around the Center to notify her. She has seen a transient man who is known in Fort Bragg to be confrontational. She advises not interacting with him but letting her know and she will notify the appropriate authority.  
Bob requested that a plan for regular testing and maintenance for the Center systems be established. Lea is working on a handbook that will include a schedule of annual tasks. Lea will work with Bob to take over tasks that he and Merideth Frey have been handling.  
No Facilities Committee meeting scheduled.
- E. Fundraising/Marketing  
Lea is considering a Saint Patrick's Day event. She will send an invitation to the next meeting.  
Next Fundraising Committee meeting is February 20, 10 am.
- F. Community Planning/Development  
The continued Gorse Abatement project was considered, but no action planned.  
No Community Meeting scheduled.
- G. Human Resources  
No Human Resources Committee meeting scheduled.
- H. Caspar Prepared  
In place of the general meeting, Eric Stromberger will be hosting a Basic Radio Communications training by Zoom on Monday, February 22 at 4:30 pm.

Board meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Sienna M Potts.

Wondering what's going on at the Center?  
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