

Caspar Community Board Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
March 4, 2022

Board Members:

*Present:* Dalen Anderson, Ariana Bayer, Rochelle Elkan, Robert Frey, Annie Lee, Glenn Rude, Paul Schulman, Judy Tarbell

*Absent:* Star Decker, Paul Reiber, Lea Stedman

*Quorum present?* Yes

*Others Present:* Sienna M Potts, Lisa Weg

Proceedings

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Vice President Annie Lee
2. Minutes: February 18, 2022 minutes were approved.
3. Changes to the Agenda: none.
4. Community comments and input:  
Bob Frey reported that one of Michael Steel's older llamas passed away.
5. Correspondence:  
A neighbor reported that they don't like the scotch brooms piles that were cut down by the volunteer group from State Parks and Michael Potts and Sienna. Amelia Schall was going to check with her manager whether burning is an option. But there were several board members who objected to this option.

It was reported that Michael St. John was going to do some chipping of gorse on the East Side and someone from the board is going to look into that, however, no machinery can be used on the Headland. Sienna reported that leaving the piles as is, is the best solution because it will compost back into the soil for sustainability.

6. Committee and Staff Reports

A. Office Manager, Event Manager

Sienna reported that she may have Jury Duty next Tuesday and will not be in the office during office hours and she will not be in the office for her birthday, Tuesday, March 22.

Sienna received \$4,500 from Monkey for the trailer, to be deposited and allocated to the Emergency Preparedness Fund.

A credit card from Savings Bank was approved. Sienna will switch over the Ooma payments & Bob will transfer the sat phone account over to us.

Lea reported by email and sent a pdf to the board about the [Birthday Party Plan](#)

B. Finance/Treasurer

Sienna is meeting with bookkeeper Ruth Dobberpuhl the week of the March 7th

Next Finance Committee meeting is Thursday, March 17, 10am

C. Caspar Community Garden

Rochelle reported that there was a garden workday on Saturday, February 26 at 2pm and we worked on cleaning the shed, discussed compost protocol, setting up a dump run, greenhouse space and tools, and purchasing compost for the gardeners.

Next Garden Committee meeting is May 5, 2 pm. Rochelle will be out of town the first week of May and is asking the gardeners to change it the meeting to May 12, 2pm

#### D. Facilities

Backyard Planning. Bob stated that in the planning for the Backyard we need to consider underground areas, maintenance (mowing) and drainage

No Facilities Committee meeting scheduled.

#### E. Fundraising/Marketing

The Birthday Party Committee meeting was inspiring and Mike Dell'Ara said he would be able to host Joe Craven and family for the Birthday Party event. Paul S. got in touch with Bug Guts and they are interested in performing.

Backyard Committee meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Birthday Party Committee meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am

Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Jima Abbott is making the poster and will be postering. Dalen will get the menu to Sienna next week. All volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated and in addition have a booster shot. All inside diners are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated and in addition have a booster shot.

#### F. Community Planning/Development

Rochelle reported that 25 people showed up to the Caspar Community Zoom meeting on February 27, 2022.

Except for the glitch at the beginning, I thought the meeting went well. Michael St. John and Patty Parks-Wasserman talked about the duck pond being a community resource and wildlife sanctuary. They understand the need for the pond to provide fire protection when needed. Patty wants to develop permaculture education in a self-sufficient and sustainable way.

Josh MacDonald and Ariana Bayer talked about the water system that currently has 8 connections plus Caspar Community and is working with the County for County guidelines. A public water system would need to be regulated, have new treatments, fire service, new pipes, and development fees

Mike Dell'Ara gave a short presentation on the history of Caspar. In 1996 a group decided to take charge of the community. Set up a 100 year plan with help from Randy Hester from Berkeley, who with students made a [town plan that is online](#). We had a lot of resources to help us acquire the 70 plus acres with an ocean view that was bought by Coastal Conservancy and then sold to the State of California. We purchased the Caspar Community Center in 2001. We had an open and collaborative attitude; Caspar is a state of mind, we are proactive not reactive and we govern by consensus.

There was a Questions and Comments section after the presentations, and they were focused on housing, water and the duck pond.

One of the committee members suggested having the next community meeting on the 4th Sunday in April.

G. Staff Support Committee

Lea has a candidate for cleaning but she was "suddenly not available" for the meeting at which the SSC was going to meet her.

No Staff Support Committee meeting scheduled.

H. Preparedness

Lisa Weg reported that she purchased containers for items in the garage

Lisa wants to set up with MCN, a mailing list (approximately 200 people) to be used by the Preparedness Committee. The board accepted the recommendation as prepared by the committee to use our non-profit status to do this.

Next Preparedness Meeting is March 28.

Board meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rochelle Elkan, board secretary

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