

Caspar Community Board Meeting

September 8, 2023

Board Members:

Present: Suzanne Jennings, Rochelle Elkan, Paul Schulman, Dalen Anderson, Bob Frey, Ariana Bayer, Glenn Rude, Annie Lee

Absent: Judy Tarbell, Paul Reiber, Sienna Potts

Others Present: Nick Gueli, Michael StJohn

Quorum present? Yes

- I. Meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by President Ariana Bayer
- II. Minutes: 8/25/23 minutes were approved.
- III. Changes to the Agenda: none
- IV. Community comments and input: Michael St. John reported on Gorse Eradication. See Gorse section at end of minutes
- V. Correspondence: Mendocino Land Trust responded to our letter, [Letter to Mendocino Land Trust](#), saying that they do not have a relationship with Charge Point and we should get in touch with State Parks.
- VI. Committee and Staff Reports
 - A. Office Manager: Rochelle reported that she is picking up the mail, writing checks and making deposit while Sienna is gone for three weeks.
 - B. Finance/Treasurer: nothing to report
 - C. Staff Support Committee: Ariana is waiting to hear from the West Company about support.
 - D. Caspar Community Events & Fundraising: Next Fundraising meeting is Wednesday, September 20th at 1pm.
- VII. Caspar Community Center
 - A. Rental Manager & Committee: MendoClean is coming on a more regular schedule
 - B. Facilities: Paul S. and Bob will set up appointment with Jason to discuss the battery project.
 - C. Caspar Community Garden meeting is Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 11am. Potluck. One garden bed is available.
 - D. Communications: nothing at this time
- VIII. Caspar Community Planning
 - A. Community Meetings: Dalen suggested we have a Gorse Forum to discuss how to deal with Gorse Eradication
 - B. Patio Planning: Paul S. is going to set up an appointment with James Benedetto.
 - C. Annie is working on setting up a go bag workshop for September 23rd.
 - D. Gorse Project Gorse Eradication Project. Helene Chalfin identified 20 local parcels that need eradication. Michael St. John suggested some possibilities after the gorse is ground up; bio-char, compost, feed to goats. Jim Gibson worked on a video project of a gorse walking tour. Helene Chalfin suggested; experimental one acre plots to be rototilled and covered with compost from Brewery. Ariana, Paul S, Nick, Michael St. John, and Dalen will work on setting up a Gorse Forum for a Community Meeting in the future. A resource was suggested: <https://gorseactiongroup.org>
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rochelle Elkan