

## CAPE MEARES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community Meeting November 12, 2016

1. Meeting called to order by acting president, Charles Anson at 10:02am, Saturday, November 12, 2016. Thank you Charles for stepping in to fill the void as acting president

### 2. Approval of agenda

The agenda was reviewed by Charles and a motion to approve the agenda was proposed by Chris Spence and seconded by Mike Neal. The motion was approved unanimously

### 3. Review of last meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was proposed by Mike Neal and seconded by Deborah Neal. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### 4. Announcements

The CMCA Bylaws allow the Board to fill a vacancy on the Board and Charles was very happy to announce that Jenny Stanley has been approved by the Board to fill one of two vacant positions. Thank you Jenny for being willing to give your time to the community. There is one other open seat on the Board which is open to nomination of any resident of Cape Meares. If anyone is interested, please contact Charles Anson or any other member of the Board

Chris Spence has resigned as President of the CMCA Board and from the CMCA Board. Chris has done a great job leading the organization and is always been willing to pitch in and lend a hand. We all thank Chris for his many years of service

Charles also announced that Deborah Neal has been elected President of the Board as of January 1, 2017, she has agreed to serve until June 30, 2017. The Board is excited that Deborah has agreed to take on this responsibility.

## Old Business

### 5. Treasurer's Report

Anita reviewed the finances. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, CMCA has the following balances in our accounts

Checking account: \$8,934.07

Emergency supplies: \$50.00

General fund reserves: \$1,500

Property reserves: \$4,462.06

### 6. Social Chair's Report

Deborah Neal gave the Social Chairs report. There have been many great events and people are encouraged to attend the upcoming carol singing on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and the New Year's party. This year the New Year party will begin at 6:00pm and the new year will be welcomed at midnight New York time (9:00pm on the West Coast).

Deborah will be leaving the post of Social Chair to take on the responsibility of CMCA Board President. We all want to thank Deborah for her excellent work as Social Chair; you have made

a big difference organizing events to stimulate social interaction in the community. As we currently don't have a social chair, anyone who is interested is encouraged to sign-up to host a potluck or other event. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board on the entrance to the community center or contact Deborah. Deborah has offered her services as a highly paid consultant to help people learn what it takes to host these events. In addition to Deborah's list of events, if anyone would like to start a new tradition or put on a new event, we welcome their creativity and enthusiasm and will all try to attend the event

The Christmas party is on Dec. 10th from 6:00 to 9:00 be sure to bring an appropriate gift for the white elephant gift exchange.

We all want to thank Deborah for her excellent work as Social Chair; you have made a big difference in our community by organizing events to encourage social interaction... Thank you.

## **7. Building Chairs' Report**

- a. Mike and Patti Smith gave the Building Committee report
- b. 6 new tables have been purchased and will replace some of the old and dilapidated tables
- c. A new water filter has been installed on the kitchen faucet. Please only filter the cold water for drinking. Community Center drinking water lead testing results showed that lead levels from some faucets in the community Center are detectable. While all the concentrations are within levels that USEPA considers safe to drink, the watermaster would like to see no detectable lead. Sources of lead may be old copper pipe or faucets. Chris Spence has offered to look at all piping under the building to see if there is old piping
- d. The emergency defibrillator has been refurbished and new batteries installed
- e. One member of the firefighting team has stepped down and we now have 3 volunteers. If anyone would like to join the fire fighters, please contact Mike Smith. Big thanks to all of our fire fighters, having a volunteer fire fighting team substantially reduces all of our house insurance premiums and makes us all feel safer

Thank you Patti and Mike for your excellent work keeping the Community Center in such excellent shape and making it a wonderful center of our community

## **8. Bayocean Spit**

John and Charles reviewed the current approaches to protection of the Spit. After attempts to change the zoning of the Spit failed at the County Commission level, other alternatives for long term protection have been reviewed. As we all know, the Spit is seeing increased use and our objectives are to maintain the Spit for natural recreation in its current natural state, provide some funding for maintenance/sanitation and prevent organized campsites.

The strategy is to work with Tillamook County to transfer ownership of County land to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) with appropriate easements placed on the property by the County to prevent campsites or other development (Tillamook County owns about 90% of the Spit). While OPRD has limited funding, they do have more resources than the county and an infrastructure to help protect and maintain State Lands. Commissioner Josi is taking the lead for the county in discussions with OPRD and the first meeting to initiate

negotiations is set for late November. John and Charles met with Commissioner Josi last week and he is in agreement with the strategy.

It is expected this will be a long process that may take several years, Commissioner Josi has agreed to keep us informed of progress and we will keep the community informed through NextDoor and Community Meetings. We would like to recognize the support that we are getting from Cameron LaFollette at Oregon Coast Alliance

#### **9. Coleman Creek**

Ollie, Mike and Charles have spent lots of time inspecting the Creek and road beside the CMCA land looking for damming or water buildup. Fortunately the creek has cut into the area of water buildup last winter and reduced the water buildup behind the partially clogged culvert. Employees from the Oceanside Water District (OWD) estimate erosion of the cut has resulted in the water level behind the culvert being several feet lower and the risk of flooding has been substantially reduced. Thanks Ollie, Mike and Charles for all of your time working on this issue

However, lower down up 5<sup>th</sup> street and close to where the old water tank was situated is still sloughing into the creek and there is concern this might block the creek and lead to dangerous water buildup. If the creek stops flowing this may indicate the stream has been dammed and could cause a mud slide. If anyone notices there is no flow in the creek, this could indicate a dangerous mud slide and they should call 911 to report it.

### **New Business**

#### **10. FEMA Grant and Emergency Preparedness**

Tillamook Fire Chief Rick Adams now has the paper work for the grant for emergency preparedness. Mike Neal will meet with the Fire Chief to discuss what the grant money may be used for.

Mike is planning to make sure that by the end of the year we have purchased community radios and have a training program. It should be noted these radios require training and there are FCC rules that must be understood and followed for people planning to use the radios

#### **11. Jane Spence Memorial**

Charles explained that Jane was a very active member of our community who brought people together and made Cape Meares a better place to live. Charles discussed with Chris what would be a fitting memorial to Jane in the community. Chris indicated that Jane had been very interested in the emergency planning efforts in Cape Meares and suggested that the new emergency storage facility on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street be named "The Carole Jane" and he agreed to make a donation to help get our fund for this facility started and encourage others to also contribute.

#### **12. Fund Drive**

Each year in December CMCA has an appeal for funds to support the organization. Because of community generosity and careful stewarding of funds, we have enough money on hand to support the organization through 2017 (as long as no emergency charges). Discussion followed. A motion was proposed by Chris Spence and seconded by Anita Johanson that this year's fund raiser will be focused on raising funds to build and stock emergency shelters. The motion was passed unanimously. Thank you Anita for arranging the fund raising letter

**13. Land Stimson donated to CMCA**

Stimson Timber donated about 106 acres to CMCA in 2007. There is a landslide on the land and concern about risks and liabilities for this land. In particular, a culvert under the road got plugged last year and there was a threat of water building up and causing a mud slide into Cape Meares – see Item 9, Coleman Creek above.

Discussion followed about whether CMCA should work to dispose of the land to avoid liability and pass it to an organization with experience in managing this type of land. The decision needs to be a community decision and not a Board decision. The Board will make a recommendation to the community

John Harland agreed to have a meeting with our insurance company to discuss liability and risk mitigation

**Community Discussion**

**14. Loop Road**

A question was asked about the status of repair of the loop road to Oceanside. Charles responded: The County commissioners want to repair the road and have found sufficient resources to build the road. The final route to avoid the slide area has not yet been determined. OWD is working with the Road Dept. to avoid possible contamination to the proposed Cape Meares drinking water supply in Coleman Creek. If the road is moved further uphill, the Oceanside Water District may need to move the Point of Diversion for the proposed new water intake for Cape Meares into a new location upstream from the road. It should be expected the road will still take another 2 or more years to be built.

**Adjournment**

No further business: Charles adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Board Members in attendance

Charles Ansorge	Mike Smith	Anita Johanson
Jenny Stanley	Patti Smith	John Harland
Deborah Neal		

Community Members in attendance

Rob Friedman	Barbara Blenda Webster
Bev Stein	Tasha Webster
Andy Ayers	Marcille Ansorge
Brad Ayers	Mike Neal
Arla Ayers	Tomé

Respectfully Submitted,

John Harland, Secretary