

CAPE MEARES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 31, 2016
2:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Charles Ansoerge
Marcille Ansoerge
Kevin Burke
John Harland

Anita Johanson
Deborah Neal
Mike Neal
Mike Smith

Patti Smith
Chris Spence

1. Call the Meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by the president, Charles Ansoerge.

2. Approval of Agenda

Charles added three items to the agenda under the New Business.

These were: (1) Discussion of Stimson Property, (2) Board election in May, (3) Fund raising options.

Mike Neal moved and Kevin Burke seconded that we accept the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

3. GUESTS: Mike Neal

4. Approve the Minutes of October 18, 2015

Mike Neal moved and John Harland seconded that we accept the minutes of the October 18, 2015 meeting. Motion passed

5. Review the Financial Statements as of January 31, 2016 (Anita Johanson)

A. Results of 2015 Fundraiser

Anita Johanson, treasurer, reported that to date \$6,049.00 has been received for the fundraiser. Costs for postage, paper and envelopes for expenses for fundraising totaled \$214.06. Sixty-two different families contributed to the fundraising. The goal was \$5050.00. There may be additional contributions from matching funds.

Anita reported a balance of \$9,422.67 in the treasury. Money was received in the amount of \$4,159.42 for the PUD grant. Expenses include paying the hydrologist/geologist \$2,531.00 and Liberty Mutual Insurance \$854.00.

B. Proposed Budget for 2016

Anita presented a budget of \$5,500.00. The amounts are the same as last year except for the budget for social costs, which was increased from \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00. The amount actually spent last year was \$1600.00 for social events. Mike Neal moved and Kevin seconded that we approve the budget. Deborah amended the motion to add an item of \$200.00 for printing costs for board members. Patti seconded the amendment to the motion. Mike Neal moved and Mike S. seconded that we accept the amended motion for a budget of \$5,700.00. The motion passed.

6. REPORTS

A. **Social Chair** (Deborah Neal)

Our Holiday Party attracted a large crowd this year, and the food was delicious. There was some confusion on the part of new neighbors as to the attraction of the cat on a green background, but over time, they will come to appreciate the subtlety of such icons. Our dear Leader, Charles Ansorge, seemed underwhelmed by his gift of earthquake glue, but perhaps next year, he will draw the cat on a green background and feel better. Overall, the gift exchange was, per usual, filled with the flotsam and jetsam of Cape Meares everyday life.

The Caroling Party in 2015 was decimated by the serious epidemic of strong voices recovering at home from illness, so those who arrived to sing hit the street and visited the front porches of their fellow Christmas Carol enthusiasts and sang until they were begged to stop. They shall remain mercifully nameless, but you know who you are, and you know where you went that night between showers.

New Year's Eve was its usual happy, rowdy decadent free for all and the silent auction was exceptionally silent, as most were celebrating just making it through to New Year's Eve. The ice cream was popular, as were the desserts people brought. It was an excellent end to 2015.

December was the rehearsal for the Tsunami with the rain coming in huge waves and slamming the hillsides instead of the beach. During the month, the social committee found it appropriate to put out groceries - milk, eggs, bread, cheese, and various odds and ends in the Community Center to assist those who weren't ready to be shut off from civilization when the road washed out. It would seem to be a good idea in the future to have such supplies on hand for non-earthquake emergencies, when the Community Center might be a refuge for people escaping the hills from landslide or fire. We also learned that bottled water might well be needed for medical purposes, even if there happens to be drinking water in the creeks. Another lesson we learned is that the creeks flow very muddy for a long time after landslides, so having bottled water on hand will be useful.

The next event will be the February potluck on the fourth Saturday. Deborah may also arrange a poetry reading at some time during the month of February.

B. **Building and Grounds** (Mike and Patti Smith)

Patti Smith reported that the building has been reserved by Pete Steen for a two-hour Emergency Sanitation Workshop on March 19. Time for the workshop will be 10 AM to Noon.

Mike and Patti attempted to move the large rhododendron to the south of the CMCA building but were not able to dig it out of the ground. They did remove a smaller one from the back of the building and replanted it near the water pump station. Spike and Randy Klobas have donated grasses to plant and more rhododendrons are planned to be moved. This as well as pruning of plants will be done at a workday some time in the spring.

Mike S. commented that the first movie night using the TV donated by Kathy and Kevin Burke was successful. He suggested that in the future the movie nights be held apart from potlucks since some of those attending prefer to socialize after the meal rather than watch the movie.

C. Update Re Proposed Spit Rezoning (John Harland)

John reported that he and Charles A. continue to work with Cameron LaFollette from ORCA to follow developments regarding the proposed rezoning. At its November meeting, the County Planning Commission had recommended to the County Commissioners to rezone the Spit from Recreation Management to Recreation Natural.

At this point, the County Commissioners are reviewing the recommendation in light of a threatened lawsuit from landowner Mr. Bernards, due to the cost of the defense to the County.

An alternative plan is to undertake a buyout of the larger privately owned properties on the Spit.

John commented that CMCA would like to see action take place soon since Mark Labhart, a County Commissioner possibly in favor of the change will be retiring from the position at the end of the year. At the present time 4 candidates have announced running for the position. A primary will be held in May and if one of the candidates receives over 50% of the vote, she/he will be the new Commissioner starting in January 2017. If no candidate receives 50% of the vote, there will be a run-off election in November.

Members of the CMCA Board feel that it would be of interest to invite the candidates to speak here before the primary to know their views on the change of the spit as well as other issues that affect Cape Meares residents. Charles A will contact the candidates to determine their willingness to come and possible dates for doing so.

D. Emergency Preparedness Progress Report (Mike Neal)

Mike reported on items for the shed. Individual kits would be available for non-residents in Cape Meares at the time of a disaster; the purpose is for their psychological well being knowing they have some items available.

Mike would like to have a decision made regarding what community supplies to have in the sheds. There are many possible ways of doing this, all right. He asked for volunteers to help make the decision. Kevin and Mike S offered to help and will meet on Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:30 pm.

A grant has been applied to Homeland Security for four additional sheds and supplies at a cost of \$10,000 each.

Charles would like to have a dedication for the completed shed on 7th Street. Chris suggested this be done after a decision has been made about the supplies. Three to four hundred hours of volunteer hours were dedicated to the construction of the shed and Chris was able to get good prices on materials so that the cost was about half of one already constructed.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Agenda for February CMCA Meeting

The February meeting, a community meeting, is scheduled for Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 am. Charles asked for items for the agenda. Deborah suggested scheduling a work date. Kevin suggested an update on roadwork on Bayocean Road.

B. Procedures for managing money received for CMCA matters

Anita Johanson, treasurer, asked that this be deferred to a future meeting.

E. Other?

There were no additional items under old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Response to Weather Emergencies in December

Charles reported that he has prepared a report of the weather events in December that caused road closures for Cape Meares. He applauded Chris Spence who stepped in to keep in contact with the Public Works to make certain that residents were able to leave and return. Chris also made a decision to hire a geologist/hydrologist to determine the extent of the threat of washouts and landslides, due to a blocked culvert, at the site of the old water tank on 5th Street.

Chris asked that there be procedures for dealing with emergencies. Charles said that we need to determine what property CMCA owns and have a formal opinion from an attorney to determine its liability. He received a report from Hudson Insurance Company, which said that at the present time, it is important to monitor the area. If anyone sees anything for concern, they should call 911.

B. Setting aside funds in Unrestricted Reserve

Anita Johanson, treasurer, suggested that CMCA have an unrestricted reserve fund that would be a savings account separate from the checking account and that these funds would be reserved for emergency situations. These funds could not be used without the approval of the Board. The money in this fund would be approximately the difference between the budgeted amount and the additional money in the treasury. Mike N moved and Kevin seconded a motion that the Board work in the direction of setting up such an account. After further discussion,

the motion was withdrawn because members felt there should be further information given about such an account and that further discussion will take place at the next Board meeting in April.

C. Other

1. Discussion of Stimson Property.

This item was discussed under New Business, Item A.

2. Board election in May.

Charles announced that there would be 3 seats open on the Board to be elected at the May 3 General Meeting. The members whose terms are expiring are John Harland, Anita Johanson, and Kevin Burke. All three may continue to serve. Charles and Chris Spence will serve on the nominating committee.

3. Fund raising options

An organization had contacted Charles to help with fundraising at a cost but since CMCA had a successful outcome at a minimal cost, there was no discussion on the item.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mike N. moved and Mike S. seconded that we adjourn.

Mike S. announced that the Spit Road is in need of repair for purposes of firefighting and that the Firemen are contacting the Corps of Engineers to try to get this done.

ALL REGULAR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO CAPE MEARES RESIDENTS. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED.