

CAPE MEARES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, May 9, 2015, 10 AM
Cape Meares Community Center
5690 4th St. NW

- I. Call Meeting to Order at 10 AM – President Charles Ansoerge
- II. Those Present: Mike Neal, John Hammond, Alice Simpson, Adrian Johanson, Keith Johanson, Veronica Paracchini, Bob Garrigues, Kathy Burke, Carolyn Ollikainen, Robert Ollikainen, Marcille Ansoerge, Jane Spence, David Freitas, Ruth Freitas, Mike Smith, Patti Smith, Deborah Neal, Kevin Burke, Charles Ansoerge, Chris Spence, Anita Johanson.
- III. Announcements:
 - a. Charles asked that those present review for accuracy their personal information in the Cape Meares directory, which is maintained for use by the CMCA board, the fire dept., and the water company. He stressed that the information is not made otherwise public, and the information in the directory is not to be used for marketing purposes.
 - b. New residents and owners in Cape Meares include Dustin Young and Franny Cumberlandin, Ruth and David Freitas, Gary Burke, and the new owners of Ceil Downing's place.
- IV. Charles introduced Jerry Sutherland from Portland. Jerry operates a blog at www.BayOcean.net, and had been invited by Charles to address the meeting. Jerry's goal with his blog is to record and encourage conversation about the BayOcean Spit. Jerry spoke about what he has learned in visits to the Spit. For instance, the United States Geological Survey had attached an initial point monument to the chimney of the BayOcean Hotel. The compass coordinates for this monument are a matter of record. Thus, if one wishes to stand exactly on the point where the old hotel chimney once was, one can program those coordinates into one's GPS. (Hint – you will be on the beach.) Also available are the coordinates for the old Mitchell Store. Charles asked Jerry what the most interesting piece of information he had learned about the Spit. Jerry thought that would have to be the vegetation lines on Tillamook County tax maps that show the original shape of the Spit, and the current shape, and thus show the change that has occurred. Deborah Neal commented about the prehistoric stumps and organic debris that are sometimes visible at low tide. She also commented that an entertainment venue with offerings similar to those in the Bayocean Spit development was attempted in Eugene in the 1910 era. Jerry asked that anyone with information about buildings moved off the spit please contact him. He can be reached at jerry@BayOcean.net Charles asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Mike Neal so moved, Deborah Neal seconded, and the motion passed.

- V. Charles asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2015 general meeting. Mike Neal so moved, Mike Smith seconded, and the motion was passed with no objection.
- VI. Financial Report (Anita Johanson).
- a. Anita Johanson presented the year-end financial statement. This statement includes the operating budget and the Schoolhouse Preservation Fund.
 - b. Charles asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Jane Spence so moved, Mike Neal seconded, and the motion passed with no objection. A copy of the statement is attached to these minutes.
 - c. Anita reported that she and Charles met with the agent from Bliss insurance, an agency that handles only non-profit organizations. Bliss is able to offer us more than double the coverage both in Director and Officers' insurance, and in our various liability coverages, at approximately the same cost as our current coverage. Our liability coverages include a commercial policy for the building and grounds, and separate liability coverage for the land owned by the association, consisting of 102 acres south of the community.
 - d. It was pointed out that the acreage owned is, essentially, the slide area. Discussion followed regarding why we own this land. Mike Neal moved that "The Board make it a high priority action item to study the advisability of CMCA owning the land, and to report and the August meeting." Chris Spence seconded. The motion passed, and further discussion ensued. It was suggested that no trespassing signs be posted on the property. Olli Ollikainen stated that such are obnoxious. Keith Johanson compared the property to an attractive nuisance such as a swimming pool, that, even though fenced, is still a liability to the owner. John Hammond asked if there is a benefit of owning the property that we would lose, should it be sold.
- VII. Social Chair Report (Deborah Neal)
- a. Deborah Neal reported. She said the Board is looking for a way to make a more accurate guess as to how much food should be purchased for the three large yearly picnic events. She suggested that the events could be potluck only, no grilling. Veronica Paracchini suggested providing grills for people to do their own grilling. Olli stated he would just stay home and grill. Mike Neal stated it sounded like the Board was looking for a way to reduce work for themselves, but this was not a service to the community. It was stated that we are trying to solve the food ordering problem, and the long lines that occurred last 4th of July. It was stated that there are plenty of local community organizations that would accept leftover food and see that it got to those who needed it.
 - b. Deborah Neal stated that RSVPs would be used as a trial for the Memorial Day event.
 - c. Deborah stated that the 4th of July party would have an Emergency Preparedness theme. There would be a presentation on the subject,

childrens activities will be organized around the Red Cross "Pillowcase Project." Booths would be set up along the food line to highlight different topics. Volunteers are needed to man the booths. Volunteers will be incentivized by going to the front of the food line. Contact Deborah at dct.neal@gmail.com.

VIII. Building Report (Patti and Mike Smith).

- a. Mike Smith reported that the building will be closed for a week starting May 11th, Monday, so that the floors may be sanded and refinished.
- b. Mike reported that the building was used 54 times in 2014.
- c. The cycling group, 4K for Cancer that was served lunch in the community center last year will be arriving on August 4th. We plan to feed them again this year. The 4K for Cancer is a program of the [Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults](#). The Ulman Cancer Fund is a non-profit organization that changes lives by creating a community of support for young adults, and their loved ones, as they fight cancer and embrace survivorship. Since 2001, groups of college students have undertaken journeys across America with the goal of offering hope, inspiration and support to cancer communities along the way. In 2014, 139 4K for Cancer participants traveled across America and were able to raise over a million dollars to support young adults affected by cancer. Last year's event was very touching as these young people dipped their bike tires into the Pacific Ocean, having traveled here from the Atlantic ocean. Volunteers are welcome to help! Contact Keith or Anita Johanson at reigning@charter.net.
- d. Kevin and Kathy Burke have donated their flat screen TV to the schoolhouse as it is too large to fit their new house. The TV will arrive as the Burks' belongings migrate from storage to Cape Meares.
- e. The community stepped up to a very successful yard work party in April. Eighteen people worked a total of 40 hours. The community Center grounds are beautiful! The miscellaneous trim carpentry inside and out is almost done. It will be ready for painting after the week of June 1st.

IX. Old Business

- a. Mike Neal reported on the tsunami storage shed project. Mike reported that the goal of the project is to meet our greatest vulnerabilities, that of a disaster event that could occur on a holiday weekend when up to 400 people could be (and have been in the past) present in Cape Meares. Most of these people would have no preparation awareness of a disaster event. The four small sheds, one at each Temporary Tsunami Assembly point, would store community-use supplies and gear to support those people for a week. Additionally, there would be room for a limited amount of gear for personal use. CMCA received a grant from TPUD to partially fund construction of the sheds. The design has been completed and sites have been approved by the county road department, with input from residents

that might be affected by the location. The goal is to have all four sheds completed by the end of the year, and one completed, or a model completed to show on July 4th. The grant will cover construction of two units. Additional funds need to be raised to build the other two units and to stock all four units.

- b. Chris Spence reported on the speed limit and signage project. The new speed limit on BayOcean Rd. is 45 MPH from the Hyw. 131 intersection to a point just west of the Meares Lake boat ramp, at which point the limit drops to 25 MPH. There are new yellow advisory signs at the Spit road which are intended to slow traffic past the lake near the fishing folks, and into town. The new advisory speed thru the tight turns just west of the lake is 15 MPH. Two signs with graphics of children fishing are planned. Thanks to Mary Gordon for spearheading this project.
- c. The question was asked about a dock to move some of the fishing off the roadway. It was stated that a floating dock had been tried once, and it broke up in the winter storms. A fixed dock on pilings might fare better.
- d. Charles Ansorge reported on the work being done on behalf of Spit protection. An attempt to build an "eco-resort" was defeated earlier in the year. Ansorge and John Harland are leading an effort to have the Spit rezoned from Recreation Management to Recreation Natural. This effort has the support of the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners and the county planning staff. Public hearings on this matter are likely to be held in June or July. Rezoning the Spit is a logical step. Three attempts have been made over the last 10 years to develop on the Spit, only to run into a host of restrictive use overlays that make development impossible. Nevertheless, there will most likely be opposition to the rezoning effort. A large turnout at the hearings will be essential to a successful effort to rezone. John and Charles are meeting with other constituencies outside Cape Meares who have a stake in seeing the Spit be rezoned. Deborah Neal commented that the issue of property owners stand to lose value of their land due to rezoning, is not an issue, as the restrictive overlays contribute to the current zero tax value on Bayocean Spit property. John Hammond thanked the community for its efforts on behalf of Spit protection.

X. New Business

- a. Election of officers. Three officer terms, Merilee Somers, Chris Spence, and Charles Ansorge are expiring. Merilee has moved from Cape Meares to the east coast, and though she qualifies as a candidate, asked to retire, given her new home location. Charles Saxon has offered to join the board. Charles A. asked if there were further nominations. As there were not, the slate of Charles Ansorge, Charles Saxon and Chris Spence was accepted by a vote after a motion to accept by Mike Neal, with second by Deborah Neal.

- b. A question was raised about the status of the beaver population in Cape Meares. It was pointed out that there have been beaver sightings, and they appear to remain active.

XI. Adjournment:

- a. Mike Neal moved that the meeting adjourn. Chris Spence seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Recorder: Chris Spence