

CAPE MEARES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Community Meeting November 12, 2022

Minutes

Next Community Meeting: Saturday 10:00am February 11, 2023

1. **Welcome**

Meeting called to order by President, Wendy Burroughs at 10:00am, Saturday, November 12, 2023.

2. **Treasurer's Report -- Sean**

Treasurer Sean reviewed the finances. The CMCA finances remain solid with good support from the community.

Sean is reviewing our insurance coverage. There was discussion that the Emergency Storage sheds could cost substantially more to replace if they were not built with volunteer labor. Sean has arranged blue bags for bottle and can recycling. Bags, with appropriate QR code attached can be dropped off at Fred Meyer or other drop-off center and the bottle deposit will go directly into the CMCA checking account

3. **Building Manager's Report -- Patti**

Everything is running smoothly at the Community Center. First and 3rd Wednesday of each month is craft day, starting at 10:00am. All members of the community are welcome. .Bring your own craft or come for the social

4. **Emergency Preparedness Committee Report - Pete**

Great Shake-up event was held again on October 20 at 10:20am. People imagined what would have happened based on what they were doing at that time. Charles put some of these scenarios on the Cape Meares web site.

Pete Steen and Kevin and Kathy Burke represented Cape Meares at the Tillamook County winter emergency prep meeting called by the new Tillamook County Emergency Preparedness manager, Randy Thorpe. Representatives from TC Fire Department, Port, major industries in the area and other local communities were also present

Look out for two future classes on emergency response on technical prep – radios, solar panels etc, and on water acquisition, purification, and storage.

5. **Social Committee – Kevin for Kathy**

Successful Labor Day event and Kevin's "one-night-stand" costume very well received at the Halloween event!!

In December, Community members do not want to get together for close encounters so no holiday events such as caroling or gift exchanges have been arranged. The next event will be the potluck at the end of January

One of our largest events is the July 4th picnic typically attended by over 200 people, Putting on this event costs the community about \$1000. Next year we will try to raise donations to help defray the costs.

Next Potluck will be at the end of January

We had a great Town Hall meeting with Commissioner Skaar. The Commissioner talked about the key issues to Cape Meares, such as parking, speeding, short term rentals etc. She was straight and appeared to understand Cape Meares. Thanks to Spike and Randy for arranging the event

6. Short term Rental

Sean asked why Cape Meares does not have a representative on the Short Term Rental (STR) Committee. There is a fee to do short term rentals and it is possible to get funds to address problems such as installing trash cans. Cape Meares was not involved from the beginning of the STR group though there appear to be vacancies on the committee and there are at-large members. The County is planning to implement an 800 number for people to identify problems and people are encouraged to use it

7. Watershed Protection – Wendy

We now have a signed sales agreement with the Grimm Family. The earnest money for the agreement was very generously donated to the Community. The seller is donating the timber value to the sale as an in-kind gift. Wendy is working very hard investigating funding possibilities and is getting interest and support from the North Coast Land Conservancy.

There are many great opportunities to help with this important project, and there is especially a need for people who are good at writing to give a succinct description of the history and all the efforts that have been made to help protect the area, as well as people who have experience at grant writing

There was much discussion about the proposed purchase of the land. Some of the points raised included:

- Charles went to a conference on Water Source Protection and brought back a lot of information
- Bob M who owns 30 lots adjacent to the property feels there is a personal impact that he would lose access via 9th and Pacific which he thought he had an agreement with the current owner to share costs for a road. He raised whether not logging this area is protective of the water supply
- The initiation of the logging was stopped because of fines and silt going down Coleman Creek and into The Lake. Logging would damage water quality and lead to more silting up of the lake.
- If the property is clearcut, there will be a lot of chemicals sprayed around the community for weed control and others items as trees are replanted
- Concerns that foundations or others who may help fund the purchase may do so with a contingency that easements be placed on the purchase that will restrict the use of the land for the community

- We will need to develop a Forest Management Plan to be eligible for some Federal grants

Completing the fundraising will require lots of work and there will be lots of opportunity for anyone willing to volunteer their time

Meeting was adjourned at about 12:00pm