

CMCA Annual Meeting

May 13, 2023

Minutes

The Annual Community Meeting was held on May 13, 2023, at the Cape Meares Community Center. Board members present were Beverly Stein, Patti Smith, Sean Kohles, Randy Klobas, Donna Lehto, Kathy Burke, Aaron Cope and Simone Goldfeder. In addition there were seventeen (17) community members present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Beverly Stein.

Adoption of revised Bylaws:

Beverly noted that the Bylaws have not been updated since 2014. Pete Steen gave a short presentation regarding the new revisions and the need to simplify and update the Bylaws. Pete suggested that the revised Bylaws be amended to change the annual meeting date from the second Saturday of May to the third Saturday of May. Charles Ansoerge moved to amend the revised Bylaws and Spike Klobas seconded the motion. Motion to amend the Bylaws was unanimously approved.

Motion to adopt the revised and amended Bylaws was made by Kevin Burke and was seconded by Pam Robenolt. The motion was unanimously approved.

Election of Board of Directors:

Beverly noted that the Board of Directors was a two-year term. She asked for a motion to approve the current Board by acclamation with the note that Sean Kohles's term is one year. Butch Freedman made the motion, was seconded by Ruthie Freitas and the motion was unanimously approved.

Annual Report

Financials:

Sean Kohles presented the financial report. The tax deadline for filing as a charitable organization has been met. He reported the following:

- a. Donations - \$56,000.00
- b. Expenses (Watershed land acquisition) - \$47,000.00
- c. Cash on hand - \$12,000.00
- d. Fixed Assets - \$485,000.00
- c. Income (Donations) \$2,800.00
- d. Income (School House Rental) \$225.00
- e. Income (Bottle Drop) \$200.00
- f. Annual Expenses - \$4,000.00

Sean also reported that money raised for the Watershed project is approximately \$100,000.00 so far. Sean also reported that the transfer of Treasurer duties to Aaron Cope was going well and noted that credentials are secure.

Pam Robenolt mentioned that she is chairing the annual auction committee and is seeking donation items and volunteers.

Emergency Preparedness:

Kathy Burke reported that Tillamook County has started regular emergency preparedness meetings and that Cape Meares was participating in those meetings. Kathy is working with Miriam Fultz to find sources of funding and grant writing. She also reported that CERT people are getting organized and that a CPR class will be offered soon. She will post that information on our website when it becomes available.

Community Planning:

Karen Schank reported that there are four (4) upcoming community meetings scheduled. Community vision, issues, improvements, and prioritization are topics for discussion. The meetings are in partnership with the Tillamook Visitors Association. Details regarding each meeting can be found on our website. The community is encouraged to attend as many sessions as they can. Scheduled meetings will be held at the community center (with ZOOM link on the website) and are as follows:

May 20, 2023 at 10:00am

June 17, 2023 at 10:00 am

July 8, 2023 at 10:00 am

July 29, 2023 at 9:00 am

Karen is also looking for volunteers to provide snacks at each of the meetings.

Watershed Conservatory Report:

Beverly discussed the land purchase. The interest in purchasing the land was prompted by the current owners desire to log the property. She reported that the committee was working closely with the seller and a purchase agreement is very close to completion. They are also working with The Conservation Fund (a bridge buyer to hold the property) and reported that the Cape Meares Wildlife Refuge is very interested in eventually purchasing the property at the appraised value. She noted that this was a great opportunity for Cape Meares to be surrounded by a protected old growth forest.

Narayan Lincoln reported on the Marbled Murrelet habitat. She has also volunteered to take interested community members on a walking tour of the subject property.

Coleman Creek Presentation:

Charles Ansorge and Spike Klobas, Oceanside Water District Board members presented information on Coleman Creek, which is the water source for Cape Meares. They discussed creek levels, usage and maintenance of the creek.

Cape Meares Lake:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife representative Mike Sinnott presented information on the condition of the lake. A recent survey of the lake showed a significant amount of Eurasian Watermilfoil. The watermilfoil is an invasive species. Treatment options were discussed. Mike reported ODFW has secured funding, permits and a contract with Aquatechnex, LLC to begin treating the lake with the herbicide ProcellaCOR_EC. The herbicide will not harm fish or other wildlife in or around the lake. Two treatments are needed and will begin July 2023. The lake will be closed to the public for 24 hours during/after the treatment. Mike answered many questions from community members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm.

Minutes submitted by Donna Lehto, Assistant Secretary

