

Carderock Springs Citizens' Association
January 16, 2012 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting

Present: Barbara Ames, Jack Orrick, Georgia Petsche, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, Bob Stocker, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

The Board had previously discussed having a speaker for the January meeting. The speaker idea was cancelled but Phil would like to have a speaker address a CSCA meeting sometime in the near future.

Mary Lou Shannon mentioned that Margit Meissner has published a book and has a very powerful story to share. She would be a great speaker to consider for a future meeting.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

The December minutes were presented and reviewed. Following discussion, the December Minutes were approved.

Gunnar Tomasson to consider December Meeting minutes final.

2) Treasurer's Report –

2011 End of Year Report:

Bob Stocker provided the 2011 end of year report for review and discussion. The closing of the year showed a positive balance. This was supported by a dues submittal rate of 70% which is relatively good compared to other years. The balance prompted some discussion of where to allocate the remaining funds.

Jack Orrick mentioned that the lawsuit in recent past cost \$50,000. He suggests establishing both legal contingent and unrestricted contingent categories. This would help the CSCA save more for any possible future legal expenses.

Phil Rider made the motion to move most of the outstanding savings into legal. With \$32,143 available, move all but \$3,000 into legal/contingent.

Motion to establish 'legal contingent' category and allocate all but \$3,000 of remaining funds into 'legal contingent' approved.

2012 Budget Proposal:

Bob Stocker submitted a detailed budget and provided an overview for the 2012 calendar year. The 2012 budget included an increase in dues received. The CSCA dues statement for 2012 will go out soon.

The Carderock Directory will be published in 2012 which is added cost. The following comments were generated during the review:

- Mary Lou: Add Welcome Committee to the discretionary category
- Mary Lou: Move \$250 to Welcome Committee/Newcomers party
- Jack: Add \$125 to Environmental Committee
- Barbara Ames: Directory cost estimate might be low; suggestion to round up to \$2,000.

Following the overview and discussion, the Treasurer's 2011 End of Year Report was approved.

Following the overview and discussion, the proposed 2012 Budget was approved with changes noted above.

3) Beautification Committee –

Georgia Petsche provided an update on the maintenance efforts for the Carderock Springs River Rd. entrance. She has not had much interest from professional landscapers to do the work and might look into hiring a local teen to keep area clean. Phil has used a local person and provided the name to Georgia to contact.

4) Other Items

Upcoming 50th Anniversary of Carderock Springs:

Mary Lou provided a summary of the 25th anniversary, which was a very big, black tie event. It was very successful. The 40th anniversary featured professors discussing historic aspects of Carderock. Mr. Bennett, the Carderock Springs architect, came and shared his thoughts. Lots of people came to listen and participate.

Phil asked whether Board wanted to do this or a committee. With the amount of work involved, the consensus was that a committee should be established.

Action – Phil offered to post notice on CS Chat for Committee participation.

CSCA Meeting Schedule – 2012:

Phil discussed the meeting calendar for the upcoming year. He would like to coordinate and pin down meeting dates with Larry for the upcoming year. An additional consideration will be to coordinate the schedule with the Newsletter editing process to ensure Board updates are included in the newsletter in a timely fashion.

CSCA Newsletter:

Phil outlined some of the changes to the CSCA Newsletter process. Board members, and any other contributors, will be responsible for submitting articles to Noelle.

Mary Lou suggested keeping calendar feature in the orange newsletter (Club) active in the CSCA newsletter

Jack noted that the classified section is no longer being included in the Club Newsletter. An electronic posting system is available with an associated fee. He suggested a trial period to see if such a system was useful and was used by the community.

Decision - Postpone discussion on classified postings.

Newcomer meeting:

Mary Lou would like to keep the September schedule for summer newcomers. She did note that a large number of new families moved to the neighborhood this past November/December.

Bob proposed including this in the Annual meeting rather than organizing a separate event.

Meeting Adjourned.