

Westport Village Society
Annual Member Meeting ! October 7, 2016
Westport Church in Westport CA

Taken by Lee Tepper

President Thad Van Bueren called us to Order at 7pm. We each introduced ourselves to the others. **Gary moved we approve the minutes of last year's Annual meeting. Bill seconded that emotion. All Ayes.**

Summary of Westport Village Society Activities: Thad reviewed the last 12 months in the Life of the Westport Village Society. He began with Sarah whose weekend markets have swelled the coffers of both the Westport Village Society and the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. Sarah spoke of efforts to install a natural play area at the Cliff House Corner of the Headlands Bridge. Big driftwood stumps, and gnarly logs will create a safe but challenging network of climbing opportunities. That segued into the new Church chairs arranged by Steve and financed by WVS. Good Job Steve; who was home with a toddy. Bobby reported the results of many mini-grants now adorn the town.

Lois spoke to the Changing of the (Ducky) Guard. Erika Freeman, and her superhuman crew, will take over next Mother's Day. Yea Erika. Steve, the busy, also deserves kudos for the *WAVE* and the Community Garden. Way To Go Steverino. Thad finished up his enumeration of last year's projects which included an effort in progress to acquire private undeveloped inholdings near the south end of the Headlands Park. That project was under negotiation with a willing owner and grant funding from the State Coastal Conservancy and generous private donors. An invitation was given to visit Westport Village Society's new Facebook page.

Financial Report: Bill, our esteemed Treasurer, expounded on WVS's 2015-2016 financial report. To Wit: 5 tiered CD's; a Savings Bank (SB) checking Account; A SB Savings Account; and the assessed value of the Headlands; currently comprise a complete set of fiscal instruments associated with the Westport Village Society. The Income from the annual Ducky Race just about covers the yearly Insurance bill. The occasional Headland Wedding covers Bookkeeping and Audit Fees. We seem to have struck a Fiscal Balance. And an Overall Balance as Well. Good For Us!

Board Election: 2 Directors are need for the next term. Lois Senger, on the Board from the get-go, is working on her let-go and standing down. Bill Knapp's term is up as well. He agrees to continue as a Director (and Treasurer). Melinda McLaughlin is seeking a position on said board so it looks as though things might work out. Ballots are distributed. Pens are passed around. Ballots are collected and counted by the Secretary. **The Knapp/McLaughlin Slate carries the Day.**

Giving Thanks: Lois, a WVS Stalward and Ducky Race Actualizer, is leaving her Directorship. She has served long and well and deserves our Perpetual Gratitude. A gift certificate was given to recognize her valuable service. Melinda McLaughlin, the Board Newby, also deserves our Thanks for rushing in where Angels fear to tread. Erika, dynamic, thanks for assuming the role as Duck Wrangler. Welcome All.

WVS Logo contest: The WVS is in search of a Logo to represent Us. Submissions should be submitted to *WVS Logo*, PO Box 446, Westport, CA 95488.

Focused Discussion: We have come a long way from our humble beginnings as an agency to maintain a path across the Headlands. Today, we are responsible for the entire Headlands and are a respected land Conservation organization. We should reflect as we tackle the Inholdings issue and the trail heritage of Westport.

Member forum: Thad expressed a commitment to create a Board manual that will set forth how to run the organization in recognition that Board turnover will be ongoing. He also suggested the value of a renewed commitment to land conservation. There was some discussion about volunteer work maintaining local trails like the one at Pete's Beach owned by State Parks. Other ideas are always welcome at Board meetings.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 7:45 PM.