

WESTPORT VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Minutes from the April 18, 2013 Quarterly Business Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order shortly after 7 PM by Thad.
2. No public input on new items
3. Consent:
 - Treasurer's report presented by Bill. The report is attached to the minutes for reference. Thad mentioned that the quarterly income did not seem to match the difference between the previous quarter and currently reported quarter. Bill to investigate and report back.
 - As part of the treasurer's report book sales were covered. We have sold or distributed 222 copies for a profit to date of \$734. As of 4/16/13 there were only 29 copies available from the initial 250. {Yes, I know 222 + 29 is 251, one is unaccounted for.} A motion was made to purchase 200 more copies at an anticipated cost of \$5 each. If cost turns out greater than \$1,000, Bill will email directors to resolve action. All ayes.
 - Bill to contact Kelly House about revisiting possibility of WVS selling History Books through Ft Bragg shops.
4. Active Business
 - a) Ducky Race Planning – Lois
New Duck signs made by Gary and being put up around Westport. Lois would like two more to be placed near entrance to the campground. Need a PSA piece of ~30 words for radio stations, should add how many years event has been run (23rd this year). Try to recruit Dan and Frank from WVFD to help with publicity.
It was suggested that the Duck registration form have a place to get an email address added.
The registration booth will need extra people from 1 PM, Thad and family have a graduation. Gary and Bill will take over when they leave. It was pointed out that we will need to recruit runners to bring the

winning ducks back to the registration booth, where the prizes will be distributed.

The old BBQ on the headlands will be used for cooking Tri-Tip. It is in disrepair and needs to be removed or rebuilt. It will be checked out for this year's event and taken down afterwards by WVFD. Whether it is replaced needs to be decided at a future meeting.

Steve will be making up flower pots for Mother's gifts and some larger ones for raffle prizes.

b) Headlands Maintenance – Steve reported that the ground was dry enough to resume pampas grass removal and that mowing would be scheduled.

c) Chadbourn Gulch / Blues Beach -

The basic question is: Should WVS get involved?

Gary – believes beach is relevant to the community of Westport and that WVS should investigate with a possible outcome of being involved with improvements such as sanitation facilities. Wants to poll the WVS membership with a mailing to get feedback.

Thad – pointed out the WVS had communicated with CalTrans (owner of the beach and access to the beach) several years ago. CalTrans position at the time was they would take no action without a public meeting “to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to provide input”. Suggested that WVS communicate with CalTrans to investigate the possibility of jointly developing a management plan for the area.

Lois – pointed out that when sanitation and other problems related to over crowding occur there are large numbers of out of area people. Does not want local community to be responsible for cleaning up messes left by non-local visitors. Concerned about liability and People who use the beach should be responsible and clean up after themselves. OK with the idea of mailing a questionnaire to WVS members, but keep it simple; how do you use the beach, what do you like about it, what don't you like about it, should WVS be involved. If WVS constituency is not in favor of WVS participation, WVS should not be involved.

Nita – talk to everyone. Would like it to stay like it was. General agreement with other discussion.

Steve – gather more info. Whatever the board does, should document why it did or did not take any action. Does WVS have a responsibility to serve the whole community, beyond conservation of the headlands? If so, board needs input from the membership.

Bill – advocates responsible use as opposed to restricted use. Noted that this issue has sparked more interest and participation (mostly via WMAC meetings) than anything else in last 7 years. Agreed with communicating with community, starting with WVS members, and CalTrans to investigate what is possible and what level, if any, WVS would participate.

The above is a summation of the discussion. Several motions were floated and discussed with the following 3 part motion, introduced by Bill and seconded by Gary, being voted on;

1. Bill to contact CalTrans about having a public meeting in Westport about Chadbourn Gulch and Blues Beach.
2. Bill to develop a “talking points” document designed to facilitate discussion that covers all points of view. This will not be a problems and solutions summary.
3. WVS to communicate with the membership based on completion of the above two items.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. d) Future WVS Projects – Thad suggested that a calendar be considered for 2014. There are many images in the WVS archives that were not used in the History Book. Bill indicated an interest in putting together a Web gallery with unused images, however it would be late fall before he had time to do anything. Mention of the Web site brought up the old westportca.org site. It is still up, currently with only 2011 Ducky Race content. Bill will talk to Lee and Dorine about the site. One suggestion was to run an article in the Wave to see if anyone in the community was interested in utilizing the images for a calendar or other project.

e) Meeting time change – Nita had requested that the board consider moving the meeting to an earlier hour. After some discussion it was decided to move the meeting to the 4th Wednesday at 5 PM. Business meetings will still be quarterly. Special meetings can be called and scheduled as required.

5. Agenda items for next meeting (July 24th, 2013)
 - o Blues Beach
 - o WVFD BBQ, which will be August 17th this year
 - o BBQ pit resolution
6. Meeting adjourned ~9 PM