

Westport Village Society April 19, 2012 Board Meeting minutes

Directors present: Steve Brigham, Jeff Whitehouse, Thad Van Bueren, Dorine Real, Lois Senger

Guests: Mildred Saunders, Jenny Quinton, Gary Quinton, Marie Fostiak, Richard Smith (Cahto tribe), Sonny Elliott (Caho tribe), Falcon Friedland, Harvey Hochstetter, Marge Gustafson, Gus Gustafson, Tom Bangs

1. **Call to order:** President Thad Van Bueren called the meeting to order at 7:10p.
2. **Public Input:** Thad called for input from the assembled. There was none.
3. **Consent Items:** Minutes of last meeting: Following a short review **Homer moved we accept the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting. Steve seconded. all ayes.** Financial Report; Thad explained the breakout of WVS's capital. **Homer moved we accept the 1st quarter WVS financial report. Steve seconded. All ayes.** Correspondence; Thad said there was no mail requiring Board action.
4. **Active Business:**
 - a) **Westport Union Landing (WUL) State Beach Closure:** Thad reported on negotiations with State Parks to keep WUL open. We would assume financial, personnel, and maintenance responsibilities. The park is currently running at a \$30K/year loss. The operating grant application deadline for California State Park Foundation is April 23. Thad would like to submit an application to cover operating shortfall and a planned project to reopen the south end of park. Sonny Elliott from the Cahto tribe said they (the tribe) were interested in running the park and hoped to form an alliance with WVS to achieve that goal. Richard Smith, also from the Cahto tribe, said they were in negotiations with the Governor's office and already had most of the aforementioned responsibilities covered. This revelation was well received by the assembled and we spent some time working out details. **Homer moved we proceed with the 4/23 the grant application. Steve seconded.** Dorine suggested we limit WVS's participation to one year, with the Caito tribe to take over operation of the Park thereafter. The proposal was amended to **apply for a one year grant, with the Cahto tribe taking over operation of WUL July 1, 2013. All ayes.** [Later in the meeting, betwixt 4.d) & 4.e) we amended this resolution to include **\$3K of WVS funds if we get the grant.**]
 - b) **Newsletter & Web Site:** Thad announced the WVS's web site (westportvillagesociety.org) would be hosted by the Mendocino Community Network (mcn.org). An outline of the site and costs has been emailed to board members. Thad indicated a willingness to maintain the site. Steve said this would increase our exposure and be a way to make copies of the *Wave* available to everyone.
 - c) **Ducky Fundraiser:** Lois handed out Ducky Race posters and checked with the racekateers about their assignments.
 - d) **History Project Update:** Thad announced he was likely to make the April 30th deadline and we would have the booklets by the October 5 Annual member meeting.
 - e) Tom Bangs gave an impromptu summation of his efforts to provide gateway signage for Westport. Discussion followed, but no action was taken.
5. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:** WVS will meet on May 17 at 7pm at the Westport Community Church to review the results of our April 23 grant application.
6. **Adjourn:** 10pm.