

Almanor Recreation and Park District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, November 16, 2024
9:00am to 1:00pm
District Office
101 Meadowbrook Loop, Chester, CA 96020

The meeting was called to order at 9:08am. In attendance was Anne Kassebaum, Susan Espana, Wally Bird and Terra Ayers. Motion was made to approve the agenda by Susan Espana and seconded by Terra Ayers. Motion approved. It was then suggested that the board not meet in December due to being a slow season. Motion was made by Anne, seconded by Susan. Motion approved.

There were no other attendees, so no public comments on agenda and non-agenda items.

Anne Kassebaum began with a presentation and overview of the history of the District with mention of events, programs, projects, responsibilities, etc. The board then had a discussion as follows:

Three things we do well:

- Events
- Grants
- Our focus for recreational opportunities
- Sponsorships
- Website
- Social Media
- Compliance with CARPI

Two areas we can improve upon:

- Relationship with Chester Little League
- Training for Coaches/Referees for soccer
- Better advocacy in what we do and offer and how it applies to health and wellness
- Board stability and attracting future board members
- Better distribution of duties amongst board members
- Attracting volunteers
- Better opportunities for new recreation such as Corn Hole or Horseshoe Contests

One missed opportunity:

- We are not able to react fast enough
 - Obtaining grinding materials from Caltrans after they installed the Roundabout. We could have used materials for the Rail Trail
- Offering a STEM Workshop
- Obtaining money from PG & E
 - Suggested we write a letter to Plumas County to see if project can gain traction

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- Better promotion of ourselves and ongoing

After discussion, the board consolidated the above information into identifying three (3) goals to pursue with workplans/tasks as follows:

- Advocacy: Contribute regular monthly articles in the Town Chatter, Update website and promote more information on social media. Give Terra access to website
- Rail Trail: Develop the trail. Susan will take a step back but continue to handle the administrative tasks. Bring back Heather under contract to manage the grant. Wally will take the lead on developing/planning and engagement and have Lumas prepare documents. He will negotiate agreements with Caltrans and P.G & E. Terra will reach out to Terry Collins to ask about easement off Hwy 147
- Board Member Engagement: Mile High will be handled by Susan and Anne. Fun Run will be under the leadership of Terra. Poker Paddle will be responsibility of Anne

Board members overall felt it was a productive discussion with goals that could be obtainable.

The meeting concluded with a short discussion on the weather changing and anticipated snow for the winter. It was mentioned that we should all be careful when walking, to take things slow and hang on to railings when exiting the building and in general.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06pm.