

CCA Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2014

The CCA General Meeting at the CCA Quonset, 11/8/14, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Old biz: meeting minutes from the 2/9/24 general meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: we currently have \$1477.90. Now is good time to donate and get your tax write-off for 2014: POB 101, Carson 87517.

Acknowledgments: were made to Noah Hughes and Elizabeth Brownrigg for making South Carson Way, (the road to the Quonset), passable even for sports cars. Donating the machine and the labor saved the CCA \$\$\$ for repairing this rock-laden road.

Phone Tree: Elisabeth Maier, Elizabeth Halley, Peter Allen, Jerry Boxberger, and Terry Wolff updated the phone tree. Please review it and submit any corrections to iam@terrywolff.com. We intend to use it to announce meetings and other upcoming CCA events. People have been donating and participating. Please continue! Amy Bowman commented that meetings on weekends presented challenges to folks, esp. with kids. The next CCA meeting will be held on a Thursday afternoon @ 4:30 after the Food Depot.

Food Depot: Art Wilbur commented that the Hawleys have been doing a great job with the weekly food bank at the Quonset. Many people are donating, and more people are showing up. Richard says there are about 45 new people coming for food in the last month, and increase of 20-25%. That reaches 300 people. It's roughly a \$120 outlay each week to supply the food. Grants are available, and Sharon Wilber generously offered to help the Hawleys write a grant for the Food Depot. Grant money will help, but donations are continually encouraged as the need is rising. The best way is to donate directly to the Santo Niño Food Bank. The CCA board has been donating \$100/month, and will continue to do so through 2014. Richard thanked Pam Busick, Giselle Botani, and Willow & Ellery Bowman for their regular, weekly help.

Curve on Hwy 567: the road people came to see the area, and said they could only afford to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. We will wait to see the outcome of Dan Hambrock's case. That may help us down the road. Meanwhile, Art will talk to Dan Barrone about the 2 logging trucks that blaze through the curve daily. Rob Hughes recommended that people returning from Taos should pay attention to the road in the distance to the west well before reaching the curve.

Poaching: Richard Hawley brought up the sore subject of wood poaching. We need to increase our Neighborhood Watch. That means pay attention. If you see trucks coming out of Carson without clear tags/permits for logging, try to get the license plate #. Take a photo with your cell phone if possible. These people are trespassing and stealing the purple heart juniper as well as the piñon pine! (I saw 2 as I was leaving this meeting!) Don't take the law into your own hands, but DO report this to either our CCA President, Art: 575-751-0496 or better yet, **Carson National Forest Supervisor's Office: 575-758-6200, 208 Cruz Alta Road (next to KCEC), Taos.**
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Festivals & Fundraiser: Due to the heat and exhausting nature of the Carson Summer Fair, the CCA Board decided to move our annual fundraiser to the fall, in conjunction with either the Abiquiu or El Rito Studio Tours. The focus will be a bit more on art and food during the harvest season. Ideally, this will be held at the Poco Loco General Store. We will also hold a Spring Bling Fling, (yard sale and pie contest) at the Quonset this coming spring. Although some funds for the CCA will be raised, this event will be more of an opportunity for the community to sell their good quality items and have some fun together.

CCA Annual Holiday Party: Saturday, December 13, 5-8pm. Potluck- bring something yummy. The CCA will provide all the beverages. And also bring a flashlight or cell phone - we have a great time singing carols around the bonfire, but it's pretty dark to read. If you have children, please contact Amy Bowman to help coordinate "Secret Santa" this year: desertdweller92@yahoo.com or 776-4375.

Meeting adjourned. Total time 1h 15m.