

**TOWN OF COCHITI LAKE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008
FIRE HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kiesling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Assembly members in attendance were Kenneth Kiesling, Freda Donica, Anthony Da Silva, Mary Ann Closson, Wilbert Ryan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Ann Closson moved to approve the agenda as presented.

It was seconded by Anthony Da Silva and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Freda Donica moved to approve the minutes of 4-30-2008.

It was seconded by Mary Ann Closson and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

II. TOWN COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrator Reports

Mary Wheeler reports that the new fiscal year has begun and we had a very successful 07-08 coming in under budget in all classes except PW, but the combined 3 town classes were sufficiently under budget. We satisfied the audit and DFA. Revenue was up for Raymond James Fund. The General Fund budget is increased by \$20,000; the tax rate remains the same at .1569 per \$100. The deeding of land for a new Fire Department is on the Agenda of the Tribal Counsel to meet in August. Dog stations are in place throughout the Town and have been a success. Thank you to all who cooperate and use them. DSL is still in the office of the BIA.

2. Art Guild

Grace Carey represented the Art Guild and stated that they will be having the regular meeting on Tuesday evening in August and is Bring a Friend Night, there will also be a drawing for two door prizes. All are invited to attend. August 31st and September 1st will be a Silent Auction of Nan Stackhouse original artwork. Library will be open from 12 to 4pm on the 31st to submit your bids, on the 1st of September the library will be open from 9am to 1pm. September 2nd is the regular meeting in the library at 7pm. The White Elephant Sale has been renamed to The Community Yard Sale to be held September 13th from 8am to 4pm and on Sunday the 14th from 10am to 2pm at the maintenance barn. September 20th and 21st will be the annual art fair and bake sale from 10am to 4pm at the Pena Blanca Community Center.

3. Beautification, Memorial Park

Pat Peterson spoke on behalf of the committee stating that the back of the park has been cleaned and opened up to create more space. The committee has plans to put a water feature in the park with the help of a Boy Scout Troop. The committee has plans to work on the west side of the park. A picnic table with benches has been donated by Bob & Judy Roth; a bench has been donated by Solen & Margaret Lord and restored by Lukas Garrett. A wheelbarrow was donated by Sharon Jordan and rehabbed by Lukas and Ari. Pat thanked all of the volunteers who work very hard in the park and for all the donations. Glenn Holiday was thanked for all his hard work on installing drip irrigation. A special thank you to Lukas Garrett.

4. Community Fund

Julie Creswell, the Chair for the Community Fund, stated that they are a small but mighty group, with Pat Peterson Vice Chair, Marge Knightly Secretary, Helen Kennedy Treasurer, and Willie Ryan as Member. July Fourth celebration was a big hit as it usually is, clearing \$500. The next big event is Labor Day which is smaller in scale. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be sold. The Community Fund is in the process of revising its policies and procedures and application forms. Community Fund will publish all new procedures and have applications for loans and grants on-line. There will also be information in the Library and Town Hall. All applications received will be held confidential.

5. Disaster Response Planning

No report was given.

6. Election Board

Presiding Judge Bill Knightly represented the election board stating that there has been a change in membership. After the resignation of Wilbert Ryan an opening became available which was filled by Bill Riker. Bill stated that the Election Board is doing just fine.

7. Fire Department

Mary Wheeler represented the Fire Department stating that they received 252 EMS calls this year with about 50% of those cancelled. Cochiti Lake itself received 24 calls this year. The Fire Department will start using electronic filing of all reports this October so the State can collect data. Officers in the Fire Department are Chief Calvin Miller, Assistant Chief Medical Mike Whyte, Lt. Medical Mike Calabaza, Captain Fire Fighter Frank Hart. Mary also stated that Calvin Miller received EMT of the year for Sandoval County. VFD is always in need of volunteers.

8. Friends of Cochiti Lake

Nancy Hart, President of the Friends of Cochiti Lake, stated that the Committee is an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations to Friends of Cochiti Lake or any other committee are tax deductible through the 501(c)3 programs. All monies that are donated to the Friends Committee are used to pay for concerts, events and community functions. Support for the Committee is necessary, and volunteers are always needed.

Raising Cane will perform for the Labor Day Concert event to begin at 2pm on the Town Green.

9. Hospitality

Marge Knightly represented the Hospitality Committee stating that all new residents receive a welcome basket filled with useful information, a license plate of the Town of Cochiti Lake, and chili powder. If there are new residents in town that the Hospitality Committee is unaware of please notify Marge, Freda or Mary Ann. Marge also mentioned the Divas of Discovery, a group that wants to discover New Mexico.

10. Joint Commission

Meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Mayor Kiesling stated that the Joint Commission does meet regularly and through that process our communication with the Tribe as a result of the Joint Commission has greatly improved.

11. Library

Mary Badarak stated that the Library has produced a newsletter. The summer Children's Reading Program has been using a curriculum, which is provided by the State Library that is a national curriculum. The theme for the children's reading program is "Catch the Reading Bug". Movie night is on Fridays with no movies in August due to extreme hot weather; to resume in the fall.

Library is busy with the archives of town documents and some memorabilia that make our town what it is. One of the offshoots of the project is posting minutes and agendas of Town and Assembly meetings on the web pages. Those who have something to contribute contact the Library Director at

www.cochitilake.org. There will be a book sale on Monday, Labor Day. The Library is very well supported by the State Library grants and bonds. All materials come either from grant monies or from State and County bonds or from donations. The Library accepts and appreciates all donations. Those donations that do not fit into the collection are passed on to other libraries or organizations including the Veterans Administration and Salvation Army. The library had a number of books that were donated to the Navajo School in Bloomfield. They also donated to the Cameron Parish Library that was totally destroyed by hurricane Katrina. A meeting will be held on August 1st, 2008 at

the Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos of Librarians, State, County and Local Officials. The principle guest will be State Representative, Jeannette Wallace. With volunteerism down in the library, some already volunteering are having to do double duty. Those interested in volunteering contact the library for more information. Dee Havens was mentioned for all the great work he does with the computers. The Library Board consists of five members with a posting for more members. Becky Whalen, who was the Chair for the Board, got herself certified for the library. Mary thanked all members and volunteers for all their hard work and efforts to make the library what it is.

12. Recycling

There has been a huge increase in the Recycling Department. More containers will need to be purchased. The recycling program has become a big success.

13. Rock & Mineral

Jacque Cooper stated that the group has a lot of fun going on trips and treks. There will be a potluck luncheon at Helen Kennedy's home to start planning for next year. Anybody who wants to have some fun and enjoy the great outdoors contact Marlene Miller.

14. Zoning

Mary Jean Linville stated that when this town was established the Tribe decided that it wasn't going to have a hodgepodge of a Town, it was going to have some kind of uniformity. There are dos and don'ts that have been kind of lost in the shuffle, such as the removal of dead trees from your yard and painting, to list a few. Requests must be turned into the Architectural Committee and then for approval by the Zoning Committee. There is a list of dos and don'ts in the Library.

III. TOWN HALL REPORTS

Willie Ryan thanked all the committees who gave reports and that he is extremely happy with all the volunteerism and asked for more volunteers.

Mary Ann Closson stated that with all the committees and volunteerism makes the Town sound and look good. She also thanked everyone who showed up for the Nan Stackhouse Memorial Day. Mary Ann thanked Grace, Nell, Helen and Mary Wheeler in particular who helped with the gathering.

Freda Donica stated that with all the positive things going on in Town she is very excited about the future. One exciting thing that may take place for the Labor Day Concert is to have a Pet Assembly Election. Enter your pet for the Five Pet Assembly.

Mayor Kiesling stated that as a result of the activities of the Town volunteers, it makes the jobs of the Assembly much easier and feels that they are heading into a positive future. Mayor Kiesling describes Assembly relationship with the Pueblo and CCDC as at its peak. He also mentioned that Nan Stackhouse was a friend to all of us.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Town Meeting Wednesday October 29, 2008

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Ann Closson moved to adjourn the meeting.

It was seconded by Freda Donica and passed with a 5 to 0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Kenneth Kiesling, Mayor

Annette Narvaiz, Town Clerk