

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
Colorado Association of Ski Towns**

The annual meeting of the board of directors was held on: June 19, 2014 in Breckenridge, CO.

**Present was:
Aaron Huckstep
Stu Fraser
Tim Gagen
Stan Zemler**

**Absent:
Steve Skadron**

The meeting was called to order. It was determined that a quorum was present, and the meeting could conduct business.

Agenda Items:

1. Appoint Officers: Upon motion made, seconded and carried, it was resolved that the following persons were elected to serve as officers of the organization until the next board of directors election:

**Steve Skadron - President
Aaron Huckstep - Vice President
Stan Zemler – Secretary/Treasurer
Tim Gagen – At Large
Stuart Fraser – At Large**

2. Budget: The year-to-date 2014 budget was presented. Our budget looks good, we have healthy reserves, and there was no further discussion or questions.

3. Special Projects: The board discussed ways to use the money we have in reserves for special projects, and it was decided that they would discuss this issue in more detail at their annual retreat in the fall. Some of the projects that the board touched upon as potentials are climate change, transportation, ski area water rights, housing. However, it was agreed that our involvement with certain projects or coalitions would not necessarily mean spending money. And, project(s) has to benefit all CAST members.

4. Meeting Topics: The board discussed in detail several meeting topics for upcoming CAST meetings. The effects of climate change on the ski industry in on many peoples' minds. The Rocky Mountain Climate Organization used to be a partner of CAST's and recently got the

governor's attention with energy issues. Might be worth reconnecting with them to speak at a meeting. The board would also like to bring Allen Best back for a more detailed presentation after he spoke briefly about carbon tax at our regular meeting. Regarding the carbon tax issue, is there a concrete way CAST can make a difference. It's also a controversial issue that not all our members may agree upon.

Water is another big issue, which combined with climate change, raises the issue of what do we do 40 years or so down the line? What will be the viability of ski areas? The Forest Service is soon to release their proposed directive on ski area water rights. What will be the long-term effects? The board would like to see water as a topic at one our next meetings and suggested Eric Kuhn from Colorado River Conservation District as a potential speaker.

Changing demographics and wealth profile in the ski industry and how it's affecting our economy is another topic of interest. Some CAST board members attended the CSCUSA annual meeting and heard a great speaker who focused on this topic and would like to see this on a future CAST agenda. Transportation is an ongoing topic of interest, especially the I-70 corridor, and the possibility of CAST getting more involved with CDOT and/or the I-70 Coalition. The board would also like to revisit the housing issue and the effects of VRBO and Airbnb. Tim Gagen sat on a panel with Carl Shepherd of Homeaway Inc. in Breckenridge during the Mountain Travel Symposium and who is showing interest in working with local communities.

To summarize the list of topics as directed by the board:

- Carbon tax**
- Climate change**
- Water**
- Transportation**
- Changing consumer demographics in ski industry**
- Summer special event strategic planning**
- Housing/VRBO**

5. Other Business/Updates: No other business was discussed.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.