

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

The annual retreat of the board of directors was held on:
October 23 , 2014, in Ouray, CO from 1-4pm

Present was:
Stuart Fraser
Steve Skadron
Tim Gagen
Stan Zemler
Aaron Huckstep

Agenda Items:

1. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the CAST financial statements for year-to-date October 23, 2014, were approved.

2. Administrative update
 - a. The board agreed on no raise in member dues for 2015. The costs for CAST dinners were reviewed with no changes. When reviewing the list of leads, the board discussed the core values of CAST and determined that if CAST is helping mountain resort communities then any mountain resort community should be able to join regardless if they are a "ski town" or not.
 - b. The meeting locations for 2015 as suggested by the executive director were approved by the board and are as follows:
January - Dillon
March - Denver
June - Breckenridge
August - Fraser
October - Estes Park
Regarding the meeting scheduled for 21-22, 2016 in Whistler B.C. the board wants to gage whether travel costs to Whistler will be an issue. They want to help councils justify costs so also want to look into the possibility of a longer meeting program and/or a mid-week meeting when travel fares or lower. The other option to look into is a peer visit to Whistler organized around a topic or people, similar to what Myles Rademan does.
 - c. The CAST board of directors terms are as follows as of our elections in June 2014:
Stuart Fraser - Two years (up for re-election in 2016)
Aaron Huckstep - Two years (up for re-election in 2016)
Stan Zemler - One year (up for re-election in 2015)
Tim Gagen - One year (up for re-election in 2015)
Steve Skadron - One year (up for re-election in 2015)

3. Meeting topics were discussed for the January 2015 meeting in Dillon. The following topics were discussed: Housing and/or development panel, i.e. to discuss life after the recession, no

one is building condos anymore, they're all building apartments, low income tax credits, linkage fees, how many jobs are generated by development; marijuana panel; State water plans; Michael Berry; Alan Henceroth.

4. Future Meeting Topics

- a. The meeting date for the Annual Legislative Meeting in Denver was set for March 12. Speaker suggestions were Colorado Governor, Denver Mayor Hancock, DIA, CML, Rob Katz, Carl Shepherd.
- b. Other future meeting topic suggestions were the shifting model of VRBO and Airbnb; the role of government (what should we be doing?); wildfire preparation; revisiting where we are now post-recession.

5. Discussion Items

- a. VRBO - now that our vendor, VRCompliance LLC, has withdrawn their short-term rental tax compliance program, we need to gage the membership if they still need help with the VRBO issue. The model seems to be shifting from a tax problem to a housing problem, and it's evolving to a government problem as citizens are shifting the burden to government to fix problems with legal complications.
- b. Engaging out-of-state members - The board would also like to engage out-of-state members and do outreach to them to find out what topics would interest them.
- c. Special projects - During the special projects discussion, two projects came to the surface. One is doing task force assistance to help CAST members in crisis or with special needs. A good example is Estes Park who is looking for assistance with housing since the flood in 2013. CAST would help by sending in 3 or 4 specialists to give an assessment. The second project is developing "best practices" guide books, i.e. in the areas of VRBO and marijuana. CAST would survey the membership to find out what everyone is doing to handle regulations, etc. and put together a best practices guide to share with all members. Lastly, a survey was done in 2012 to see who had done any plastic bag legislation, the board would like a new survey done to see what's been done in the last couple of years.

6. Other business

The board will take specific topics that we discussed during the retreat and relay the information to the membership at the regular meeting in Ouray the following day, October 24. Steve Skadron will discuss meeting topics; Stan Zemler will talk about expertise panels; Tim Gagen will talk about the meeting to Whistler and peer visits; Stu Fraser will talk about the plastic bag issue and what towns are doing now; and Huck Huckstep will discuss "best practices" guides.

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