

## Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2008, Stamps House, 7-9pm

**Board Members:** Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Nancy Ihara, Mike Wilson, Frances Madrone, David Weinstein, Tamara Gedik

**Staff:** Carol Vander Meer, Emily Walter, Cathy Larripa

**Committee Members:** (none)

**Public:** (none)

### August Agenda

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. Finalize Strategic Plan Discussion/Approval
- V. 2008 Budget Update
- VI. Financial Report
- VII. Board Development Report
- VIII. Capital Campaign Update
- IX. Directors Report
- X. Stamps Lane Property Name Proposals
- XI. Questions Regarding Committee Reports/Announcements
- XII. Upcoming Events
- XIII. Upcoming Agenda Items

#### I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

(none)

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*John motioned for approval of January minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Nancy, all present were in favor. Minutes from January were approved.*

#### III. PUBLIC INPUT

(none)

#### IV. FINALIZE STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Reviewed strategic plan:

- Change the Stewardship/Restoration heading to Restoration/Stewardship because restoration is the main focus.
- Committees are responsible for their own detailed action plan
- The strategic plan will be reviewed annually at board retreat

**ACTION: Committees are encouraged to upload their action plans on the website by the end of the first quarter each year.**

*Mike moved to adopt the updated strategic plan, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Dave, all present in favor.*

#### V. 2008 BUDGET UPDATE

Carol suggests taking a close look at the budget quarterly while the capital campaign is active.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- We will find out shortly if we will receive funds (\$50-70k) through the Humboldt County Waste Division Tire Redemption Fund to remove tires from the Stamps Lane property.
- Frances is working with Carol and Pam on the budget and to help make sure FOD will be compliant with future audits.
- Received \$2800 from the Norcross grant to fund a new laptop, projector and printer
- The conservancy staffs supports the construction of a center and intends to ask the SCC board to approve \$500,000 for the project at the September 25 board meeting.
- The Kresge Green Building Grant was submitted, asking for funding for the building

*Mike nominates Dave Weinstein to be Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Michelle, all in favor.*

## **VII. BOARD DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Maggie is assisting with the nominating committee. Deadline for potential members to apply is February 29<sup>th</sup>. The hope is to get up to five new board members.

## **VIII. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

- Guia Sandler will conduct donor cultivation training as part of the capital campaign on Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm at the Stamps house.
- The Honorary Council reception at Ron's house was a great success.

## **X. DIRECTORS REPORT/PROJECT MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

- Working on amending our county coastal development permit to include the Miller property.
- A draft restoration management plan will be complete by March 1
- Working with Caltrans about a road re-alignment
- New FOD Hwy entry signs should be posted soon
- Emily is working with HSU interpretation practicum class to create and install a trailhead sign and self guided brochure to be complete by May 15
- All construction on the building (including the roof) will happen at one time starting in 2009

## **XI. STAMPS LANE PROPERTY PROJECT AND NAME PROPOSALS**

*Francis motions we have "Nature Center" in name, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Mike, 6 in favor and 1 abstain, motion passed.*

*Michelle motions to use the name "Humboldt Dunes Nature Center," 2<sup>nd</sup> from Dave, 4 in favor and 3 abstain, motion passed.*

## **XII. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please send all committee reports to Carol by the Friday previous to board mtgs.)  
(none)*

## **XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lupine Bash on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lanphere Dunes

## **XIV. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

(ran out of time)

Adjourn 9:20pm

Next meeting on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm