

**TEMPLATE**  
**Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes**  
January 6, 2009, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 7-9pm

**Board Members:** Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Rose Patenaude, David Weinstein, Nancy Ihara, Mike Seeber, Mike Wilson

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

**August Agenda**

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. Action items from December Board Meeting:
- V. Board Nomination Process
- VI. Land Trust
- VII. HCNC Project Update
- VIII. Financial Report
- IX. 2008 Restoration Report and Final Draft of Restoration Plan
- X. Questions regarding committee reports/announcements
- XI. Upcoming events
- XII. Upcoming agenda items

**I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

None

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*John St. Marie motioned for approval of Dec.9, 2008 minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Nancy Ihara, all present were in favor. Minutes from Dec.9, 2008 were approved.*

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**IV. ACTION ITEMS FROM DECEMBER MEETING**

- *Carol will bring up the topic of moving the entry road from 255, so that it does not go past the Gonzalez residence. There has been no communication between Carol and Mr. Gonzalez. It is currently not a good time, economically speaking, for buying and selling of property and thus Carol will wait for the “right time” to approach this topic.*

**ACTION: Carol will draft a letter to Mr. Gonzalez approaching the topic of changing the road entry. Rose will edit the letter.**

- *Dave will provide a investment proposal that includes local vs. non-local option of banking institutions for approval at the January meeting. All board members are to email Dave with banks they would like him to consider. Coast Central Credit Union (CCCU) looks similar to other investment banks plus it is local. Comparison documents in board packet.*

*Mike motions to move \$20k into the account that Dave and Carol choose, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Nancy. All present were in favor. Motions passed.*

- *Each committee should review sections of the HCNC Strategic objectives pertaining to their goals and objectives and take responsibility for them. List committee name next to each item responsible for and submit to Carol. Carol still needs response from the Education, Restoration, and Land Trust committees.*

**ACTION: Carol will send out the response from the Facilities committee.**

## **V. BOARD NOMINATION PROCESS**

- Mike Wilson suggested contacting Jenn Savage for potential board members.
- Mike Seeber is helping with the nominating committee.

## **VI. LAND TRUST**

The Land Trust committee reviewed new C.A.P.P requirements and criteria. The C.A.P.P now includes both public and private lands. (Documents in Board Packet)

*Mike motioned to approve the proposed updated criteria for evaluation of possible C.A.P.P properties, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Rose. All present were in favor. Motion passed.*

*John St. Marie motioned to approve the recommended additions to the C.A.P.P as proposed by the Land Trust Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Mike Seeber. All present were in favor. Motion passed.*

## **VII. HCNC PROJECT UPDATE**

- California bonds are frozen, which includes the \$750k from the Coastal Conservancy.
- Carol is looking into the possibility of phasing the construction.
- Currently still looking to find the right contractor. Mayan is possibly interested in a design-build contract. FOD would like to find an estimator and then go to bid. Having cost estimates would be highly useful for fundraising and project phasing purposes.

**ACTION: Carol will talk to Kash about using Pacific Builders as a cost estimator.**

### Facilities Committee Report

The committee met with Don Bears, a professions trail planner, to discuss public access planning at HCNC. Don was very helpful and will to work with FOD through the trail planning process.

## **VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The Wildberries' Challenge is complete and FOD will receive \$25k match from Wildberries.
- The Capital Campaign is moving on to the next marketing scheme. The Gateway Getaway will enter donors of \$50 or more and all restoration volunteers at HCNC into a drawing to win use of the HCNC building for their own private party.
- There are also several private house parties planned in the next months to help cultivate major donors.

## **IX. 2008 RESTORATION REPORT AND FINAL DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN**

(Documents in Board Packet) The restoration plan will next go to the Land Trust committee to be notarized and sent to the Stamps Family.

**X. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**XI. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Site Receptions: Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm , Jan 11<sup>th</sup>-1pm
- Arts Arcata Wine Pour- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
- House Party- Jan. 24
- Planned giving program- January 27th

**XII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEM**

- HCNC Project Update: Mayan as design-build contractor? Going to bid?

**ADJOURN 8:34 P.M.**