

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 7-9 pm
At the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Nancy Ihara, Matt Johnson, Rose Patenaude, Mike Seeber, Michelle Forys

Staff: Emily Walter

Public: Kathie Kelly

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS PRESENT

Kathie is here to represent the Capital Campaign committee.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John St. Marie motioned for approval of the May, 2009 minutes as corrected, 2nd from Michelle Forys, all present were in favor. Minutes from May, 2009 were approved.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

Michelle talked about the possible closing of all north coast State Parks and reasons why closing them would be bad. She encouraged all to write our representatives and make appropriate phone calls to stop the closing of the parks.

IV. FOLLOW-UP ON MAY ACTION ITEMS

- Staff and Facilities committee will create a precise policy draft and distribute to Board via email in the next couple of weeks and board members are to comment and discuss via email. Done
- Carol will create a list of potential grants and other funding sources and a detailed accounting of where FOD is to date in terms of fundraising. Incomplete

V. TRAILS PLANNING

The board reviewed the draft trails policy with included edits from Bill Weaver and Lisa Hoover. The content was discussed and a few changes were made.

ACTION: Emily will incorporate changes into the Trail Policies, email the corrected draft to Bill before releasing to the public.

John St. Marie motioned to approve the Trails Policies plan with corrections, 2nd from Nancy Ihara, all present were in favor. Motion passed.

VII. APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT AREA MOU

- Michelle explained what the Humboldt WMA is and that the MOU is being renewed due to the fact that Del Norte County has separated and created their own WMA.

Michelle motioned that Friends of the Dunes sign the Humboldt Weed Management Area MOU, 2nd from Matt, all present were in favor. Motion passed.

VIII. SAND SCULPTURE FESTIVAL

Nancy passed on information from Marj that volunteers are needed on Sunday, June 14th from 7-10am and 2-4pm. Board members are also encouraged to spread the word about the event and get people interested in participating.

IX. DUNE ESCAPE

This year's event is Saturday, September 26th at the Wharfinger Building. The theme is "Feather Our Nest" and there will be both a silent auction and Dutch raffle. Michelle asked the board to help in soliciting items for the Dutch raffle.

X. FINANCIAL REPORT

Tabled until the July meeting.

ACTION: The board requests that Pamela attend July meeting to explain 2008 financials.

XI. HCNC PROJECT UPDATE

Project Updates

- John St. Marie reported that the facilities committee met with the architect to discuss the best ways to lower the cost of construction and came up with changing the design of the cupola and front awning. In addition the parking lot will be gravel instead of pavers and the interior windows will be less costly. Completed architectural plans should be ready June 15th.
- Bill discussed that Friends of the Dunes is looking into hiring a project manager for the final phase of this project to allow Carol to focus on other aspects of her job, such as grant writing.

Capital Campaign

- Carol saved the day in making sure that FOD received \$126k of WCB money that almost got taken off the WCB agenda.
- Kathie Kelly talked about really pushing the Gateway Getaway campaign in its final days. She handed out cards for board members to use to get \$50 memberships that qualify as Gateway Getaway donations. She is also looking for help at a Gateway Getaway table at the Sand Sculpture Festival on June 14th.

ACTION: All board members should hand at least 1 Gateway Getaway Membership card out to someone they know.

XII. BOARD RETREAT

The annual board retreat is normally held in early September. This year staff thought it might be more useful to hold it in October after the Dune Escape event. Proposed dates are October 10th and October 17th. The board would like to hold it at the Morris Graves Retreat Center again.

ACTION: All board members should brainstorm ideas of what topics and what should be accomplished at this year's retreat.

XIII. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Ocean Day, June 4th
- Sand Sculpture Festival, June 14th
- Volunteer BBQ, August 19th
- Dune Escape, September 26th
- Board Retreat, October???

XV. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- HCNC Project Update (hiring a project manager, final architect designs)
- Board Retreat Brainstorming (choose a facilitator)
- Financial Report (2009 audit?, review 2008 financials)
- Annual Volunteer BBQ
- Dune Escape

-Adjourn 8:45pm