

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

Board Members: Mike Seeber, John St. Marie, Bill Weaver, Nancy Ihara, Matt Johnson, Marj Fay
Staff: Carol Vander Meer, Emily Walter
Public: None

August Agenda

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. Updated board room (Wiggio review)
- V. Committee/Project Reports
- VI. Planning for October 17 Board retreat at the Morris Graves retreat center
- VII. Financials
- VIII. Upcoming events
- IX. Upcoming agenda items

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No quorum. Tabled until November.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. UPDATED BOARD ROOM

Board packets and minutes are now being stored online in Wiggio. There is a link from the FOD Board Room. Board members can now upload files themselves into board packets into Wiggio.

V. COMMITTEE/PROJECT REPORTS

Overall the board would like to see basic highlights from the different programs in the board packet each month. Not in a minute format.

Trails Planning

John reports that the trails committee came up with preliminary ideas for the trails plans and reviewed them with Don Beers, a renowned trail planner. Don gave helpful tips and perspectives to contemplate and incorporate into the committees plans. This included creating a criteria matrix that reflects our trails policies to score proposed trails. Once the proposed trails are evaluated using the matrix criteria, the committee will share its preliminary draft with local stakeholders. John has contacted Bruce Cann of BLM to talk about connecting trails to the BLM Ma-le'l Dunes property. Nancy is contacting MCSD about the same. Once Board members are encouraged to review communication from the public posted in the Board Materials > Trail Planning folder in Wiggio.

Education

The education programs have been quite busy with many successes. Things are running smoothly as the education moves forward with HCNC interpretive display planning.

Restoration

Emily hired 2 restoration interns to help with restoration at HCNC. The Spartina Shin"Dig" was a great success with 68 volunteers. Marj recommends upping the PR after events such as the Spartina Shin"Dig". Bill recommends dispersing the *Dunesberry* at local venues.

HCNC Renovation

- Laura has been doing a great job with moving the project along. On November 6th at 3pm the building committee will be meeting with Jake to overview the plans. The tires on the roof and nearby the building should be removed in a couple of weeks.
- FOD is hoping to receive funding from the WCB in order to use pavers instead of gravel in the planned HCNC parking area.

Land Trust

ACTION: Carol will talk with the Stamps family later this month about signing the restoration management plan for their property and part of the restoration easement on their parcel.

VI. PLANNING FOR OCTOBER 17 BOARD RETREAT

Solidify attendees- Tamara, Mike Wilson and Matt cannot attend.

Review/amend draft agenda, amend/ Carol met with Tony and created a draft schedule.

Carol is recommending going with a shorter agenda and getting out one hour early and then use board meeting time at a later date to focus on financials.

Review Board and Staff Assignments; each board member will report on the status of Vision Things to be considered in reports: Accomplishments, Challenges, Opportunities, Recommended Actions

Education – Marj and Nancy

Public Access Trail Planning – John

Facility Management and Development – Emily

Marketing/Outreach – Mike Seeber

Community networking to build organizational capacity and leadership role – Mike Seeber

Natural Resources – Bill Weaver

Long-term financial sustainability – Dave Weinstein

Look at staffing and what positions we need to carry us further.

THE BOARD RETREAT IS A POTLUCK – Look for the poll on Wiggi

Financial information in preparation for the retreat (Carol will provide at meeting)

This is being taken off the board retreat agenda. Carol reviewed “10/6/09 Thoughts on Friends of the Dunes Finances” from the board packet. The board concurred with her suggestions including creating reports that separate the Operational budget from the Capital improvement budget and creating clear descriptions of the different phases of the HCNC development project.

VII. FINANCIALS

Reviewed Pamela’s financial report. Emily commented that parts of the grant matrix have not been updated.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Retreat October 17

Friends of the Dunes Move; Nov. 1-15

Holiday Party at the Samoa Women’s club- December 6

XII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- 2010 Budget
- Approve September and October minutes

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