

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2010, 7-9 pm, Samoa Women's Club, 115 Rideout Street Samoa

Board Members: Michelle Forys, Michael Tout, John St. Marie, Bill Weaver, Mike Wilson, Trevor Estlow

Public: Beth Werner, Tony LaBanca, Jennifer Savage

Staff: Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of September minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. Marine Life Protection Act – discussion to consider signing on as a supporter of a single community proposal for the north coast
- V. Retreat planning
- VI. HCNC project update
- VII. Follow-up items from September meeting
- VIII. Financial report
- IX. Upcoming events
- X. Questions about staff and /or committee reports
- XI. December agenda items

I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Beth Werner, Coastal Advocate of Humboldt Bay Keeper

II. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Postponed until December board meeting

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT – DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER SIGNING ON AS A SUPPORTER OF A SINGLE COMMUNITY PROPOSAL FOR THE NORTH COAST

Beth Werner and Jennifer Savage discussed the final map that has been submitted to the Blue Ribbon Task Force and answered questions from the board pertaining to the process, outcome and science behind the map.

Mike Wilson motions to approve that FOD sign the support of a single community proposal for the North Coast MLPA with the stipulation that all logos of those signed onto the letter be given even representation, 2nd from Bill Weaver. All present, in addition to Nancy Ihara via speaker phone, approved the motion.

V. RETREAT PLANNING

Morris Graves retreat center on November 6th. Mike Wilson suggested discussing board committees and what is needed. Mike Seeber would like to discuss the needs of the board in general. Tony and Carol will be meeting Oct. 14th at 12:30pm to finalize retreat planning.

Everyone should meet at 8:15am at CR to carpool to site. Other carpools are leaving from the Arcata Los Bagels and Manila. Bagels and coffee provided. Bring a potluck lunch item.

VI. HCNC PROJECT UPDATE

Reviewed report submitted by Laura Kadlecik. Discussed priorities to complete in Phase I.

VII. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

Tolowa Dunes

Ruth Coleman is the head of State Parks and dropped the reclassification of the Tolowa Dunes and is now planning on starting a general plan update that would address this topic again in the future.

Director's insurance

What happens if we get sued without this insurance? What is our liability?

ACTION: Mike Seeber will look further into what our insurance already covers.

Staffing updates; restoration coordinator, bookkeeper, etc...

Emily Walter is hiring a restoration coordinator to take over coordination of the DERT team.

Bobbie Todd was hired as the new bookkeeper and is training with Pamela Bell.

Highlights of recent activities; Dune Escape, Day of Caring, Education and Restoration

Mike Seeber volunteered to help with the planning of the March 4th fundraiser. Mike Wilson would like to work with the Surfrider Foundation and collaborate with fundraisers. Carol Vander Meer talked about the new Coastal Naturalist manual.

VIII. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Carol Vander Meer reviewed Pamela Bell's financial report.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 30, Vet's Hall Barn Dance-helpers needed to work concessions. Mike W. will get beer donated.
- November 6 board retreat
- March 4, Arcata Theatre fundraising event- need to get plans set soon!!

X. COMMENT/QUESTIONS ON COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

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NEXT MEETING: December 7, 2010 (November meeting replaced by retreat)