

**Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Humboldt Coastal Nature Center**  
**September 6, 2011, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Board Members:** Bill Weaver, Pamela Bell, John St. Marie, Mike Seeber, Allison Poklemba, Trevor Estlow, Marj Fay, Mike Wilson

**Public:** Jennifer Savage

**Staff:** Emily Walter

**I. Introduction of guests present**

Jennifer Savage of the Ocean Conservancy

**II. Approval of June, July and August board minutes**

*Mike Wilson motioned to approve the June, July and August 2011 board minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Trevor Estlow, all in favor. Motion passed.*

**III. Public input**

Surf 4 Peace will have a surf event at the North Jetty on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. MLPA update**

Jennifer Savage reported on the MLPA. She noted that the northcoast is the only region to submit a unified proposal and that only a few minimal changes have been made since it was submitted and those changes have not seemed to upset anyone. The main critical issue is Tribal uses, which has only been on issue on the northcoast where there are a lot of local Tribes using the coast. Tribes are currently submitting information about their historic uses of the coast and the plan will be reviewed by the Dept. of Fish & Game and if all goes well will then go through the CEQA process. Basically, things are moving forward in a mostly positive matter. A map of the proposed MLPA can be seen at <http://northcoast.marinemap.org>

**V. HCNC update**

General update on how things are running (Emily)

- Kathryn's last day of working at HCNC on Saturdays was September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Still training volunteers to help at the visitor center
- The toilets have not been working properly and Danco has had Maples Service out several times to fix them. They are still under warranty at this time.

Chain across parking lot entrance (John)

- John put in posts and a rope that can be used to close the parking area off at night.

Extension of retaining wall (Mike S./Mike W.)

- No update

Entrance road repairs (Bill/John)

- The road is scheduled to be repaired on September 13

Rental policies

- Mike Seeber distributed an example of a Samoa rental policy

Acoustic engineer evaluation (Mike W.)

- Mike is still working on this

## **VI. Fundraising**

### Sail Boat Donation (Emily)

- Emily took photographs of the boat to post online. The boat can be displayed at the Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser for interested buyers to see it

### Oct. 1 Fundraiser Event (Allison)

- Planning for this event is coming right along. A poster will be out soon. We will need lots of volunteers the day of the event and are accepting donated items of gently used outdoor gear

### Yard Sale, Sept. 17

- Items can be dropped off at HCNC through the 16<sup>th</sup>

## **VII. Financial report**

Emily discussed the financial report from Bobbie. For the most part we are meeting our fundraising goals but still have a good chunk to go for the rest of the year. Programs are staying within their budgets but we are overspending in the administrative category.

## **VIII. Nomination and election of new Treasurer**

Tabled until the October meeting

## **IX. Staffing Updates**

Restoration – hired 2 interns, signed MOU with MCSD

Education - Suzie and Lianna are back from summer vacations. Suzie has hired a new education assistant and training field trip volunteers

Carol – Due to be back to work on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

## **X. Upcoming events**

- Saturday, Sept. 17, Yard Sale Fundraiser on H Street in Arcata
- Saturday, Oct. 1, Fundraiser

## **XI. Upcoming agenda items**

- Nominate and elect a Treasurer
- Report on Get Outside Gear Sale and Chair-ity Event
- Set a date for the Winter Holiday party
- Set a date for a mini retreat?

**Next Meeting: October 4, 2011 (6-8pm at HCNC)**