

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
Humboldt Coastal Nature Center
Tuesday, May 7, 2013 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Board Members: Mike Wilson, Susan Penn, Marj Fay, Dave Hitchcock, Trevor Estlow, Jessica Hall, Melissa Zielinski, Michael van Hattem, John St. Marie, Mike Dronkers, Jon O'Connor, Tamara Gedik

Staff: Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer

Public: Bruce Cann (BLM), Lisa Hoover

I. Public Input

Introduction of Guests – Bruce Cann from the Bureau of Land Management

Linda Lee approached FOD to help with restoration activities on MCS D property. FOD would like to encourage MCS D to seek funding to update their management plan as a first step in improving restoration practices on their property.

ACTION ITEM: Jessica Hall will attend an upcoming MCS D Board Meeting to encourage their Board of Directors to look into ways to update their management plan.

II. Approval of April minutes

Melissa Zielinski motioned to approve the April minutes, 2nd from David Hitchcock, all in favor. Motion passed.

III. Welcome New Board Members

- Jessica Hall, Executive Director of Humboldt Baykeeper
- Jon O'Connor, North Coast Adventure Centers Inc.
- Board members all introduced themselves to the new board members

IV. Review of Dashboard/2013 First Quarter Financials

Emily reviewed the dashboard. Overall income is looking good. We could do more to increase memberships and the line of credit was cut in half last month due to a generous donation.

David reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee reviewed the 2012 990 tax form, signed and mailed it in. They also reviewed the 1st quarter financials and didn't see anything striking to report. Bobbie, the bookkeeper is going to look into income trends to FOD throughout the year to better monitor progress towards reaching fundraising goals.

V. Trails Planning

- Review of HCNC Trails planning criteria from 2009 trails plan
- Bruce Cann described the BLM's current trails planning process and what opportunities there are for FOD to comment.

Mike Wilson requests:

- 1) BLM's analysis include what could become any newly designated trails on FOD, including the foredune area
 - 2) BLM take on mitigation and monitoring required if a new trail is created on FOD
 - 3) BLM be responsible for mitigation should there be negative impacts to FOD from new trails
- Identify any next steps needed to manage HCNC trails
 - o Lisa Hoover encourages the board to review the FOD trails plan and the May Stewardship Committee Report.

ACTION ITEM: Carol will set up a time for interested board members to meet and walk the trail to discuss this issue further.

VI. Directors Report

Carol briefly reviewed the director's report. Mike requested that there be a proposal presented to the board on how to proceed.

VII. Committee Reports

June 27- Land Trust Conference – need a board member to attend at the Fortuna River Lodge

VIII. Sand Sculpture Festival

A list of possible SSF sponsors was passed around again for board members to sign up and do follow-up phone calls. Board members are additionally encouraged to add businesses to the list. We need to have sponsor confirmation by the end of the month in order to get logos on the SSF poster.

IX. Upcoming events

- David Rains Wallace Nature Writing Workshop - May 11
- Ocean Day - May 30
- Sand Sculpture Festival June 29

X. Upcoming Agenda Items

- FOD Board Member Contracts
- Development Director Proposal
- Update on Trails Planning

Adjourn – 8:12 p.m.

