

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
Humboldt Coastal Nature Center
Tuesday, June 5, 2013 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Board Members: Mike Wilson, Susan Penn, Trevor Estlow, Michael van Hattem, John St. Marie, Mike Dronkers, Tamara Gedik, Bill Weaver

Staff: Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer, Allison Wiechmann

Public: None

I. Public Input

None

II. Approval of May minutes

Tamara Gedik motioned to approve the May minutes, 2nd from Susan Penn, all in favor. Motion passed.

III. Review of Dashboard

Emily reviewed the dashboard. Overall income and cash flow is looking good. We are ahead of target for program and workshop fee income. A report generated by Bobbie Todd, the bookkeeper, informs us that 50% of our general and membership income come in the last quarter. We have some upcoming site visits from potential grantors, which is good news.

IV. BLM Trails Planning

The board discussed various options for commenting on the BLM trails planning process, including the elements of their analysis and how their alternatives might impact FOD property. One possible trail they are evaluating is along the BLM foredune that would connect their Male'l Dunes property with FOD's property. The Board was concerned and interested in how their analysis would consider impacts to that habitat element, as well as to HCNC properties where any trail might terminate at the HCNC property boundary. Board members were interested in learning more about the details of the BLM analysis process and what it would consider, including effects on adjacent property owners, effects on rare or unique habitat(s) through which any of the potential BLM trails might run, as well as the potential species-specific ecological effects of the various trail alternatives. The BLM has asked for input from FOD, as an adjacent property owner, land manager and conservation organization, for use in their trail analysis process. The Board will provide BLM with the FOD/HCNC trails plan and provide comments regarding HCNC trail locations, criteria developed during the trail planning process, and related information that might be pertinent to the BLM planning and analysis process. The Board decided to provide the BLM with information on our current trail management policies and practices and specific concerns we might have that could affect their planning and analysis process.

ACTION ITEM: John St. Marie will ask Lisa Hoover to draft a letter on behalf of FOD to BLM that outlines our trails plan and trail management policies as well as the concerns and interests the Board has with BLM's trail planning process.

ACTION ITEM: Carol will email the Board to set-up a trail site meeting with BLM Staff.

V. Directors Report

Carol, along with other Manila residents met with the County to discuss local restoration efforts and discuss any concerns that the county may have with current practices and activities.

ACTION ITEM: Carol will email the Dunes Coop MOU to key county staff to remind them that they are stakeholders in the Dunes Coop.

ACTION ITEM: Tamara will invite key County Staff to the next Dunes Coop meeting to reacquaint them with the group and help answer any questions they may have concerning local dune restoration efforts.

VI. Development Director Proposal

The Board reviewed a draft Development Director Position proposal and discussed. Due to late submittal of the proposal the Board will review further at the July Board meeting.

VII. Sand Sculpture Festival

The Board reviewed a draft poster for the event.

ACTION ITEM: Mike Dronkers will invite Kinetic Sculptures to attend the event to make it more lively.

ACTION ITEM: Carol will work with Phil at Wildberries Marketplace to build a Sand Sculpture in the Wildberries Marketplace parking lot as advertisement for the event one week prior to the event.

ACTION ITEM: Susan volunteered to help with the Wildberries Sand Sculpture.

ACTION ITEM: Bill and Susan volunteered to help the day of the event.

VIII. Upcoming events

- Sand Sculpture Festival June 29

IX. Upcoming Agenda Items

- BLM Trails Proposal Follow-up
- Wine by the Sea
- Development Director Proposal
- Review Board terms and elected positions

Adjourn – 8:15 p.m.