

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes/Notes
October 7, 2014, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 6-8 pm

Board Members: Mike Wilson, Mike Seeber, David Hitchcock, John St. Marie, Matt Johnson, Trevor Estlow, Kim McFarland, Jessica Hall

Staff: Carol Vander Meer

Public: None

I. PUBLIC INPUT

None

II. Preliminary report from Wine by the Sea

We don't have exact totals yet, but we definitely met our goal of \$8000 profit.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John St. Marie motioned for approval of the September, 2014 minutes. 2nd from Matt Johnson, all present were in favor. Motion passed.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Carol discussed highlights of her Director's report.
- The board discussed the possibility of being a fiscal sponsor for another organization that is applying for the same grant that we are applying for.

Jessica Hall motioned to move forward with fiscal sponsorship if it doesn't impact our ability to submit our own application. 2nd by David Hitchcock, all present were in favor. Motion passed.

V. Discussion of Homeless Impacts in the Dunes

ACTION: Mike Seeber will write a draft letter to the county and circulate to the board expressing our concerns about the issue and the impacts on coastal habitat.

A final letter will be reviewed for possible approval at the November meeting.

VI. BYLAW REVISIONS

Mike Seeber and Jessica brought suggested bylaw updates to the board. David Hitchcock discussed his use of a simplified set of bylaws that has worked for other nonprofits he has worked with.

ACTION: David will provide simplified bylaws to Mike Seeber and the topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

VII. REVIEW DASHBOARD

Carol discussed highlights of the dashboard.

VIII. SET AGENDA FOR PLANNING RETREAT - NOVEMBER 16

Discussed what was done at last year's retreat.

ACTION: Jessica and Carol will work on developing a draft agenda to be discussed at the next board meeting on November 4.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11- Adopt a Highway- 9:30-12noon

October 18- CCC Volunteer Day-8:30 breakfast, 9-noon work, 12:00 lunch

October 26, Spooky Dune Tour

November 16- 9am-3pm- Planning Retreat

X. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Stewardship update
- Quarterly financials
- 2015 budget considerations
- Draft Agenda for November 16 planning retreat
- Draft Letter to county supervisor re: coastal habitat impacts of homeless in the dunes
- Review simplified bylaws
- Closed Session – personnel discussion

ADJOURN: 7:30 PM