

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2013, 6-8 pm, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila

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

Public: Lisa Hoover

Staff: Emily Walter, Carol Vander Meer

I. Introduction of guests present

None at time of this agenda item

II. Public input

None

III. Approval of January board minutes

John St. Marie motioned to approve the January board minutes, 2nd from Trevor Estlow, all present in favor. Motion passed.

IV. Review dashboard

Emily reviewed memberships, income, and grants from the dashboard. Friends of the Dunes was awarded a Whale Tale grant for education and a subcontract with the Coast Guard for a restoration mitigation project.

V. Board of Directors Insurance Update

The FOD board approved Board of Directors Insurance at the January meeting. FOD has not yet purchased the insurance, as we are waiting to hopefully get a lower cost after submitting our 990 for 2012.

VI. Review and consider for approval 2013 Budget

The board reviewed the draft 2013 budget.

Bill Weaver motioned to pass the 2013 financial budget, 2nd from Mike Wilson, all present in favor. Motion passed.

VII. HCNC Facilities Update

- Tamara reviewed updated HCNC rental policies.
- Carol updated the board on repairs to the cupola. The good news is that the structure is sound. The next step to take place will be replacement of the windows and exterior siding.

VIII. Board recruitment

Carol and the board recruitment committee are planning a gathering of community leaders to serve on the "Blue Ribbon Board Recruitment Committee," which will meet once at the Nature Center on Tuesday, February 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be brainstorm names of people to approach for serving on the board.

The board recruitment will gather a list of names to recruit for board members and solicit people. Board applications should be ready for review at the end March and voting for new board members will take place in April.

IX. Durable Partnership Program w/ Northern CA Council of Land Trusts

Carol and Lisa attended a meeting about the Durable partnership program that will gather representatives from northern California land trusts to share, review organizational information. The goal of the program is to identify ways in which land trusts can better work collaboratively in order to meet their goals.

Mike Wilson motioned to participate in the program, 2nd from Mike van Hattem, all present in favor. Motion passed.

X. Staff/Committee Reports

- The Fund Development committee decided on Saturday, Oct. 5 for the Wine by the Sea fundraiser.
- Suzie submitted an Education Annual Report in the board packet. Please review.

XI. Upcoming Events

- I Love Mud, February 9
- 35th Annual Lupine Bash, February 23
- The Outdoor Gear Sale is happening Sunday, April 13th.
ACTION: Mike van Hattem and Marj volunteered to help with planning.

XII. Upcoming Agenda Items

- Board of Directors Insurance
- Board Recruitment

Adjourn 7:40 p.m.