

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2013, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 6-8pm

Board Members: David Hitchcock, Susan Penn, John St. Marie, Mike van Hattem, Trevor Estlow, Mike Dronkers, Mike Wilson, Matt Johnson, Melissa Zielinski, Jessica Hall

Staff: Carol Vander Meer

Public: None

December Agenda

- I. Public input
- II. Approval of November minutes – motion by David; second Melissa; approved.
- III. Review of dashboard –
- IV. Director's report –
- V. Fund development
- VI. By-law updates
- VII. Board terms and Board development
- VIII. Strategic planning retreat
- IX. Upcoming events
- X. Upcoming agenda items

I. PUBLIC INPUT

None

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

John St. Marie motioned for approval of November, 2013 minutes, 2nd from Melissa Zielinski, all present were in favor. Minutes from November, 2013 were approved.

III. REVIEW OF DASHBOARD

Carol noted below member target (though slightly up from last year)

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol reviewed the upcoming Dunesberry cover article with the board to discuss whether to withdraw it or not.

David Hitchcock motioned to postpone the lead article indefinitely, second from Mike Dronkers, 7 in favor and 4 against. Motion passed with a majority.

Carol also brought up several points not in director's report, such as: board needs to front \$3500 for a recently received grant.

Carol wants help/input on Health Care for FOD employees. The current health plan for employees is non-compliant with the Affordable Care Act.

V. FUND DEVELOPMENT

End of the year letter – they are sent out. Carol has list of those who have and haven't given. She encouraged board members to call individuals (to say thanks or encourage them to donate)

VI. BY-LAW UPDATES

Susan highlighted some suggested changes to by-laws regarding board and officer terms and position, mostly to revise them to reflect current practice.

Mike Dronkers motioned to approve suggested changes, Jessica Hall seconded. David Hitchcock suggested one change to require officers to be board members. Mike Dronkers amended motion, and seconder approved. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

VII. BOARD TERMS AND BOARD DEVELOPMENT

VIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT

Sat Jan 25th - Discussion of whether it should be 25th or 26th. There's conflict on Sat late afternoon...so retreat should be 8:30 am to 3 pm., on Saturday, January 25th.

Permit update should be the unifying theme for the strategic planning retreat.

Discussion about whether we need board meeting on Jan 7th and/or Feb. Decided to keep both those dates. Mike van Hattem will ask Tony if he will be the facilitator.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wine Pour at Sewell Art Gallery – Dec. 7th
- Holiday Party – Dec 8th
- Evening Lecture: Lori Dengler, Dec. 18th, 7-8pm at HCNC

X. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Check the newsletter.

Adjourned 7:52