

**FRIENDS OF SLEEPING BEAR DUNES  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2010  
10:00 AM  
SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE LIBRARY**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eleanor Comings, Roland Drayson, Kerry Kelly, Leonard Marszalek, Molly McCombs, Pat Oriel, Jerry Powley, Jack Schultz, Alice Van Zoeren, Lois Veenstra

**NPS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Tom Ulrich, Ross Toles

**VISITORS PRESENT:** Fritz Barratt, Bob Wick

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Ross Toles, Roads and Trails Supervisor, is asking the Adopt-A-Trail volunteers to use maps of the trails to explain where problems are located. These maps are also on the web-site. Tom Ulrich will provide good copies to Molly McCombs to distribute to the appropriate volunteers. Volunteers should move objects if they can, but report large objects for the R&T crew to handle. Information should be turned in to Ross or at the desk in the visitors' center. Ideal times to make a check of the trail would be during the last two weeks of April, at least once per month during the summer, and a check being made during the first two weeks of September.

Kerry Kelly reported that they will need seven 55-gallon drums of coal for the blacksmith shop. A truck will be needed to haul the coal from the SS Badger in Ludington next week.

**MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2009, MEETING:** Approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Molly McCombs

Molly provided a detailed financial statement showing assets of \$46,161.64, with restricted funds of \$24,901.43, encumbered funds of \$3,000, and a fund balance for projects and operating expenses of \$18,260.21.

Funding of the following projects was approved:

EMS oxygen cylinders and regulators - \$1,500  
Crystal River signs - \$2,000  
Plover monitoring supplies - \$500  
Digital camera Olympus Stylus 1030 SW - \$500

Stairs to the beach on the road just south of Camp Leelanau/Kohahna in Port Oneida could be funded from the balance of \$3,434.17 left from the Lane Road stairs project.

**PORT ONEIDA FAIR FINANCIAL REPORT:** Molly McCombs

No word has been received on the status of the Michigan Humanities Council grant.

**2010 BUDGET / 2009 YEAR END SUMMARY:** Approved

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Report from Lakeshore Representative:** Tom Ulrich

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Bill) is providing money for rehabilitation and other projects in Glen Haven.

The Great Lake Restoration Initiative, an EPA project, will restore wetlands, remove toxins, and monitor invasives.

There have been several personnel changes with some positions as yet to be filled.

Thanks were given for the support of the many projects in the Lakeshore.

### **Membership Report:** Molly McCombs

There are 33 single memberships, 65 family memberships, 3 life memberships, 15 corporate memberships, and 31 as yet unpaid memberships. Although this usually changes as people return to the area for the summer.

Jack Schultz, Eleanor Comings, and Pat Oriel are the nominating committee for new board members. They will report at the June meeting. A list of current board members, their current term ending date, and whether or not they are eligible for re-election was compiled and presented by Jack Schultz.

### **Adopt-A-Trail Report:** Molly McCombs

Volunteers have reported 61 trail hours for January, February, and March of 2010. There are 24 volunteers (some are couples and some are groups) covering all mainland trails in the Lakeshore.

### **Adopt-A-Garden:** Kerry Kelly

The Lawr Farm native plant garden will continue to be maintained.

A landscape plan is being written for Port Oneida.

A native plant garden in a more public place is possible.

### **Adopt-A-Beach:** Kerry Kelly

There are approximately 40 people who have adopted a beach.

A kick-off meeting for the 2010 season will be held on May 12 at 3:00 for both the Adopt-A-Beach and Adopt-A-Trail programs.

### **Booklets and Stickers:** Kerry Kelly

Kerry has ordered more stickers. Two of the booklets need to be re-ordered. A wildflowers guide for the area will be printed.

Booklets will be placed at the Boat House in Glen Haven because the Cannery will not be open this summer.

### **Non-Motorized Multi-Use Trail Project:** Kerry Kelly

Bob Wick, director of fundraising for TART presented information on the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail.

We all received letters from Bill Milliken asking for our endorsement of the project.

A campaign cabinet is being built to present the trail information to the public. A brochure is being put together.

Work on the first section from the Dune Climb to Glen Arbor will begin after engineering is completed. Funding has been obtained from the National Scenic Byways grant and matching funds from MDOT. Construction is expected in 2011.

**Field Clearing in Port Oneida:** Kerry Kelly

Fielding clearing has not begun. We are working with the park staff to determine which fields will be mowed and cleared.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**D. H. Day Sawmill:** Kerry Kelly

Kerry has tried to make contact with the owner but has not received a call back from him. Help with a truck and storage space will be needed from the Lakeshore.

**Web Site Management:** Kerry Kelly

Pro Web Marketing of Traverse Cit will be hosting and maintaining our web-site. They will be named as one of our corporate sponsors.

A new account at the bank for the use of PayPal for web payments was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS;**

**Michigan Lighthouse Association** has asked for \$100 for the printing of 5,000 brochures. The Lakeshore lighthouse is on that brochure. Approved.

We may be asked to help fund a trip for those who are going to South Manitou Island on a restoration trip this summer.

**Fund Raising Ideas:** Christine Armbrecht

No report.

**Adjourned at 12:15**

**Annual meeting – Sunday, June 27 – 2:00 PM at the Platte River Picnic Area**

Our board members are asked to bring snacks.