

Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes

Board Meeting

August 19, 2009

10:00 AM

General Store Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Christine Armbrecht, Eleanor Comings, Roland Drayson, Kerry Kelly, Dick Kishline, Molly McCombs, Chuck Schaeffer, Jack Schultz, Alice Van Zoeren, Lois Veenstra

NPS Representative Present: Tom Ulrich

Changes to Agenda: None

Minutes of June 14, 2009, Meeting: Approved with two spelling corrections: Van Zoeren, Shultz

Treasurer's Report: Molly McCombs

Friends Financial Report:

- Molly provided a detailed financial statement (**attached**) showing total assets of \$19,712.80 with restricted funds of \$8,970.83, and encumbered funds of \$4,263.61, which leaves an operating fund balance of \$6,478.36. Approved.
- Dick Kishline is doing a ramp at surfman's house.
- The Lane Road project has a fund balance. The rest may be used for another steps project in Port Oneida.
- The Werner Cemetery Fund was established with money from the family to restore fence or replace wire.
- The bio-blanket money will be used at the site of the former Norconk house.
- D. H. Day Exhibit will need more money to fund the antique phone for the telling of the Christmas tour, and the curling stone needs to be placed in the exhibit.
- Kerry will work on getting D. H. Day sawmill in the fall.
- The booklets have a profit of around \$3,000. We may be able to buy in high volume to get a lower price for printing each booklet. Kerry will check on putting books at D. H. Day Campground.
- Barn workshop may need more dollars. It is being worked on today.
- The oral history project has received another \$1,300 grant that can be used for transcription.

Port Oneida Fair Report: Molly McCombs

- The POF "seed money" fund has a balance of \$5,427.71.
- The 2009 fair committee has a balance of negative \$3,556.19.
- There will be more information to come as there are still more bills to be paid.
- The grant we've received in the past will not be there for next year.

- A new grant application is being written which is more in the cultural area.
- There were good donations from the fair.
- The “quiz” went over well and there were around 50 turned in. Each of those people received a poster from a previous fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Park Representative: Tom Ulrich

- A bipartisan bill is being worked on by Rep. Hoekstra to designate the wilderness areas.
- There will be a beach clean-up day in September.
- There have been 140 comments to the environmental assessment for the overlook on Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive.
- A cultural landscape plan for Port Oneida will include which fields to keep cleared.
- The Crystal River Launch needs to be hardened or perhaps moved.
- Invasives, especially black locust, are being removed in Glen Haven.
- Work is being done on the houses in the islands’ villages. Materials must be boated in and hand carried up. Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear is working on a porch on Katy Shepherd Hotel
- Recovery Act dollars are being used to work on Old Indian Trail, for placing Glen Haven utilities underground, and work on the parking area in Glen Haven.
- Work is being done on the Warner House in Glen Haven to use for office space and adding a break room for volunteers.
- Work is being done on the Boekeloo cabin.
- Visitation is up.
- A new donation box at the Visitors’ Center has worked well.
- New Plover signs are being made for next year. There will be 3 signs which are each 3’ X 5’.

Membership: Molly McCombs

- There are 141 addresses on the master membership list – 71 families, 59 singles, and 11 corporate memberships.
- New brochures have been placed at the Visitors’ Center.

Adopt-A-Trail: Molly McCombs

- Volunteers have turned in 237.5 hours so far for 2009.
- Tom suggested that prior to the spring hiking season and the winter cross country skiing season (late Sept before deer hunting) that we do a detailed report on each trail. Molly will contact Ross.

Adopt-A-Garden: Kerry Kelly

- Garden at Lawr farm looks good.
- The vegetable garden was tilled and planted.

- There are two new volunteers working on the garden.

Adopt-A-Beach: Kerry Kelly

- Botulism report: help is needed from Empire to North Bar Lake.
- We have shirts and hats for volunteers.
- 3 crews have gone to South Manitou Island and 1 person to North Manitou for clean-up details.

Booklets and Stickers: Kerry Kelly

- We have sold approximately 400 of each of the books.
- There are new stickers available.

Non-Motorized Multi-Use Trail: Kerry Kelly

- There are donation cards available for the Heritage Trail.
- 11-12 million dollars are needed.
- TART will manage the funds. Bob Wick is in charge of the fund raising committee.
- Leonard is on the committee with Bob for the feasibility study.
- Motion passed for writing a planning grant.

Field Clearing In Port Oneida: Kerry Kelly

- Lots of hours have been put in. 7-8 people are working every Tuesday pulling trees for 6-8 hours.
- Mowing has been done since first of August. Most fields out Port Oneida Road have been mowed. Maintenance and fuel has been provided by the Lakeshore.

Old Business

- Update on the D. H. Day Exhibit at the General Store: It is mostly completed and is open to the public.
- Ken Burns PBS Special on National Parks begins on September 27. There will be 45 minute previews in the park on September 28 at the Visitor s' Center and September 29 at the Platte River Campground. Check papers for further information.
- The D. H. Day Sawmill is functional. A location must be decided upon.
- Chuck and Roland have done much research on membership categories. We currently have 3 categories. What about including honorariums and memorials? Further discussion will be held at the October meeting. The Lakeshore is considering doing a donor recognition program.
- We will be considering the use of PayPal for Web Payments.

New Business: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 12:20 pm with the next meeting to be held on Wed., October 21