

**Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes
Board Meeting
October 21, 2009
10:00 AM
SLBE Library**

The meeting was preceded by a botulism report given by Emily Tyner, biological technician.

Board Members Present: Christine Armbrecht, Eleanor Comings, Kerry Kelly, Dick Kishline, Leonard Marszalek, Molly McCombs, Pat Oriol, Chuck Schaeffer, Jack Schultz, Lois Veenstra

NPS Representative: Lee Jameson

Visitors Present: Mary Crave, Tom Van Zoeren

Changes to Agenda: None

Minutes from August 19, 2009: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Molly McCombs

Molly provided a detailed financial statement (attached) showing assets of \$29,406.43 with restricted funds of \$17,491.48, and encumbered funds of \$3,000.00 which leaves an operating balance of \$8,914.95. Approved

\$500.00 request for oral history project (Tom Van Zoeren) was approved.

Port Oneida Fair Report: Molly McCombs

Molly provided a detailed financial statement for the 2009 Port Oneida Fair showing a balance of \$0.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Lakeshore Representative: Lee Jameson

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus Bill) will provide about \$2,249,000 for projects in the Lakeshore: rehabilitation of the historic village in Glen Haven, repair of hiking trails, and removal of invasive baby's breath plants.

(See <http://www.nps.gov/slbe/parknews/newsstimulusfunds042409.htm> for more information.)

Thanks were given for the ongoing generous support to projects in the Lakeshore.

Membership Report: Molly McCombs

There are 150 addresses on the mailing list. Of those addresses there are 72 family, 15 corporate, and 63 single memberships.

Since the Board meeting in August the Friends have added 5 corporate members and 7 regular memberships. We also received 2 memorial donations.

Adopt-A-Trail: Molly McCombs

There are 25 names on the list of trail volunteers. Sixteen of the volunteers have turned hours for July, August, and September. There have been 204 volunteer hours reported to the Friends. Six of the volunteers have not turned in hours this year. An e-mail will be sent to those who have not notified Molly of hours to update the volunteer list before the start of 2010 so we know who should receive Park passes.

Adopt-A-Garden: Kerry Kelly

No report

Adopt-A-Beach: Kerry Kelly

The organizational meeting for the 2010 season will be scheduled for sometime in May.

Booklets and Stickers: Kerry Kelly

The Manitou Island books are gone. More will be printed in the spring. We have approximately \$300.00 more in the

donation box.

Non-Motorized Multi-Use Trail: Kerry Kelly

\$1,000,000 has been received for the project. Fund-raising for matching funds for the next section of the trail from the Dunes to Empire will take place. TART has a professional fund-raiser who will help us.

Field Clearing in Port Oneida: Kerry Kelly

The tractor is being repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

D. H. Day Sawmill: Kerry Kelly

Because of work being done in Glen Haven, we hope to delay the purchase until next spring. Otherwise, storage space will need to be found.

Kerry has contacted a timber framer. This is a \$30,000-50,000 project. We will need to write grants and get volunteers.

Membership Categories: Chuck Schaeffer

The proposed membership dues structure will include the following categories: student, individual, family, life, and corporate. This includes different levels of corporate memberships and benefits.

Use of PayPal for Web Payments:

This will be worked on over the winter

Fund Raising Idea: Christine Armbrecht

We could have a flea market for good items, charging per table plus a per cent of the sales and/or accepting donation of items.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revision of By-Laws: Kerry Kelly

Article XI – Dissolution was amended to read as follows:

Upon the dissolution of the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities against the remaining assets of said Friends, donate the remainder to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for conservation or interpretation purposes.

ADJOURNMENT: at 12:35 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Wed., April 14, 2010