

**FRIENDS OF SLEEPING BEAR DUNES
BOARD MEETING
VISITORS' CENTER LIBRARY
OCTOBER 13, 2010 -10:00 A.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Christine Armbrecht, Fritz Barratt, Eleanor Comings, Roland Drayson, Kerry Kelly, Richard Kishline, Leonard Marszalek, Molly McCombs, Pat Oriol, Alice Van Zoeren, Lois Veenstra

FRIENDS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESENT – Alan Kasper

NPS REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT – Dusty Shultz

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – New business – Committee to work on plans for future

MINUTES FROM AUGUST 18, 2010, MEETING – Approved with corrections: Leonard Marszalek is our representative to the Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route Committee.

Kerry Kelly will find volunteers for construction of the beach access steps off Port Oneida Road on the dirt road going to the west north of Lane Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Molly McComb

Molly provided a detailed financial statement showing assets of \$43,779.13, with restricted funds of \$20,699.76, encumbered funds of \$3,000, and operating funds of \$20,079.37. Report Approved.

PORT ONEIDA FAIR FINANCIAL REPORT – Molly McCombs

The Port Oneida Fair “seed” money account has balance of \$868.50.
The total cost of the fair is around \$12,000.

Roland Drayson is the new representative to the Port Oneida Fair committee..

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thank you to Jerry Pawley, June Pawley, and Fritz Barratt for representing the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes and helping at the Leelanau Harvest Tour in September.

Report from Lakeshore Representative – Dusty Shultz, Superintendent

Dusty thanked the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes for all that we do for the Lakeshore.

An update was given on the many projects being worked throughout the Lakeshore.

Membership Report – Molly McCombs

There are 35 single memberships, 78 family memberships, 3 life memberships, 17 corporate memberships, and one complimentary membership.

Kerry will write the annual membership letter. Eleanor volunteered to take care of having the newsletter printed. Leonard and Alice will help put the letters in the envelopes.

Discussion was held about moving our post office box from Traverse City to Empire. Approved. The new address will be included in the annual letter.

Leonard will collect our mail from the post office, bank any money, and send name and memberships to Molly.

Adopt-A-Trail – Kerry Kelly

The last checks of the trails were done in September.

Adopt-A-River – Alan Kasper

Six VIPs did a final cleanup of the Crystal River last Sunday in the lakeshore and in Glen Arbor. There was less trash than in the past.

A final cleanup of the Platte River has also been done by the Traverse Area Paddle Club.

Adopt-A-Garden – Kerry Kelly

The Lawr garden has had very little done this year.

A descendant of the Dechow family has volunteered to do a garden there. Kerry will check with Kim about this.

Adopt-A-Beach – Alice Van Zoeren

The International Coastal Clean-up day sponsored by the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-A-Beach program was held on September 25. 13 of our volunteers and 4 new helpers cleaned North Bar and Boekeloo beaches.

There have been more problems with botulism this year than last year.

Booklets and Stickers – Kerry Kelly

Approximately 500 each of the Birding and Wildflowers booklets have been purchased this year, as well as approximately 250 of each of the other booklets.

Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail – Leonard Marszalek

Discussion was held with the Federal Highway Association concerning the environmental assessment. The trail should be under way next fall and ready for the spring of 2012.

Fund raising is going well. Bob Wick from TART has been meeting with several groups.

Planning is being done on Segment 4 from the Dune Climb to Empire.

Leonard is going to monthly meetings with Leelanau Scenic Heritage Route committee.

This trail will be incorporated into Adopt-A-Trail as each portion is completed.

Field Clearing in Port Oneida – Fritz Barratt

Less field clearing was done this year. There are concerns about artifacts in the fields and birds.

A plan is expected for next year with mowing between July 1 and mid August of 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

D. H. Day Sawmill – Kerry Kelly

Kerry has called the owner several times and met with him at the Buckley Old Engine Show. He also went to check out Hartwick Pines. Both are run by a steam engine and have similar operations. It could be run with 3 people but would be better with 6 people. No further contact from the owner since then.

NEW BUSINESS;

Planning for the future – Kerry Kelly and Leonard Marszalek

Discussion was held about planning for the coming year and beyond. A committee of Kerry, Leonard, Chuck, Al, Alice, and Eleanor was formed. Approved.

The committee will meet with lakeshore staff about projects being planned and how we can help.

Miscellaneous

Thanks were extended to Leonard for the electronics for the phone for the D. H. Day display at the General Store.

Christine suggested creating some kind of a booth that we could use to make our presence known. We may have a sign at the Carmichael House.

Kerry will get new content to the web-site host.

It was suggested that we might look into coordinating efforts with Preserve Historic Sleeping Bear and Manitou Islands Memorial Society.

ADJOURNMENT: noon

Next meeting Wed., April 6, 2011, at 2:00 PM