

**Board of Trustees, Museum Division
St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks**

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2005

Recreation and Parks Conference Room

Members Present

Robert Arnold
Steve Dunlap
Greg Callaway
Helen Dorsey

Rose Davis
Millie Huseman
Shirley Leyland
Herb Walling

Members Absent

Joe Balenger abs
George Kennett EXCUSED

Joe Gass abs

Advisors Present

Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation, Parks, and Community Services
Debra Pence, Director, Museum Division

Call to Order

President Shirley Leyland called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent reflection.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting and the agenda for this meeting were e-mailed/mailed to the members prior to the meeting. Millie Huseman moved for approval of the minutes from the March 10, 2005 meeting, second by Bob Arnold. The board approved the minutes by voice vote.

Old Business

Debra Pence provided a report of activities for March. She added that the Water Taxi has passed U. S. Coast Guard inspection and would be available for operation.

The lighthouse keeper's quarters at PPLHM&P has been rented as of June 1, 2005. The county Building Services division is assisting with lead abatement prior to occupancy.

The Wye Oak exhibit will be a focus at SCIM during the coming year. We are very fortunate to have a piece of this Maryland Symbol.

Ms. Pence thanked the Friends organization for the Volunteer Appreciation Night festivities held on April 7, 2005

New Business

We received a summary of the Director's April report.

Ms. Pence reported that Museum Division staff members Kim Cullins and Lydia Wood will receive awards for their preservation work. The Historic Preservation Committee will present the awards on May 10, 2005 during the Board of County Commissioners morning session.

The State of Maryland approved a Bond Bill awarding the Museum Division \$100,000 for the PPLHM&P.

Mr. Rollins reported that the Board of County Commissioners signed a new 25-year lease for the SCIM property. The State is expected to approve the lease of their property.

The Draft Land preservation and Recreation Plan will be presented tonight and board members were invited to attend. A concept plan for Myrtle Point Park contains a nature and or heritage center. The Draft plan is on the county website.

Mr. Callaway reported that the Friends Membership Appreciation Hard Hat Night was a success. The Board of the Friends hosted their membership at a preview opening of the new museum, boathouse, and grounds at PPLHM&P.

Upcoming Events

The agenda contains the schedule for upcoming events. Please note that the Piney Point Lighthouse Celebration will be two days this year. It will be the weekend of May 14-15. There will be a Phase I ribbon cutting ceremony to begin the weekend celebration at 10:00 on Saturday. The park will open at noon on Sunday. This weekend is a Community Open House and admission to the museum and lighthouse is waived.

An additional coming event is the Tide of Tolerance play scheduled for May 28 and June 11 at SCIM.

Next Meeting Date/Location

The table below is the meeting schedule for calendar year 2005.

2005 DATES	MEETING TIME	MEETING PLACE
January 10	08:00	SCIM
March 14	08:00	Room 14 Governmental Center
May 9	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
July 11	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
September 12	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
November 14	08:00	PPLHMP

Adjournment:

With no further business, Rose Davis moved to adjourn, second by Bob Arnold. We adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/Signature on file./

Steve Dunlap, Secretary