

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MUSEUM DIVISION
ST MARY'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

**September 8, 2008
Piney Point Lighthouse Museum**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Lewie Aldridge, Jr. James Banagan Rose Davis	
Steve Dunlap Susan Gough	Helen Dorsey E
Shirley Leyland John Madel Frank Maio Claudia McAuliffe	George Kennett E

ADVISORS PRESENT	ADVISORS ABSENT
Debra Pence, Museum Director Phil Rollins, Director Recreation, Parks, & Community Services	

Call to Order

President Shirley Leyland called the meeting to order at 08:15 am. The Board pledged allegiance to the flag and observed a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll and announced presence of a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 14, 2008 meeting and the agenda for this meeting were delivered electronically to Board Members. Jim Banagan moved that the July 14, 2008 minutes, as amended, be approved. John Madel seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business

The museum Director sends each board member a monthly report. In July Debra reported that attendance at all of the sites was up for the year. All of the planned major events were very successful.

New Business

Debra reported that August was a "breather" month for the staff and most took some vacation time. September will see the staff preparing for a new round of events and new educational programs.

Phil Rollins reported on two capital projects at the Museum Division.

The erosion project contract is about to be awarded. Additional funds from an under budget capital project along with new money was approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Nustar, our neighbor at Piney Point, will allow the construction company to use their main gate to move equipment to the work site. The work is planned to be accomplished from barges; this will mean much less an impact on the Lighthouse Road residents and the roadway.

The collection storage building at the St. Clement's Island Museum is in process with a site location. The project will be managed by the Friends of the Museum.

Lewie reported that the Murder Dinner Theater last Friday was a big success.

John Madel reported that the Bowles Farm corn maze this year is the Blackistone Lighthouse. Pictures of the corn maze and the lighthouse were passed around for board members review. The lighthouse will be open for the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge in September and will close for the year after the Blessing of the Fleet.

Susan Gough volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee. Please call Susan if you are interested in holding an office.

Claudia presented a slideshow of a "Goodbye to Summer" celebration at Bethany Beach, DE. She suggested that we might think of holding similar event next year.

Up-Coming Activities

President Leyland reviewed the Upcoming activities in the agenda. Saturday the 13th of September is the 350th anniversary of Leonardtown. A festival is planned for the wharf.

Adjournment

With no further business, Lewie Aldridge, Jr. moved to adjourn, second by Jim Banagan. We adjourned at 09:05 am.

After the meeting board members toured the grounds, the lighthouse, the museum, and the maritime building.

Next Meeting Date/Location

The table below is the meeting schedule for calendar year 2008:

2008 DATES	MEETING TIME	MEETING PLACE
January 14	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
March 10	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room

March 25*	TBD	Maryland Day SCIM
May 12	08:00	SCIM Water Taxi to Island
July 14	08:00	SCIM Water Taxi to Island
September 8	08:00	PPLHM&HP
November 10	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room

- *Not an official meeting.
- Changed data

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Steve Dunlap, Secretary