

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

**July 9, 2007
St. Clement's Island Museum**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
James Banagan	Lewie Aldridge, Jr. (E)
Helen Dorsey Steve Dunlap	Rose Davis (E)
George Kennett Shirley Leyland John Madel Tom Tudor	Millie Huseman (E)
	Herb Walling (E)

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

Call to Order

Vice President George Kennett called the meeting to order at 08:05 am. We stepped onboard the Water Taxi for a trip around St. Clement's Island and a discussion of the construction for the Blackistone Lighthouse. We saw the original foundation for the lighthouse that was uncovered by hurricane Isobel. We returned to the board room at the museum to continue the meeting. 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 May 14, 2007 meeting and the agenda for this meeting were delivered electronically to Board Members. John Madel moved that the May 14, 2007 minutes be approved. Shirley Leyland seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business

Signed Board of Trustees Ethics Statements were collected.

New Business

John Madel represented the Friends and the St. Clement's 100. The Friends will have a booth at the Jazz Festival next weekend. All of the tickets for the festival at the museum have been sold and advance tickets are only available on-line.

The SC100 is planning a gala for Friday October 5. They are in the process of establishing a Blackistone Lighthouse Foundation to maintain the building.

Phil Rollins reported that the PPLH&HP erosion project is bogged down in the permit approval process. State permits are required prior to requesting bids for the project.

Debra Pence amplified the May and June reports she had provided electronically to the Board. She reported that overall Museum Division attendance is on an upward trend. She anticipated that the Blackistone Lighthouse will increase visitor count to the SCIM.

Debra briefed the Board on the public use of the state pier at SCIM. A gate was added to the pier in 2000 to deter vandals. The current issues deal more with parking and trash. After a discussion concerning the gate at the pier, Tom Tudor moved that the gate should be left open to provide public access. The motion was seconded by Jim Banagan and passed without further discussion by a voice vote.

When the County acquired the new buildings and property at PPLH&HP they also acquired an historic Ford truck (circa 1928). It is painted blue and configured as a fuel/gasoline delivery vehicle. We have not been able to find a way to integrate this vehicle into the site interpretation plans proposed by three different professional museum site development companies. The truck represents an unfunded requirement for maintenance and preservation. There is an additional problem of proper storage for the vehicle. Based on Debra's information and the ensuing discussion, Tom Tudor moved to authorize the Museum Director to communicate with the Stuart family concerning their first right of refusal to purchase the historic Ford fuel truck they donated to the County for display at the Piney Point Museum. Jim Banagan seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

With no further business, John Madel moved to adjourn, second by Shirley Leyland. We adjourned at 10:05 am.

Next Meeting Date/Location

In order to take advantage of the better weather in September, Shirley Leyland moved with a second by John Madel that the September meeting begin at Drayden African American School and then move to PPLH&HP. The November meeting would be held at Recreation and Parks. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. See the corrected table below.

The table below is the meeting schedule for calendar year 2007. Red indicates a change.

2007 DATES	MEETING	MEETING TIME	MEETING PLACE
January 8		08:00	SCIM
March 12		08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
March 25		TBD	Maryland Day SCIM
May 14		08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room

July 9	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room
September 10	08:00	Drayden AASH and PPLH&HP
November 12	08:00	Recreation & Parks Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

/S/

Steve Dunlap, Secretary