

NBNF
Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2005
Final

Members Present: Jack Keating, Dennis Baker, Wendy Hirdler, Gus Chabre, Carol Starcevic, Paul Kuhn, Regina Fodor

Staff: Donna Carroll

I. Meeting called to order by President Gus Chabre at 6:40PM

II. Approval of meeting minutes: June meeting minutes were approved as amended.

III. Executive Director's Report: Please see Director's Report.

IV. Accountant's Report: No Report.

V. Treasurers Report: No Report

VI. Fundraising Committee: Regina thanked Donna for getting the donor database on track and ready for the TRACKS mailing. Regina said she would like the donor recognition or thank you to appear every quarter in TRACKS. This should assist in raising donor awareness and an increasing the number of donors on the list. Regina also mentioned sending invitations for the SOCALPAPA Event in October to our donors as another way of saying thank you to NBNF donors.

VII. Advocacy: Dennis asked for guidance as to how the NBNF should take position on the Newport Beach City Hall "greening". The board decided to take no position on the issue.

The Newport Beach LCP will come before the Coastal Commission in October. Dennis said this may affect us as the City may determine what environmentally sensitive areas and not the Coastal Commission. The NBNF takes no position at the moment.

VIII. Nominating Committee: Jack said there has been continued discussion with Pam Ryan at Marriott. She has shown some interest and Jack plans to continue developing the relationship.

IX. Bylaws Committee: Jack Presented Bylaw changes for consideration. Dennis moved the board accept the Bylaws as presented. Motion seconded and approved. The amended Bylaws will be submitted to the voting members for approval at the November 3, 2005 Annual meeting."

X. Key Board Initiatives:

A. Back Bay Science Center: Project is on track. The design for a steel frame building has been created. The City is currently open for bidding

and will be closing the bidding process next week. The City is going for a "Contractor at Risk" approach. This means the cost of construction cannot exceed the amount originally priced. They should be able to select a contractor at the November City Council meeting and begin funding.

- B. Robinson Memorial:** Jack said Ralph Clock has agreed to take over the memorial project and push it to completion. Jack reported that Jim Cokas said the plaque would be completed by the end of September. Ralph is going to have a timeline for completion and hopes to have the memorial completed by March, 2006.
- C. SOCALPAPA:** Carol is taking the lead on coordinating with Merilee Jackson of the City of NB to video tape a PR piece featuring the upcoming SOCALPAPA event at the Muth Interpretive Center, this should be aired October 3rd-14th. Carol has also drafted a press release for the event and plans to pitch it to the Daily Pilot. Wendy said thanks to Dennis we received a bid from Rothschild's for the October 14, 2005 reception. Rothschild's will be the caterer for the event. Trader Joes is going to assist with beverages for the event. There has been discussion with Bristol Farms regarding food for the weekend visitors. Maggie Jameson and her Daughter were able to get funding for the evening reception from Bauer Jaguar in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- D. Fall Cleanup Day:** The event is on track. Donna Carroll will send clean up day ad for proofing to Carol Starcevic.
- E. Newport Centennial:** Dennis asked for approval to personally send 6-10 emails to key City people and get permission to use the NBNF database to alert all of the Naturalists and Friends about the Centennial. The motion was seconded and approved.

XI. New Business: Dennis reported he has had discussions with Eileen Takata of County Watershed and Coastal Resources Department regarding the possibility of NBNF hiring a watershed coordinator to support the County in expanding its outreach. He said the County is enthusiastic about the idea and will assist in grant writing for the position. It was agreed that Dennis and Jack will discuss the matter outside the Board meeting.

XII. Meeting Adjourned: 8:20PM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Hirdler**