Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends Minutes Board of Directors Meeting May 24,2007

- 1.0 Opening. President Baker called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM at the Newport Beach Public Library. Present were Dennis Baker, Carolyn Kraber, Jack Keating and Dick Watts. Also present Roger Mallett, Donna Caroll, and guest Matt Yurko.
- 2.0 Approval of Minutes. Moved by Dick, seconded by Jack to approve the April 2007 minutes as amended. Motion passed. Action: File
- 3.0 Accountant's Report. There being no questions, the accountant's report was received as distributed. Action: File for Audit.
- 4.0 Ad Hoc Policy Committee. Dick reported the committee has had one meeting and will meet again on Saturday. Action. None. Information only.
- 5.0 Board Development. Jack reported the Applicant Package for membership on the Board is almost complete. Dennis indicated one of his objectives was to increase the Board's membership.

Action. None. Information only.

6.0 BBSC Status. Jack reported progress is moving slowly and rapport is being built with the new personnel. Fund raising is still on hold. Roger reported DFG is planning a low-key opening in September.

Action. None. Information only.

7.0 Executive Director's Report. Roger reported, as part of his responsibilities, he is working on summarizing the business plan (to be called the "Strategic Plan", revitalizing the Education Team, and that the Earth Day was very successful with 1,600 people in attendance.

Action. None. Information only.

8.0 Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Jack indicated this regional plan covers the 154 square miles draining into the Bay and that it needs to be adaptive to changes. The City of Newport Beach has the leadership. The NBNF would like to be paid for organizing the database.

Action: None. Information only.

- 9.0 Business Plan. Roger reported the summarization is still under development and will be distributed to the membership when completed. Action. None. Information only.
- 10.0 Follow-up with past donors. Since Tom was not able to attend, this was tabled. Action. None

- 11.0 Status of MOU. Jack reported that the CNB wanted NBNF to develop this agreement with the DFG. The Memorandum of Understanding (or Agreement) is the first step toward a contract. Intent is to have two MOUs one with the County and one with the DFG (Originally thought to be with the CNB but that has changed) Action. Jack to follow up with DFG.
- 12.0 New Business/Future Agenda Items
 - 12.1 05/06 Annual Reports. Roger & Donna reported that the narrative sections needed finishing.

Action. Donna to complete with Roger and send to Board members prior to next Board meeting so that any modifications can be made and reports can be approved at the next Board meeting.

12.2 Benches. Carolyn suggested consideration of benches around the Bay. This has been considered before.

Action. Carolyn should send suggestion to Fund Raising Committee.

12.3 Bird Sighting Board. Carolyn suggested a bird sighting board such as is posted outside the Audubon House at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary. Action. Carolyn to discuss with lead ranger at Muth Center.

13.0 Reimbursement. Moved by Jack seconded by Carolyn, to reimburse Jack \$200 to attend the inaugural banquet of UCI's Urban Water Research Center on 1 June 2007. Motion passed.

Action. Donna will issue check.

14.0 Adjournment. Moved by Jack seconded by Carolyn, to adjourn. Motion Passed Action. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Watts, Secretary

Board Approved 8/16/07