

**Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Approved Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Back Bay Science Center
May 21, 2009**

1. Call to Order

Vice-President Jack Keating called the meeting to order at 6:35

Board members present: Dennis Baker (late), Blake Anderson, Don Krotee, Peter Bryant, Krista Sloniowski Jack Keating and Cathy Lam

Board members absent: Larry McKenney

Staff absent: Roger Mallett

Others present: None

2. Minutes

The final draft minutes of April 16, 2009 were approved as submitted by Anderson.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mallett provided a brief update of his activities in an email to the board two days ago. They are incorporated into these minutes by reference.

4. Account's Report

Donna Carroll's written report is incorporated by reference. There is no significant change in the budget. Cash flow is behind awaiting a progress payment on the data catalogue contract that NBNF is conducting under an agreement with the City of Newport Beach. Mallett continues to defer his salary until the NBNF operating cash balance is sufficient to make salary payments to him. The data catalogue draft is completed and Mallett awaits comments from the Research Committee prior to submitting it to the City.

5. Bylaws

Keating reported that Anderson is the sole board member to provide comments back to him on suggested changes to the bylaws. Sloniowski said she had reviewed the bylaws and informed Keating last month that she had no changes to submit. . Keating said that the board is obligated to review the bylaws on an annual basis and to submit changes at the annual general membership meeting that is held in November. Keating requested

that the review of the bylaws be agendized for the next board meeting and that the review by delinquent board members be completed by July 1.

6. Board Development Committee

Keating reported that McKenney has talked to one prospective new board member who indicated an interest in serving on a committee but is not interested at this time to serve as a board member. McKenney, Anderson and Keating will meet with another prospective new board member in June. Keating and Anderson will meet with a third prospective new board member in June.

7. Donor and Community Relations Committee

There was no report.

8. Research Committee

Bryant reported that he has not yet received any grant applications for the mini grants. The deadline is June 1 for applicants to submit a proposal.

Bryant reported that Estuary Day is Saturday, May 30.

Bryant reported that there is a Learning Support Retreat scheduled for June 1. The BBSC and the educational community of OC will meet all day. Participants will rotate through a number of activities designed to expose them to a wide range of resources and ideas that can be incorporated into their own classrooms and in field trip activities.

Bryant suggested that a monthly speakers series would be a way to transfer science and other subjects into the community and raise awareness of NBNF and the condition of Upper Newport Beach.

9. Advocacy Committee

There was no report.

10. Announcements

SPON is having its annual breakfast on May 30 at 9 AM. The NBNF Board of Directors is invited. It will be at the Environmental Nature Center on 16th Street near Dover.

Scott Ackenhead is coming down to meet with Irwin Haydock and Krista. They are building a website—a “Facebook” for watersheds. The direction and content of the site isn’t clear at the moment and it is for this reason that Ackenhead is coming down to help.

IRWD is opening their education campus at the San Joaquin Marsh Campus on July 1. Restored historic buildings will house the exhibits and classrooms that will be used for water education. This is another great educational resource here in Orange County.

Measure M has millions of dollars specified for mitigation efforts, open space, restoration, etc. There are two \$240 million accounts. Funding must have a reasonable nexus to transportation projects, per the terms of Measure M approved by the voters. Keating circulated a proposal for Measure M funds from the Irvine Ranch Conservancy, and said he had sent an NBNF support letter for the proposal as requested by the Conservancy. Keating reported on his attendance at a Green Vision Workshop relating to the inclusion of Climate Change requirements planning documents. The State Attorney General is requiring all cities and counties to address the requirements of AB 32 in their general plans. These requirements are now an element of CEQA.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM at which time the Board conducted a mini-retreat.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 16 at 6:30 PM at the BBSC in order to allow time for board committee chairs to provide their reports on the goals, objectives and tasks in accordance with the draft 10-year Plan.