

Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
15 NOVEMBER 2007

1.0 Opening. President Baker called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM at the Newport Beach Public Library. Present were Dennis Baker, Carolyn Kraber, Matt Yurko, Rita Goldberg, Blake Anderson, Tom Mooers, Peter Bryant, and Dick Watts. Also present: Roger Mallett and Donna Carroll.

2.0 Minutes. Moved by Dick, seconded by Jack to approve the 10/18/07 minutes, Motion passed.

Action: File

3.0 Accountant's Report. The Accountant's report was received as distributed.

Action: File

4.0 Selection of Officers. Moved by Jack, seconded by Carolyn to approve the following officers for the New Year: President-Dennis Baker; Vice-president-Jack Keating; Secretary-Blake Anderson; Treasurer-Tom Mooers. Motion passed.

Action: New officers took positions.

5.0 Executive Director's Report. The Executive Director's report was received as distributed. It was noted that NBNF has been allocated two spaces at the BBSC for an office. (Currently, the building is just a shell with no partitions)

.1 Discussed the desire to reestablish friendly and collaborative relations with DFG with events scheduled at the BBSC even though no agreement has been reached between DFG and NBNF in regard to contributions.

.2 The Calendar for 2008 is:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Earth Day	4/20 or 4/27/08	IC	Same as prior years, with exhibitor booths.
Estuary Awareness Day	5/31/08 (tentative)	BBSC	No exhibitor booths. Showcase Education Partners.
Plein Air Show and Sale	7/25-27/08	IC	See above
Cleanup Day	9/20/08	Bay-wide	Same as prior years.
Vista Point Opening	10/11/08	East Bluff	1 st Friends Tour of 2008/9

.3 Discussed the importance of the "Report from the Board" and conflicting in deadlines with the Clapper Rail Mail. The Board agreed this is an important communication with the membership and needs to continue.

.4 Noted the need for continuing ACOE dredging of the UNB. Motion by Jack, seconded by Tom, to officially support the current dredging project and instruct the Board Advocacy Committee and ED to start a campaign to alert our electeds to the consequences of further delays in federal funding. Motion passed.

Action: ED and Advocacy Committee to start a campaign.

Action on Report: File

6.0 Development Committee. Discussed current Fundraising Committee (Tom and Rita Co-chairs) vision and possible repackaging with aggressive action. Work of committee could

include fund raising, marketing, community outreach, recruitment of new members, corporate outreach. Committee might lead a coordinated membership drive. Discussed possibility of Fundraising Committee becoming a part of/under the Finance Committee. Suggested a high level corporate advisory group to assist.

Action: Tom will call a meeting for further action.

7.0 Equestrian Project. Dennis reported no change and still in progress.

Action: None, update only.

8.0 NTS for 23rd Street Project. Dennis announced interest in possibly developing a Natural Treatment Center (NTS) site project at the drain from watershed around the Cherry Lake area.

Action: None, discussion only.

9.0 Recognition of Grant. Matt reported the receipt of \$10,000 from State Street for a tool trailer for equipment of the restoration project. Matt and Mary Thurston wrote the grant. The trailer will make volunteer work more efficient and will be stored at the Interpretive center.

Action: Information only.

10.0 BBSC Plantings. Matt reported 1600 plants of mostly coastal shrub had been planted at BBSC. Volunteers and DFG staff had a very positive reaction. Matt reported solid support and cooperation from the City and a rising sense of team work.

Action: None, information only.

11.0 BBSC Programs Group. Jack reported that there is a group represented by UCI, OC Health, CNB and DFG which has met once. NBNF has not been invited in but Jack suggested that NBNF could be helpful to their mission. The center has no internal staffing yet which means that progress comes slowly. Jack and Roger will continue to monitor the center's progress and watch for emerging opportunities for NBNF to become more involved. He urged patience!

Action: None, information only.

12.0 NB Watershed Executive Committee. Jack reported a "Newport Bay Executive Committee," composed of high level leaders such as mayors, TIC, IRWD, County, etc., is taking a strong stand to be involved with the Integrated Water Management Plan.. The committee has been in place for 6 years. It is possible for NBNF to have a seat and may be desirable for NBNF to be involved.

Action: None, information only.

13.0 Fund Raiser Mailer. Discussed fund raising and whether a mailer needed specific Board approval. Approval needed only if cost is involved. Moved by Tom, seconded by Carolyn to approve not to exceed \$2,500 for fund raising including the possibility of a mailer. Motion passed.

14.0 Formation of a Business Management Committee. Jack brought up the concept of a possible Business Management Committee. NBNF is involved in a number of business endeavors such as project management, sale of goods, capital fund raising, etc.. NBNF activities and business is much more complicated than previously. Jack speculated that NBNF could be involved in \$100 thousand in projects before too long. For this reason, we ought to think about forming this committee in the near future so that we are better organized to manage the responsibilities. It was suggested a list be developed showing various activities. Roger volunteered to develop a matrix of activities that the board could use as a reference for further

discussion. This idea could become part of the responsibility of the Finance Committee, rather than develop a new committee.

Action: None at this time. Thinking material only.

15.0 Budget

Tom had a few questions about the proposed budget, but rather than taking time at the meeting he said he'd talk to Roger and Donna later. The budget will be discussed at length at the retreat in context of how the committees are organized. A table of organization of the committees would help. Roger volunteered to provide the board with a table of organization soon and will e-mail it to us.

16.0 January Retreat Planning. Discussed planning for the annual January Retreat. This all-day Saturday (8 AM-3PM) retreat, held in the Duck Club building at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, was attended by all Board Members last year. Direction for the year is provided at this meeting.

Possible dates were discussed with Saturday 26th, 2008 looking as the best possible date at this time. Arrangements need to be investigated.

Topics for discussion and action need to be decided. Ideas should be given to Dennis, Jack and Roger. Will the Christmas Party take the place of a December Board meeting? Should the Board meet in January in addition to the retreat?

Action: More investigation. Board members give their thoughts to Dennis and Roger.

17.0 Marine Protected Areas. It was suggested that thought be given to the possibility of UNB becoming an MPA (Marine Protected Area). This could imply that UNB would become a "no take" area that would significantly limit fishing and clamming. Obviously that would have some degree of controversy—including the sports fishermen.

Action: None, for thinking only.

18.0 Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blake Anderson, Secretary

Approved at 2/21/08 Board Meeting