

Newport Bay Conservancy

Board of Directors Open Meeting –Approved 6-6-2012

Back Bay Science Center

April 18, 2012

1 Call to order

President Debbie Moore called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm with a quorum present.

Board members present Holly Fuhrer, Rita McCoy Peter Fuhrer, Peter Bryant, Jack Keating, Debbie Moore, Kristine Simon, Dennis Kelly, Rob Ellis, Anthony Christopher, Cecelia Calderilla and Katherine Hollinger

Absent Laurel Mann and Steve Bender

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made to table March minutes to give secretary time to revise them. Debbie Moore

Second Kristine Simon

Motion passed all in favor

3. Treasurer's report

Motion made to table treasurer's report. Cece has been too busy with tax filings. Peter Fuhrer

Second Holly Fuhrer

Motion passed all in favor

4 Human Resources Proposal

There was a round table discussion about how to achieve our goals. In the past this has been a fragmented effort

Holly Fuhrer reported from the Human Resources Committee created by Debbie at the March Board meeting to make follow-up recommendations regarding the Retreat. This committee, made up of Holly, Rita McCoy, and Howard Cork

recommended an approach to creating a new business plan for the NBC that would integrate the three committees that were appointed to this task.

Motion made by Debbie Moore to have a team consisting of Holly Fuhrer, Cecelia Calderilla, and Catherine Hollinger led by Howard Cork to evaluate NBC's ability, based on our available resources, to deliver our desired program. From that assessment, the Team will attempt to set forth a six month action plan and a three year strategic plan. Howard and the Team will be calling on important committees and Patrick to help them evaluate these issues.

Second Dennis Kelly

Motion passed all in favor

5. Bylaws no report

6. Finance Committee

Cecelia said now that tax season is over she will be able to devote time to this.

7. Outreach Committee

External - Jack has presented a program to group of 35 from UCI.

Internal – Rita and Holly staffed an outreach table for events at Newport Harbor Nautical Museum and Open House at the Newport Boy Scout Base. They handed out over 150 flyers for Earth Day.

8. Marketing and Public Relations

Kristine asked the board at large to support our three upcoming special events, Earth Day on April 22, Estuary Awareness Day on May 19th and So Cal Papa July 20th to July 22nd. Kristine said when talking about NBC she challenges people to experience a kayak tour.

9. Planned Giving

No report Laurel Mann absent.

10. Membership/volunteer committee

Holly Fuhrer reported that the committee has met twice and has attempted to achieve a transfer of the Access membership data base from Roger to the committee so that we can proceed with our membership drive on schedule. The

committee is reviewing ways to enhance our outreach activities and recruit new members.

11. Research Committee

Peter Bryant and Rob Ellis have prepared, aided by 14 students, a presentation of their study of bivalves in the Back Bay and it will be on display at Earth Day.

Peter also reported that the subject for the next symposium which is June 7th will be Urban Coyotes. For the annual research symposium on October 27th the subject will be Insects and Plants.

12. Education Committee

Dennis Kelly talked about the Cooper center and the possibilities of a field trip there! It houses some of the oldest skeletons found in California, 7-9,000 yrs old.

There is very shortly going to be dredging started again in the Back Bay and we cannot start too soon in educating the public about the necessity of this endeavor.

Kristine wanted to remind the board about the monthly programs at the IC. Four times a year on the first Thursday of the month there will be a film presentation, on other months there will be guest speakers talking about a wide variety of subjects. Be sure to check the web site for updates.

13. Grant Review Committee

Peter Fuhrer is submitting the REI grant on Monday. There are new grant possibilities coming and the committee is studying how to manage and power them.

14. Water Quality Committee

Catherine has only one committee member, Jerry King. She is looking for new members! They will be focusing on the My Clean Water Act as a tool for introduction to community for NBC.

New Business

Earth Day assignments- Rita advised that Jean Whitaker reported all volunteers have been given an assignment.

Estuary Awareness Day- Rita reported she is working with Robin Madrid on getting the flyer completed.

OCMPAC – Jack would like to go to first meeting. Anyone volunteering would have to be trained.

Motion to support this Kristine Simon

Second Peter Bryant

Remaining board members Peter F, Kristine S, Jack K, Debbie M, Dennis K, Rob E, Catherine H, Cece C, and Holly Fuhrer voted in favor of motion

Board member resignation

Ray Williams has resigned

Motion to accept resignation Debbie Moore

Second Dennis Kelly

Amendment by Jack Keating to include a thank you letter from Debbie to Ray

Motion to adjourn Debbie Moore

Second Dennis Kelly

Meeting adjourned at 8.30pm

Minutes recorded by Rita McCoy