

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Minutes, August 17, 2016

Attending: Board members: Tim Brown, Peter Bryant, Randall English, Donna Flower, Nancy Gardner, Jean Whitaker Pam Winkler, Danielle Zacherl, Dick Zembal (Frances Cork, Liz Flint, Molly Stallcup, Ian Swift excused). Past President Peter Fuhrer. Naturalist Dale Finke. Guests: Billy Dunlop and Matthew Ward, Help Your Harbor; Shane Burckle and John Kappeler, City of Newport Beach; Councilman Duffield.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00. Director Brown introduced board member Randall English.
2. Waterwheel: Presentation on the waterwheel by Help Your Harbor. This is a trash removal device proposed to be placed south of the Jamboree bridge. Trash will be removed by towing the container to the Dunes by electric boat. Proponents feel the device's visibility will bring attention to the issue of trash, particularly to those living inland. Funding is being sought for the required CEQA study. This issue will be agendized for further discussion at the September meeting.
3. Director Brown introduced board member Pam Winkler.
4. The consent calendar was amended (motion by Gardner, second by Zacherl) to add the President's report, committee reports from Advocacy, Board Development, Education, Research and Restoration , and the Operations Director's report. Moved to accept the reports (motion by Gardner, second by Zacherl) unanimously. Comment by President Bryant: there is thought to having all Southern California wetlands designated Ramsar, instead of individually. He will pursue.
5. The minutes for July were approved (Motion by Flower, second by Gardner) with Bryant, English and Winkler abstaining.
6. Treasurer's report
 - a. On a motion by Gardner, second by English, the Form 990 was approved for submission.
 - b. Treasurer Flower pointed out that the interim program coordinator has brought in more income to NBC than her salary, proving the adage "you have to spend money to make money."
 - c. The grant from Schneider Electric didn't specify that the funds were restricted, but the grant application, check and cover letter specified the school education program so the funds will be restricted for that purpose (motion by Zacherl, second by Gardner)
 - d. Discussion of cost of insurance for kayaks. Insurance coverage is required by the grantor Boating and Safety. The cost of insurance is less than the cost to rent the kayaks from NAC.
7. Fundraising: The Grants subcommittee is meeting Friday to lay out a schedule for the remainder of the year. The summer appeal has raised \$695.
8. Lands Pass: The state is considering parking fees for the Big Canyon lot.

9. Restoration projects: Funding for Big Canyon from the Coastal Conservancy is dependent on the success of the city's selenium project there. California Natural Resources Agency has funding through its Urban Rivers program with an October 3 deadline. There was discussion about the capacity of NBC to manage programs and the availability of funds to hire program managers. There is also a question about long-term management of the area. The topic goes back to the Restoration Committee.

10. Rowathon: Director Gardner spoke to Billy at NAC and he was enthusiastic about the idea. She will meet with him to discuss further.

11. Other business:

- a. Annual meeting: Directors Gardner and Winkler volunteered to work on it.
- b. Watershed Symposium--NBC has been invited to contribute to the topic Citizen Science.
- c. World Wetlands Day--looking for a topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00