

Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
19 April 2007

1.0 Opening. Vice-president Keating called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM at the Newport Beach Public Library. Present were Tom Moores, Dick Watts, Carol Starcevic, and Jack Keating. Also present were Donna Carroll, Roger Mallett, and guest Matt Yurko.

2.0 Approval of Minutes. Moved by Tom, seconded by Dick to approve the Minutes of the March meeting as distributed and amended. Passed.

Action: File.

3.0 Accountant's Report. The accountant's report was received as distributed with the comment that income from the store may be down because of the difficulty of getting people to man the front desk.

Action: File for audit.

4.0 Ad Hoc Committee. The request for members of the Ad Hoc Strategic Policy Committee has gathered four names.

Action: Dick will follow up.

5.0 Board Actions Report. Jack reported the Board Report was in the last Clapper Rail and that he had spent a few minutes at the last membership meeting amplifying the contents to the members. This will be a monthly report at which a Board member will report on Board meetings and hold a Q & A period.

Action: A Board Member will report at each membership meeting.

6.0 BBSC Status. The issues at the BBSC are being resolved and NBNF goals are close to being attained. CNB is accepting the ground lease wording of the DFG for the BBSC. and, with an operating plan, will go to the CNB Council the 24th of April for approval. (Staff reports are on the City web site) Suggested a NBNF representative (Dennis) be at the Council meeting.

The operating plan makes very clear that educational program content is aimed at the secondary (grades 7-12+) levels and be research based. High schools and colleges have a desire participate. The DFG may also develop programs for lower levels.

Action: Information only.

7.0 Executive Director's Report. The report was reviewed as distributed. The Board discussed contacting former donors in order to maintain liaison. There is now enough information to meaningfully explain our direction.

Action: Information only.

8.0 Fundraising Letter of Intent (Memorandum of Understanding). Tom presented a draft of a document which may be used as an agreement between agencies, NBNF, and donors clarifying fundraising, use of donations, and responsibilities.

Moved by Dick, seconded by Tom to approve the MOU draft in principle for further development and use with agencies.

Action. Continue to develop and implement. Passed.

9.0 Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Jack discussed NBNF involvement in watershed management for the 154 square mile watershed to the Bay. The CNB has agreed to manage the plan and both the City and County want NBNF to participate. The plan is on a regional basis with money available through Proposition 50 and 80.

Action: Information only.

10.0 Business Plan. The Board discussed the draft plan presented by Roger.

- The plan is based on assumptions of actions by the various agencies and is only an interim plan for 18-months after which the agreements regarding BBSC, the County, DFG, Management Coalition, and NBNF should be in place.

- This Plan will provide direction and guidance to the Board and membership of NBNF as well as help in fundraising.

- The plan identifies interim goals and objectives needed until the BBSC is completed and staffed, the Big Canyon project is underway, dredging is completed, the CRIMP and other projects are under way, as NBNF continues to carry out its Mission.

Moved by Tom, seconded by Jack to approve the Draft Interim Business Plan (July 2007 – December 2008) in concept with the intent to give the Executive Director direction to develop a working document for presentation and discussion to the membership. Passed.

Action: The Executive Director will continue and provide a summary of the Interim Business Plan.

11,0 New Business.

.1 Donna indicated the “shop” area of the IC is being expanded and asked for suggestions to better identify it as NBNF.

Action: Information only.

.2 Carol informed the Board that some negative feedback might come from the Daily Pilot mention of the bobcat as some neighbors are concerned.

Action: Information only.

12.0 Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Watts, Secretary

Board Approved 5/24/07