

**Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2005**

Members Present: Gus Chabre, Jack Keating, Dennis Baker, Carol Starcevic and Tom Moores.

Staff: Donna Carroll

Meeting **called to order** by President Gus Chabre at 6:40 p.m.

The **August 25, 2005 minutes** were approved by the Board.

There was no **Executive Director's Report** to review and approve.

There was no **Treasurer's Report** to review and approve.

The **Accountant's Report** was reviewed and approved

The Fundraising Committee Report was presented by Dennis Baker. The committee met on September 12th. The committee agenda included a discussion of fundraising goals and fundraising programs for the next 12 months.

The board discussed donor recognition at the Socalpapa Friday night reception. It was agreed that the "key donors" should be identified with special name tags when they enter the event.

A corporate luncheon letter to 'save the date' is scheduled to be sent by November 1st. The letter should be sent to the prospective members developed this year with the aid of The Irvine Co. Donna Carroll will coordinate the list invitees for the 2006 luncheon

The Advocacy Report was presented by Dennis Baker. SB658 has been passed by the California Legislature and is before the Governor for signature. The legislation provides \$6.00 per registered vehicle for coastal restoration. The legislation has been endorsed by NBNF.

Nominating Committee Report was presented by Jack Keating. Paul Kuhn has contacted each Board member requesting that they continue to serve next year and to provide a resume' for the annual meeting. The information is needed by 10/01/2005 so it can be made available to the general membership by 10/03/2005.

The annual general membership meeting is scheduled for 11/03/2005. Donna Carroll will coordinate the preparation of the information package for the meeting and will distribute the package by 10/03/2005.

The Nominating Committee plans to invite Pam Ryan of the Marriott Suits to join the Board.

Key Initiative/Back Bay Science Center Report was presented by Jack Keating. He states that the project is on track. The city is in the bidding/contractor selection process. The plan is to submit a \$5 million “at risk” contract to the NB City Council in November 2005 for approval.

Key Initiative/Robinson Memorial Report was presented by Jack Keating. The plan has been revised reducing the need for land grading. This will result in the protection of the surrounding vegetation.

Ralph Clock, a NB citizen, has agreed to spearhead the construction of the memorial, including fund raising of approximately \$40,000. The memorial completion is targeted for March 2006.

Key Initiative/SoCalPapa Report was presented by Carol Starcevic. The NB City has completed an interview of key participants. The interview will air on Channel 3 during October 3 to October 14. In addition, a press release has been prepared and sent to the Pilot.

Gus Chabre has sent a proposal to Bristol Farms to furnish resources to provide food during the October 15 and 16 day events. Their acceptance will result in a substantial recognition of Bristol Farms’ support.

Key Initiative/Fall Clean up Day Report was presented by Donna Carroll. This years’ participants will receive the event T-shirt free of charge due to a larger than expected list of sponsors. Again, the event has been organized as two sub-events. Land clean-up is under the jurisdiction of County/Interpretive Center. The Water clean-up is under the jurisdiction of Fish and Game/Shellmaker Island.

New Business was introduced by Dennis Baker. The NB **Toyota electric vehicle** leases are expiring. These small electric vehicles may be made available by Toyota to non-profit organizations. Dennis was authorized to explore a possible donation of a vehicle to NBNF.

The **meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.**

Minutes recorded by Gus Chabre on behalf of Wendy Hirdler, Secretary