

## **Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date:** September 21, 2006

**Location:** Newport Beach Marriott, Bayview

**Members Present:** Regina Fodor, President, Tom Mooers, Treasurer, Paul Kuhn, Secretary, Carol Starcevic, Jack Keating, Pam Ryan and Dennis Baker.

**Staff:** Roger Mallett, Executive Director and Donna Carroll, Accountant

**Guests:** None

**The Meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the president.**

**The Minutes** of the July meeting were discussed and not approved. Comments regarding educational programs at Shellmaker Island were summarized rather than being attributed to the individuals who made the comments. This change will be made and then redistributed to the membership.

**The Executive Director's Report** was discussed. The point was made by Roger and Dennis that since some educational programs will be directed at high school students, we will need volunteers who are comfortable supervising this age group.

Donna presented the **Accountant's Report**. She pointed out that our last mailing resulted in 25 new members even though it did not net a profit.

Tom gave the **Financial Committee Report** including a recap of review of financial oversight and marketing activities.

Regina reported for the **Fundraising Committee**. The first electric boat cruise was led by Rita, captained by Tom and fed by Pam and all seemed to enjoy themselves. A discussion was held regarding the feasibility of hiring a Development Director. It was the consensus that the organization is not ready this type of commitment until we are more certain of our role after the expected changes in management of Upper Newport Bay. Questions raised were the following: Should we ask the City to help fund the position, is NBNF ready to be a "major player" at the BBSC and will DFG allow us to run our programs and train volunteers? The Fundraising Committee will deal with these issues and report back to the Board.

**A letter from Dave Kiff to the NB City Council** was discussed. This letter recommends that the City fund the salary for a DFG Reserve Manager, who would be responsible for the programs at the BBSC. The City will head a Design Team. Action: If no progress is made in the BBSC plans by our next Board meeting, Dennis and Jack will talk to Leslie Daigle (NB City Council member) and ask what we can do to help move DFG. A motion was made by Regina and passed, that Jack follow up with Ms Daigle to see if any Board action is required.

Dennis reported that there is no news on the **horse arena**. We are being informed of developments as they occur.

Jack reported for the **Board Development Committee** that all candidates for election or reelection to the Board should have their statements in to Donna by October 15.

Jack made a motion for **the Bylaws Committee** that no changes in bylaws are needed at this time. Passed.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. Kuhn, M.D., Secretary