

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 20, 2016

Attending: Directors Tim Brown, Frances Cork, Liz Flint, Donna Flower, Nancy Gardner, Molly Stallcup, Ian Swift, Jean Whitaker, Danielle Zacherl, Dick Zembal; Guest Howard Cork; Staff Heather Cieslak, Maddie Vilas

CONSENT CALENDAR: The Board Development Committee report was pulled for discussion by Gardner. After discussion, it was moved by Gardner, second by Stallcup, to direct President Bryant to appoint Randall English and Pam Winkler to the board. Their names will be presented for election to the board by the membership at the annual meeting in November. Liz Flint volunteered to be on the Board Development Committee. OC Cieslak will post a notice that the committee is looking for a Naturalist to replace Jack Keating. The remainder of the Consent Calendar (President's Report; Education and Advocacy committees) was accepted on a motion by Gardner, second by Stallcup.

MINUTES: Minutes were approved with corrections on motion by Stallcup, second by Swift.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Plein Air income will exceed what is budgeted. Program income continues to grow. There was additional income from the OCCF fundraising.

FUNDRAISING: Committee chair Cork stressed the importance of continuing to build membership. The mid-year mailing was inserted into Tracks, and it didn't perform well and will be mailed separately in the future. Coastal Cleanup Day can be a fundraiser with sponsors. NBC will do a Rowathon with NAC in the fall as a fundraiser. Dave Waller is planning a golf event for 2018. Board member Gardner will head up an effort to increase corporate team-building events with NBC.

GRANTS: NBC was invited to apply for a grant from Schneider Electric and received \$7,500. The Marisla Grant was submitted, this time using true costs. \$44,000 was requested for a full-time volunteer coordinator. Other grants applied for: Google, SCE, PIMCO. Committee chair Fuhrer said more people are needed to complete grant applications.

INFORMATION ON WEBSITE: Board minutes will be published with a note that anyone wanting to see reports referred to can request them from the secretary.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: This was postponed at the request of VP Cork.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION: Criteria will be presented at the August meeting for self evaluations. President Bryant, Director Flint and OD Cieslak will create.

LIMONIUM: This is a plant that is crowding out native species. On a walkthrough for the Big Canyon project, NBC was encouraged to apply for a five-year grant, \$5,000/year from US Fish and Wildlife for eradication. Skilled volunteers will be needed for the work. It was pointed out that this will be NBC's first salt marsh activity

LANDS PASS: Howard Cork reported on the Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting on the subject. The Commission was shown how little public-access land it has on the bay and how difficult it would be to administer a program. Howard is supposed to get a response from Sacramento. In his absence, Liz Flint will be the main contact. At the August meeting decisions will be made as to next steps.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK: A steering committee will oversee the project. Currently, a writer is being sought.

WATERWHEEL: The proponents will be invited to present at the August meeting. At that meeting the Board will determine NBC's position.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Big Canyon Project: Director Zacherl wanted to be sure that there was someone to be contacted while President Bryant is away. OD Cieslak is on the list.

Operations Report: No questions

Green on the Green: NBC will participate again.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00