

Newport Bay Conservancy

May 17 2017 Board Meeting

Board Attendees: Randall English, Peter Bryant, Ian Swift, Molly Stallcup, Pam Winkler, Dick Zembal, Frances Cork, Tim Brown

Staff Members: Heather Cieslak

Excused Absence: Donna Flower, Liz Flint

Esteemed Visitors: Howard Cork, Ginger Hayter

Treasurers Report was not on agenda as Donna Flower was travelling and did not attend.

5:38 – Called to Order

A quorum was present.

5:40 - Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Minutes had been distributed via email, amended minutes with corrections were distributed at meeting for approval. Molly moved to approve, Dick seconded, no discussion, unanimous

Had a quick discussion on upcoming conferences

Workshop on Ecological Management and Research in Orange County May 19

Headwater to Ocean (H2O) May 22-24

5:45 Operations report

Heather delivered the Operations report

Mountain View School District will be sending some 1,400 students to Visit Muth Center/Back Bay. Scheduled over last week of June thru first week of July. Multiple grades/ages/activities and need for volunteers.

Received REI grant for signage for water/side channels

Updated OC Community Foundation

StuNews requesting more information on Jack Keating for article

5:53 - Fundraising Report

Frances delivered the fundraising report.

Need to begin planning how to celebrate 50th anniversary, events, banners, signage, design a logo for the occasion and special appeal fundraising.

World Wetlands symposium, perhaps have a historical theme, need to form a subcommittee to start planning

On Tuesday May 23 SEEDOC will provide interested parties a workshop on using a new tool for submitting grants on Frances stepping down from fundraising committee chair, boards position.

6:04 – Anniversary Book Report

Frances discussed progress on book.

Author and editor attended Jack Keating event and contacted more sources.

We have signed a publisher agreement and made first payment.

6:07 - Restoration Report

Peter delivered report on Big Canyon

Trying to arrange another site visit for Board to review progress. Tentative for later in May but as Bob Stein is on vacation. Would have John Kappeler to lead but only has an hour to give.

Frances delivered report on Bayview.

Since April 20 site visit 3,000 lbs of invasive sweet clover removed <see report>

Will be having a site meeting with Barry, review what to do in area that flooded. Discussed options on seeding/planting potted grasses/cage to protect from being eaten.

Howard reported the Lower Bayview site recovering now that access to trails has been closed off.

Molly reported still working on Volutaria most were pulled before seeded.

Ian mentioned perianal pepper weed an issue upstream San Diego creek @ Walnut and Peters Canyon. Cannot wait until in bay, needs to be attacked where it in September time frame when plants are stressed.

Caltrans – wetland pond at Harvard is infested, need a contact with Caltrans to get addressed.

Howard reported on Limonium in Delhi Channel treatment area after two months' break. Solarization not only killed plants but looks like killed seed bank, new growth has not reappeared. In the same area, native plants came back and recolonized. Hand pulling works but seed banks survives and have sprouting has occurred in the cleared area. Since hand pulling labor intensive, will continue with solarizing and treatment.

6:35 – Board Development Report

Tim delivered development report

Tim announced he will be travelling and gone for entirety of June and July.

Board Development interviewed two people for open board seats. One, Justin Hensen has submitted application. Tim discussed his qualifications and suggested he would be a valuable addition, Howard and Ginger concurred with this opinion. Tim made a motion to recommend Mr Hensen for Peter to appoint Mr Hensen to a pro tem board seat, Frances seconded. Some discussion on what role he could fill and how we could utilize his talents. Carried unanimous.

Discussed Kevin Hollingsworth but do not yet have an application to review.

There are two other promising candidates under consideration but still early in the process.

During discussion of candidates there was a secondary discussion on onboarding of board members that do not yet have experience with NBC. Need to develop more of a curriculum/process for onboarding.

Also, discussed the advisory board, their role and membership

7:15 – Other Matters

Tim reviewed survey results from Earth Day attendees. Phasmid (walking stick) Tank, geology exhibit and pelt exhibit were top three vote getters.

Phasmid exhibit will probably be low cost may also be able to add the three-dimensional model of the bay.

Before proceeding need further investigation into options and costs of all these options. Proceed with visiting other interpretive centers which have similar exhibits for ideas and costs of same. Tentative plan is to have on agenda for September NBC Board meeting.

Discussed adding changing table/station to the wash rooms.

Molly, volunteer orientation has 8 new trainees.

OC parks reviewing their strategic plan for the bay. They will be sending out a survey to stakeholders. Molly asked not only the NBC board be included but also NBC volunteers and members.

Peter proposed a Water Quality Committee be formed especially since Howard will not be continuing in role. Some discussion too many committees, hard to staff all currently. Howard suggested Dale Finke may step into the role. Will try that option first.

7:38 – Adjournment

Dick moved to adjourn, Frances seconded, carried unanimously.

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