

**Newport Bay Conservancy**

August 16, 2017 Board Meeting

Muth Interpretive Center

**Board Attendees:** Peter Bryant, Frances Cork, Donna Flower, Ian Swift, Randall English, Liz Flint, Josie Bennett, Tim Brown

**Staff Members:** Heather Cieslak,

**Excused Absence:**, Pam Winkler, Dick Zembal, Chris Epting, Justin Hensen

**Visitors:** Howard Cork, Ginger Hayter

**5:40: Call to order/roll call:**

**5:41: Approval of minutes from the July meeting:** Frances Cork.

Donna moved to approve min with revisions, Frances second, carried unanimously.

**5:45 Treasurer's Report:** Donna Flower presented 2017 Budget Revisions and submitted to the Board for approval. Floor was opened for discussion. Randall made a motion to accept the Revised 2017 Budget Tim Seconded, Unanimous  
Items of Note from July Treasurers Report.:

- Due to our hosting of the L.A. County THINK program at Muth with over 1,400 students attending, we educated over 1,718 kids in July at an income of \$4,270, which more than covers the extra hours required by staff.
- Kayak tours are reaching their summer potential with 130 kayakers paying \$3,250 at \$25 each. Our current kayak storage cost at NAC is \$500 per month leaving us with \$2,750 net.
- We invoiced the following reimbursable grants in July for the seven months ending July 31:
  - CA Boating & Safety \$11,096
  - USFWS Limonium Project 2,160
  - USFWS Bayview Project 6,906
- We will be receiving a \$60,000 grant from OC Parks for Signage, which the County Board of Supervisors will approve in September.

**5:54: Operations Report:** Heather Cieslak

Presented draft Schedule for next round Naturalist training. A session to improve naturalists engagement with the public has been added to the curriculum. Currently there are twelve individuals signed up for the next round of naturalist training.

Molly's replacement within OC Parks is Derrick Ankerstar. Was discussion about the role the OC Parks representative has on the board and our expectations for that role. Howard suggested Board Development committee draft a document defining the contributions expected and the experience level we are looking for submit to OC/ parks mgmt.

**6:23: Fundraising/Marketing Committee:** Frances Cork

On October 14th there are two events being held than need NBC Board membership presence. Two events are the inaugural NBC Golf Tournament and the OC Harbors Beaches Parks 20 year Anniversary.

Membership appeal/renewal mailing scheduled for distribution in November before Thanksgiving, the next new edition of Tracks will be published at the same time. Peter asked whether an appeal for planned giving could be developed for NBC. General agreement a mention could be made in a sidebar in Tracks, along with membership appeal.

Agreed it would be good to have a UNB Pocket Naturalist Guide – a mock-up has already been prepared. Minimum print run requirement is 1000 copies at \$4 each, so would need to look for funding or agreement from the Board to use reserves for this cost. Ian Swift from IRWD said they may provide funding since they would also be able to use the brochure.

**6:37: Education Committee:** Tim Brown

Reviewed work done on Muth prioritized list of improvements.

Estimate for 3 D Map of the bay is 4 to 6 thousand, will follow up with other parks that have similar exhibits to identify potential vendors.

Heather researching cost for geology of bay map.

Watershed and pollution map is estimated at 4 to 5 thousand.

Difficulties in maintaining Phasmid/walking stick display have taken this out of consideration.

Vendor for new projector has been selected and will be installed later in the month.

**6:45: Anniversary Book:** Frances Cork

On schedule, the first draft due mid October.

**6:47: Restoration Committee:** Howard Cork.

Bayview - Final report to US F&W is about to be submitted. The agency's funding expired July 31. The site has transitioned to the maintenance phase. Southern Spike weed has further colonized lower Bayview site.

Big Canyon – The Coastal Conservancy is recommending NBC be awarded a grant of \$640,000 to cover the design and permitting required for all 3 parts of the project, and the completion of the feasibility report on the remediation of the ponds Dick Zembal agreed to chair a technical advisory committee to monitor the project and resolve technical issues.

Limonium eradication - Howard scheduled a reconnaissance of the marshland on the east shore of the Bay to confirm the current extent of ASL there and plan eradication effort based on experimentation on the Delhi channel where Solarization has provided best results.

Voluntaria - Progress was made in collaboration with OC Parks in removing from both sides of the Bay last winter. Need to continue this work through the fall/winter.

**7:03: Other business/matters arising**

Frances gave a synopsis of upcoming Snowy Plover meeting schedule for August 8. City fenced the dune habitat 6 years ago to create a protected nesting area. A collection of neighbors are unhappy with fencing. City holding a meeting for public comment on September 14, NBC board requested to attend.

Code of involvement – Document outlines what duties/ responsibilities/ expectations for board members are. Propose circulate to board and for review. Will be added to Sept agenda for review.

Trash Wheel – Dale Finke and Howard had a site visit with John Kappler. Visited Delhi channel site and reviewed the progress there. Followed up with a visit to Fletcher Jones/San Diego Creek 150 yards north of Jamboree. City of

Newport Beach has commissioned FUSCO engineering to redesign the trash wheel for installation at this site. NBC requested Newport Beach keep Dale included in communications and appraised of developments.

Tim Board provided the latest Board development news.

New pro tem member Justin has tendered his resignation.

Liz Flint announced she will not stand for reelection.

Frances not standing for reelection.

Back to three open positions.

**7:22: Adjournment**

Randall moved, Tim second, carried unanimously.