

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
AGENDA, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday February 19 2020, 5:30-7:00 PM, Muth Interpretive Center

Board attendees: Tim Brown, Julie Ferguson, Pam Winkler, Angie Vazarian, David Waller, Randall English, Taylor Sais

Staff attendees: Heather Cieslak

Excused absences: Ian Swift, Joana Taveres, Kim Bick, Derrick Ankerstar, Sherry Marger

5:30 Call to order/roll call.

5:35: Approval of minutes from the December: Josie Bennett

- Motion to approve by Tim, Pam seconded

5:40: Operations Report: Heather Cieslak

- 3/1 soft start for book release party
- Books can be sold directly on our website with a Paypal widget
- Carissa has been busy hiring for the FiiN program
- Interviewed for Restoration Manager position and will be offering the job to Alys

5:50: Treasurer's Report: Pam Winkler

- The budget was balanced by adding some revenue into the SCC and OCP difference, increased general donations and increased funds for osprey nest video.
- Motion to approve the budget as budgeted by Tim Brown, seconded by Dave Waller
- Motion to approve amendment for Peter Bryant's research to be included for \$1,200 to the budget, seconded by Julie Ferguson

6:00: Restoration Committee: Josie Bennett

- *Volutaria* surveys and treatment in Big Canyon and OC Parks are on track for this season
- Henry DiRocco led a volunteer training on 1/30 to introduce *Volutaria* and other common weeds as well as how to use calflora to track plants
- Nathan hosted a volunteer event focused on *Volutaria* on 2/8

6:10: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- Committee has not met this year but keeping track of future empty board seats and executive committee seats over the next two years

6:15: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- Osprey began nesting before the perch could be refurbished this season
- Proposed perch could be installed during the summer and will be a more user-friendly perch
- Potential funds for this project could potentially included in the SCC Explore the Coast grant application for the Muth video

6:25: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- World Wetlands Day went smoothly with the support of NBC and UCI but the committee has decided that larger events should be staggered every other year moving forward
- NBC volunteers that are doing the regular trash pick-up are interested in collecting data so the committee is looking into options that will create relevant data

- Ask-A-Naturalist posts are being planned for release once a month
- Research and restoration committee will collaborate on volunteer invasive plant surveys and arthropod monitoring

6:35: Fundraising Committee: Dave Waller

- Gourmet by the Bay 2020 (Back Bay Bash) will be held on 8/1/20
- Santa at the Bay event will be held on 12/6/20
- Sound Healing event on 3/22
- Earth Day event on 4/18

6:45: Other business:

Banning Ranch Developments – Steve Ray

7:00: Adjournment

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