

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
AGENDA, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday February 17, 2021, 5:30-7:00 PM, ZOOM

Board attendees: Julie Ferguson, Sherry Marger, Randall English, David Waller, Derrick Ankerstar, Susan Jarratt, Cassandra Radcliff, Tim Brown, Kim Bick, Ramraghi Fuller, Taylor Sais, and Josie Bennett

Staff and volunteer attendees: Heather Cieslak, Peter Bryant, Portia Bryant

Excused absences: Angie Vazarian

5:30 Call to order/roll call

5:35: Approval of minutes: Josie Bennett

- o A motion to approve the December minutes made by Randall and seconded by Susan; motion approved.

5:40: President's Report: Kim Bick

-
5:45: Operations Report and Fundraising Committee: Heather Cieslak

- o Naturalist Nights resumed with Bettina Eastman's presentation about birds at the Bay.
- o Heather developed a COVID safety protocol including employees and volunteers
- o Heather, Pam and Ramraghi are working together to reconcile and finalize 2020
- o OC Coastkeepers approached NBC looking for a project that needs to be funded to mitigate a \$30,000 fine from a local organization in the watershed.
- o All major fundraising events will be held virtually.
- o OC Parks completed the outdoor amphitheater at the Muth Center.

-
5:55: Treasurer's Report, Finance Committee Report, Budget Approval: Ramraghi Fuller

- o Ramraghi Fuller presented the treasurer's report and an updated balanced budget for 2021
- o A motion to approve the budget as presented by Julie and seconded by Randall; motion approved.

6:15: Advocacy and Marketing: Cassandra Radcliffe

- o Looking for ways to expand our social media presence through new initiatives including "Flashback Friday"
- o Working towards finalizing RAMSAR paperwork.

6:25: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

o

6:30: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan Jarrett

- o The committee is working to complete the visitor survey and hope to be released shortly.
- o The diversity statement is still under revision and a land acknowledgment has been finalized.
- o A speaker series is been developed and will tentatively begin in April.

6:35: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- o The committee continues to work towards being able to transmit the osprey web cam data.
- o A draft interpretative plan for the Muth Center will be presented to the board in April.

6:40: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- o World Wetlands Day was held over the weekend of 2/6 and 2/7 with over 90 participants.
- o The committee is working on creating a database of Tracks articles is continuing.

6:45: Restoration Committee: Josie Bennett

- o Josie presented the restoration committee report.

6:50: Other business:

- o There is a website update/change request form on the google drive.

7:00: Adjournment

- o A motion to approve was made by Randall and seconded by Julie; motion approved.