

Newport Bay Conservancy

February 21st , 2018 Board Meeting

Muth Interpretive Center

Minutes

Board Attendees: Peter Bryant, Randall English, Josie Bennett, Pam Winkler, Taylor Sais, Donna Flower, Derrick Ankerstar;
Tim Brown

Staff Members: Heather Cieslak,

Excused Absence: Chris Epting; Ian Swift; Dick Zembal; Joana Tavares

5.40- Call to order/roll call: Peter Bryant

Approval of the minutes of the January meeting – Randal motioned and Derrick seconded – unanimous approval

5:45 – Operations Report – Heather

Signage and panels all look good – installation is going well. **Volunteers.** Keep adding more volunteer roles to Signup.com (most recently Tuesday's Muth School Field Trips). Next Associate Training set for 3/3 with 14 people RSVP'd at present. Next Naturalist night (Thursday 3/8) featuring Sea & Sage Member and NBC Naturalist Bettina Eastman who will share her experiences with the Christmas Bird Counts, their history, tips & tricks for counting, and trends in OC/Bay. Nominated the following volunteers for OneOC's Spirit of Volunteerism Awards for their outstanding service in the past year of volunteering; they will be honored at an awards luncheon 4/26.

OC Parks Nominations: Drew K and Jo Carol Hunter

NBC Nominations: Donna Flower and Mary Gartung

6:00 – Treasurers Report - Donna

January financials are reporting a loss which is not unusual for the first month of the year; general discussion on allocation method for staff salary

6.20 Restoration Committee Report – Peter and Josie

Committee met on 1/25 with Dudek to discuss their proposal for the Big Canyon SCC Project. After reviewing both proposals the committee is moving forward with the proposal from Environmental Science Associates

6:37 Fundraising Committee – Randall

Golf sub committee met to review the event for 2018; consideration is being given to the Strawberry Farms Golf Course; UNB Pocket Guide - Guide still in formatting. Once formatting complete will be distributed to stakeholders for comments.

6:42 Anniversary Book

50th Anniversary - Progress slower than anticipated and might not be ready for publication until October.

6:45 World Wetlands Day.

Hosted Saturday, February 10 with 90 total participants being 5 speakers, 5 afternoon demonstrators (UCLB Living Shorelines and Amigos de Bolsa Chica water sampling), 12 volunteers, 6 NBC/CDFW staff and 62 registrants

6.45 Board Development Committee

Committee reported that there is one open board seat and the committee is looking for a land use attorney to fill that slot

6.47 Education Committee

Committee reported that earlier in the afternoon they had met with Solid Terrain – a company that could design the topographical map that the committee was looking to place at the Muth Center. Ideas for the design should be back to the committee with the week

6.55 Board Retreat

Discussion on time and place for the annual retreat

7.00 OPC Grant

Peter discussed the water wheel in San Diego Creek as well as a 2nd trash modification on the west side of the bay

7.02 – Adjournment – Donna motioned and Randal seconded – unanimous