

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY  
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Wednesday July 15 2020, 5:30-7:00 PM, Online Conference Call

5:30 Call to order/roll call.

5:31: Approval of minutes: Josie Bennett

- Motion to approve Sherry, seconded by Julie.

5:35: Operations Report: Heather Cieslak

- Hilary sent out a volunteer survey via email to better understand how we should move forward with our volunteer program.
- SOCALPAPA art sale is in progress

5:45: Treasurer's Report: Pam Winkler

- We have received donations in honor of Jack Keating.
- The finance committee met and decided to call a meeting in September to discuss the 2021 budget to discuss how to move forward with staffing and programs.
- Staff will focus on grant writing to diversify funding for the organization.

5:55: Restoration Committee: Josie Bennett

- With the huge help of David Pohl and Robert Stein, we submitted a Prop1 Grant for Santa Isabel on July 3rd. Total funds requested: \$1, 879, 722.00
- The Big Canyon is slated to begin implementation in mid-August. The only thing that we are currently waiting for is the Army Corps of Engineers permit.
- Multiple board members recommended that we get baseline video of the Big Canyon before work begins and strategize how we can share the project with the public.

6:05: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- The Board Development Committee along with Board members David Waller and Angie Varizian met with numerous community leaders via Zoom on Wednesday July 8. The group brainstormed suggestions that can strengthen the work the organization is currently doing.

6:15: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- The committee did not meet this month.
- The board discussed ways that outdoor education will be impacted by the pandemic and how the organization can adapt to the new changing landscape.

6:25: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- The committee discussed how past issues of Tracks could be shared with the public potentially through a book that highlights the plants and wildlife in the Bay.
- The committee is looking for new questions for the "Ask a Naturalist" initiative.

6:35: Fundraising Committee: Dave Waller

- Committee will host small virtual events to open Silent Auction for the Back Bay Bash.
- We have sold 4 paintings through the SOCALPAPA online show.

6:45: Other Business

- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) group plans on meeting every two weeks.

7:00: Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Josie; seconded by Julie.