

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday June 16, 2021, 5:30 PM, [ZOOM](#)

Board attendees: Julie Ferguson, Sherry Marger, Randall English, Derrick Ankerstar, Susan Jarratt, Cassandra Radcliff, Tim Brown, Kim Bick, Ramraghi Fuller, Taylor Sais, Angie Vazarian and David Waller
Staff and volunteer attendees: Heather Cieslak and Peter Bryant
Excused absences: Josie Bennett

5:30 Call to order/roll call

5:35: Approval of May minutes: Kim Bick

- A motion to approve the May minutes made by Julie and seconded by Cassandra.

5:40: Operations & Fundraising Report: Heather Cieslak

- Worked with the Executive Committee to restructure staff and responsibilities. Hilary Cunningham was offered and accepted a full time position with NBC as Community Programs Administrator.
- The City of Newport Beach approved payment on the last two outstanding invoices from 2020.

5:50: Treasurer's Report: Ramraghi Fuller

- Ramraghi Fuller presented the treasurer's report.

6:00: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- The theme of World Wetland Day 2022 is Pacific Flyway: The role of wetlands in bird migration
- A google doc was created to help keep social media post submissions organized.

6:05: Advocacy and Marketing: Cassandra Radcliff

- All planned MOA policies and guidelines are now on Google Drive:
 - Media Relations Policy (Board members will see this in the near future)
 - Logo Usage Standards
 - Social Media Submission Guidelines
 - NBC Branding & Style Guide (continually updated)
 - Marketing Calendar & Schedules (continually updated)
 - Media Writeup Templates & Guidelines
 - MOA Image Usage & Naming Conventions

6:10: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- The first draft cut of the OCP underwater film was reviewed by the Education Committee and recognized some minor issues that need to be addressed.

6:15: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- Tim Brown presented the Board Development Committee report.

6:20: Restoration Committee: Heather Cieslak

- In-person stewardship events are back including a corporate event at Bayview.
- NBC staff submitted another USFWS Coastal Program Grant for \$30,000 for ASL management.
- The agreements for the Big Canyon Phase 3 planning, permitting and design are in place and work is moving forward.
- CA Conservation Corps coming out to help remove sweet clover from around newly installed plants.
- Volutaria surveys are continuing and a handful of individuals were found.

6:30: New Business: Approve:

- Heather will be signing a [Support Letter FHBP](#) letter to Director Chuck Bonham of CDFW urging an immediate increase in enforcement at State Ecological Reserves in response to the illegal drone usage at Bolsa Chica that resulted in a large-scale nest abandonment.
- Peter Bryant will put together a proposal for additional signage to educate the public about illegal drone usage in the Bay.
- The MOA Committee will discuss other ways that we can educate the public on drone use in the Bay.

6:25: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan Jarratt

- The DEI committee discussed a draft of the “Diversity” webpage and got suggestions from Hilary about the “Native Roots and Branches” section based on her work with Lazaro Arvizu to revise the naturalist class on this topic.

6:45: Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn by Susan; seconded by Julie. Motion approved.