



**NBC Board Meeting, Wed., 3.23.2022, 5:30-7 pm (zoom)
Minutes**

Attending:

President - Kim Bick

Board members - Mario Cuevas, Randall English, Julie Ferguson, Ramraghi Fuller, Sherry Marger, Susie Onate, Taylor Sais, Dave Waller

OC Parks - Derrick Ankerstar

Staff and guests - Peter Bryant, Heather Cieslak,

Excused absences: Cassandra Radcliff-Mendoza, Angie Vazirian

5:35 Call to order/roll call

Approval of Minutes of 2.23.2022; Randall moved; Julie seconded; motion approved

President's Report – Kim had no report this month.

Treasurer's Report – Heather reported that February's finances have not been reconciled yet. A big commission has come in, and the Ocean Protection project has come in. A transfer from the PayPal giving fund will be in the account, and PPP funding applied for last February was approved at \$15,000.

Operations -- Heather reported that volunteer training this weekend had 26 rsvps. Hilary participated in the Sea & Sage Virtual Volunteer Fair, an event that featured multiple non-profits. NBC was well-received. Earth Day is next month, and the BBSC is going to be short staffed.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee - Susan reported on the Lowell Elementary School (SAUSD) Science Fair April 15th. We are donating prizes and judges.

Community Outreach, Website, Tracks – Heather reported that the new issue of *Tracks* is at the printer. They are working on photos.

Research Committee – Peter reported that the committee worked on the website: considering goals, topics, and Youtube videos. Nathan will attend next meeting to talk about iNaturalist. The committee will continue with Ask-a-Naturalist. Concerning the *Tracks* database, Cesar will be creating one when he finishes a current project. (Note that no issues were produced 2010-13). The committee is interested in following through with a MOTUS event.

Board Development Committee – Taylor reported that the committee is working on a commitment form for future board members, including duties, conflict of interest info, and encouragement to attend naturalist field trips. A get-together between the board and the advisory committee is anticipated. The Advisory Committee includes Peter Bowler, Lawrence Jones, and Dick Zembal. One board position is coming up with Randall timing out. There's a potential candidate from PIMCO Investment Firm. They are interested in funding an internship.

Education Committee – Julie reported that Nathan Taxel's proposal for updating the Muth Center exhibits is available in the board folder. It's very thorough: an excellent articulation of need, and as such, good for grant applications. There was a suggestion to add material about sea-level rise.

Restoration Committee – Randall offered highlights of the Big Canyon restoration project: Brightview is catching up contracted responsibilities. Everything is blooming in Big Canyon now. Phase 2 will go on for years. Regarding Phase 3, part of a pilot on the CEQA statutory exemption has been submitted. There has been an invitation to present on Phase 3, providing the opportunity for continuing outreach to keep Big Canyon relevant. Volunteer naturalist Diana Grice is continuing to work on the "adopt a plot" project in Bayview Heights. Four of Matt Yurko's students are monitoring plots in BC as part of their curriculum. We confirmed that Adopt-a-plot does not conflict with the contractor's work. Alteryx had a stewardship day in Big Canyon. Nesting season started March 1st. We have been grandfathered in under Dick Zembal's collection permit, but we need our own. Following NBC staff performance reviews, Zac is now full-time based on contractual grant support. The committee met on website revision and may link with previous *Tracks* articles.

Other Business – Susan asked about the watershed sign issue. The deadline was extended with some issues still pending.

6:36 pm Motion to adjourn – Julie moved; Sherry seconded; motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jarratt, Secretary