

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday November 5, 2020, Online Conference Call

Agenda

1) 7:00 Call to Order and Welcome

2) 7:10 Approval 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Pam Winkler and seconded by Linda Barker; motion approved.

3) 7:15 President's Annual Report

- A new Restoration Manager, Alys Arenas, was hired and the restoration team expanded to include 4 positions.
- Volunteering and public programming was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic including the FiiN program.
- In response to the pandemic restrictions staff came up with multiple opportunities to connect virtually including increasing content on YouTube, opening an online gift shop and reimaging coastal cleanup day into a webinar about trash.
- The change in programming gave staff time to focus on administrative tasks including developing an online waiver for kayaking and outrigger events and revising the curriculum for our education events as well as Naturalist training.
- The book release was a big success with the 1st run completely selling out and a 2nd run being ordered.
- Raised \$6,000 at the online Back Bay Bash
- The Big Canyon phase 2A project reached all milestones on time and the Big Canyon Phase 2B/C is on track.
- Invasive plant eradication efforts continued focusing on ASL and volutaria.
- Naturalist Training hosted 19 students.
- The osprey nest perch was upgraded and a webcam installed.
- A new underwater life movie is being developed with spanish subtitles.
- Several improvement projects have made progress including updating the mud tunnel in the Muth center, improved signage and OCP trails and overlook.
- The World Wetlands Day event " Climate Solution Conference" was a huge success with 250 attendees.
- Working on getting RAMSAR designation.

4) 7:35 Treasurer's Annual Report

- Tax form completed and will be submitted the week of 11/10
- The organization ended the year with a deficit of \$56,207 due to expenses from the previous fiscal year
- Applied and received PPP funds
- Secured a new CPA for 2019 taxes
- Increased funding for the restoration program
- 2021 Expectations:
 - Build on support for virtual programming
 - Expand virtual fundraising
 - Continue financial oversight to the larger restoration projects/revenues

- o Transition to the new board treasurer

5) 7:45 Presentation of Board Candidates

- Candidates for Board of Directors:
 - o Cassandra Radcliff
 - o Susan Jarrett
 - o Ramraghi Fuller
 - o Randall English
 - o Julie Ferguson
 - o Sherry Marger
 - o Angie Varizian
 - o Dave Waller
- Candidates for Executive Committee:
 - o Kim Bick as President
 - o Julie Ferguson as Vice President
 - o Ramraghi Fuller as Treasurer
 - o Josie Bennett as Secretary

6) 7:50 Announcement of Election Results

- All candidates approved

7) 8:00 Adjournment of Annual Meeting

- Motion to adjourn by Peter Fuhrer and seconded by Holly Fuhrer; motion approved.