

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday October 21 2020, 5:30-7:00 PM, Online Conference Call

Board attendees: Julie Ferguson, Sherry Marger, Randall English, Pam Winkler, David Waller, Angie Vazarian, Derrick Ankerstar, Taylor Sais, Joana Tavares, Tim Brown, Kim Bick and Josie Bennett

Staff and volunteer attendees: Heather Cieslak

Excused absences: Ian Swift

5:30 Call to order/roll call.

5:31: Approval of minutes: Josie Bennett

- A motion to approve the August minutes made by Julie and seconded by Tim; motion approved.
- A motion to approve the September minutes made by Julie and seconded by Kim; motion approved.

5:35: Operations Report: Heather Cieslak

- UNB Filming project began the week of 10/19
- OC Parks hosted a volunteer appreciation event including NBC volunteers Linda Barker and Bonnie Mikoleit

5:45: Treasurer's Report: Pam Winkler

- Pam and Heather are working with the CPA to get tax return completed.
- All finances in line with the updated budget from June 2020.

5:55: Restoration Committee: Josie Bennett

- Army Corp permit received for the current Big Canyon
- ASL volunteer work days has resumed in the Bay.
- Big Canyon Technical Advisory Committee met on 10/15/20
- UNB Stakeholder Committee meeting is scheduled for 10/21/20

6:05: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- With the unscheduled vacancy created by Joana Tavares' resignation from the NBC Board, we have three seats available. The three candidates who will appear on the ballot for the Annual Meeting are as follows: Ramraghi Fuller, Susan Jarratt and Cassandra Radcliff
- Pam and Taylor volunteered to help certify the annual meeting results.
- A recommended slate of officers was presented including Kim as President, Julie as Vice President, Josie as Secretary and Ramraghi as Treasurer.

6:15: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- Refurbishment of the osprey nesting perch is slated to begin on 10/21 and be completed by 10/24
- Nathan Taxel has completed some work on the reimagining of the Mid Tunnel display.

6:25: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- A new Ask-a-Naturalist entry was posted and will continue to be updated monthly.
- World Wetlands Day preparations have begun to start planning the 2/6-7 virtual event.

6:35: Fundraising Committee: Dave Waller

- Target Circle donation exceeded expectation at \$4,600.
- Gourmet by the Bay funds were finalized and the event brought in \$6,000.
- Dave will be resigning Chair position effective December 31, 2020.

6:45: Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Kim Bick

- The committee is working on finalizing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion mission statement for the organization.
- Next steps were discussed for the development of an organizational assessment for diversity and a visitor survey focused on DEI.

6:55: Other Business:

7:00: Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn by Tim seconded by Kim ; motion approved.