

Newport Bay Conservancy

September 19th, 2018 Board Meeting

Muth Interpretive Center

Minutes

Board Attendees: Peter Bryant, Randall English, Josie Bennett, Pam Winkler, Donna Flower, Derrick Ankerstar; Tim Brown; Joana Taveres; Taylor Sais

Staff Members: Heather Cieslak,

Excused Absence: Kimberly Bick; Ian Swift

5.33- Call to order/roll call: Peter

5.35 – Minutes – Pam

Approval of the minutes from the June meeting – motion by Ian Swift; seconded by Derrick Ankerstar – unanimous. Approval of the minutes from the August meeting – motion by Randall English; seconded by Taylor Sais - unanimous

5.40 – Financials – Donna

Form 990 was presented for review and discussion. This needs board approval in order for the tax return for the organization to be filed. There were two minor changes requested and it was decided that members would have time to review and should have their comments back to Donna by Monday 24th. Approval of the return would take place by e-mail vote.

5.45 – Operations Report - Heather

There are 19 people signed up for the new Naturalists Training program. Cassandra Radcliff has finished the first section of the 50th anniversary book; discussion took place that Kimberly Bick would review the publishing agreement. Friday October 19th is the kickoff for SOCALPAPA

6.05 – Fundraising – Randall

The 50th anniversary was a huge success and showed a profit of approximately 15k. Discussion is taking place in connection to doing a similar fundraiser in July 2019

Randall also led discussion on additional books for the front desk maybe of a more scholarly nature.

Randall is also working on adding us to Wikipedia and in general updating our web presence.

6.15 Restoration Committee Report – Peter and Josie

Topics covered in general discussion included CA River Parkway Grant; Big Canyon SCC Project and the removal of 23 bags of Algerian Sea Lavender from the Bay this month

6:30 Tracks

Preview copy of the summer edition was passed around for board discussion; approximately 1,400 copies will be mailed out.

6:25 Education Committee - Tim

Update on the Topographical map; filming has started for videos; tidal changes and species. Discussion took place in regards to the rail around the map and if it should remain in place. Tim reported that the 2017 Naturalist class was very involved since graduation and the BBSC program is being built by Joana and led by Jennifer

6:40 Board Development - Tim

There are 4 open board seats and the committee has identified 3 people for those 4 seats so far.

6:45 Annual Meeting – Tim

Materials need to be out to membership by October 10th. Discussion took place in regards to correcting the by-laws for fiscal year and board terms. It was discussed that the board will meet directly after the annual meeting to elect officers for the year. The annual meeting begins with a reception from 6.30-7.00

6:50 Other Business – Peter

Open discussion on “Restore America’s Estuaries” – being held in Long Beach. This is a National event. There will be a symposium in 2019 – Feb 7th; on Invasive Species

6.58 Adjournment – Randall English motioned and Josie Bennett seconded – unanimous

7.00 Closed Session to approve minutes from two previous sessions.

Adjourned at 7.03 – motion by Tim Brown and seconded by Taylor Sais; unanimous