

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday September 16 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

- Postponed until October meeting

5:35: Operations Report: Heather Cieslak

- Naturalist training began this week via zoom
- Telecommunicating agreement added to the employee handbook
- Discussion regarding purchasing a reprint of the book to restock our inventory before the holidays
- Funding gap of \$11,000 for new proposed informational video
- A motion to approve the OCP film for the Muth Center with the understanding there is an \$11,000 deficit amount after the Grant from Orange County which must be made up by the Conservancy made by Tim and seconded by Pam, motion approved.
- A motion to move forward and order 2000 copies of the Saving Newport Bay book was made by Pam, seconded by Joana, motion approved.

5:45: Treasurer's Report: Pam Winkler

- All finances in line with the updated budget from June 2020.

5:55: Restoration Committee: Josie Bennett

- Started clearing the staging area for this project as well as removing peppertrees. We are moving into the selective removal areas where ESA is helping to identify ISHB trees
- Matthew Gilstrap has officially join NBC staff as our new Habitat Restoration Coordinator.
- We have made an offer to Zachery Flores will be replacing Brittney and David who will continue to work with NBC mainly on the ASL project.

6:05: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- Three Board seats will be available this year with Joana Taveres, Ian Swift and Pam Winkler leaving and the committee recommends moving forward with Susan Garrett, Ramraghi Fuller and Cassandra Radcliff.
- A motion to approve Ramraghi Fuller and Cassandra Radcliff on the NBC board ballot was made by Kim and seconded by Pam, motion approved.
- Discussion regarding how many hours volunteers will need to have logged to be concerned a voting member and how the pandemic will impact our volunteers ability to vote.
- A motion to prorate our volunteer hours to 4 months from March from September resulting due to the covid restrictions put into place by the State of California so that they meet the threshold to vote during the 2020-21 NBC election made by Tim and seconded by Dave, motion approved.

6:15: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- The committee is working to finalize the details of setting up a contract with Peter Bloom to refurbish the osprey perch.

6:25: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- The committee discussed the 2021 World Wetlands Day and have decided to focus on the 50th anniversary of the initial RAMSAR conference when World Wetlands Day was first designated.

6:35: Fundraising Committee: Dave Waller

- Committee did not meet this month.

6:40: Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Kim Bick

- The committee is putting together a mission statement and discussing concrete actions to recommend to the board.

6:50: Other Business:

7:00: Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn by Josie seconded Julie.