

Minutes, NBC 2021 Annual Meeting
Prepared by Josie Bennett
11/4/2021

Call to Order 7:05pm

Motion to approve the minutes for the 2020 Annual Meeting made by Randall English and seconded by David Waller; motion approved.

Education

- 79 volunteers submitted hours
- 28 people participated in NBC/OC Parks volunteer training
- 46 voting members

Community Outreach

- More than 10,000 people currently reached through newsletter, TRACKS, social media, etc.
- Earth Day at the Bay had 148 participants including a scavenger hunt
- Gourmet By the Bay included 80 people and raised \$10,000
- 640 kayak tours were given through private tour reservations
- SOCALPAPA art show was held with 20 paintings sold during the 10-day exhibition
- Coastal Cleanup Day was a big success with 6,000lbs of trash collected
- A new, refurbished osprey perched was installed and a successful clutch was fledged
- Underwater Life Movie Project has been a big effort to highlight this amazing world that isn't commonly seen when walking through the Bay. These efforts discovered an invasive seaweed.
- California Boating & Safety funded scholarships for students as part of the EEP

Research

- World Wetlands Day was held on 2/2/21 with a theme of wetlands around the world.
- NBC is applying for RAMSAR designation for Upper Newport Bay.

Restoration

- Major construction work of" phase II Big Canyon complete
- Volunteer events held weekly on Thursdays to help with maintenance of Phase II
- Ribbon cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of Phase 1 and 2.
- Phase 3 has begun including the permitting and plan of Big Canyon
- Santa Isabella Channel restoration project is looking for funding to address water quality issues
- Monitoring and maintenance continues of the Big Canyon easement for the City of NB
- Monitoring and maintenance continues at the Bayview Heights drainage
- Invasive species control efforts continue focused on invasive Limonium species and Desert Knapweed
- Restoration outreach including presenting at SERCAL and ESA conferences.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Visitor and Organization Surveys were conducted and identified areas that need to be addressed
- Implicit Bias training will be offered in January and other DEI training is being researched for Naturalist training
- DEI Reading/Listening Group was offered

- Diversity Speaker Series was organized with 4 speakers from April through July.

Treasurer's Report

- Ramraghi presented the Treasurer's Report

Change to the Bylaws

- The Change to Bylaws was presented by Vice President, Julie Ferguson. An addition to the bylaws to create and establish an Advisory Council. Membership on the Advisory Council shall be through appointment by most of the Board. The Advisory Council will advise the Board on its efforts to protect and preserve UNB specifically related to restoration, education, research, advocacy, and preservation.
- Julie thanked both Tim and Josie for their service to our Board and turned the presentation to Tim Brown, Board Development Chairman to present slate of candidates for the 2021-2023 Board of Directors.

Proposed Candidates for Board of Directors 2021-2023

- Kim Bick (incumbent)
- Mario Cuevas
- Susie Onate
- Taylor Sais (incumbent)

Current Directors whose term ends in 2022

- Randall English
- Susan Jarratt
- Angie Varazian
- Julie Ferguson
- Sherry Marger
- Dave Waller
- Ramraghi Fuller
- Cassandra Radcliff

Proposed Representative appointed by OC Park per our MOU

- Derrick Ankerstar

Proposed Non-Board Members of the Board Development Committee

- Tim Brown
- Nancy Gardner
- The amendment to change the by-laws is approved; slate of candidates approved
- Motion to adjourn is made Sherry and seconded Jay Matchett; motion approved