

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 5:30 PM, **IN PERSON & ZOOM**

Attending:

President – Cassandra Radcliff

Board Members - Julie Ferguson, Ramraghi Fuller, Cesar Gallo, Susie Onate, Susan Jarratt, Saam Shams, Mario Cuevas, Stacey Tutt, Peter Bryant, Taylor Sais

Past President – Kim Bick

Staff and guests -- Heather Cieslak

OC Parks - Derrick Ankerstar

Absent: None

5:38 Call to order/roll call: Cassandra

Approval of Minutes:

- April 2023 Meeting
Cesar moved; Julie seconded; passed

1. Treasurer's Report: Ramraghi

Raghi presented the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activity for January-March 2023 ([see attached](#)).

2. Operations: Heather

Operations Report for May 2023 was provided by Heather ([see attached](#)). FiiN will stay at Camp James and will be a 2 nights/3 days per week program. 2 groups of 40 each. Same number of weeks. 3 year renewal contract expected in June and will start staffing in July/August.

3. Fundraising: Heather

Fundraising events are included in the Operations Report. The Committee will meet in the next month or two.

4. Education Committee: Julie

Education Committee Report was provided by Julie ([see attached](#)). Advertising naturalist program to increase participation in Thursday (online) lectures and Saturday (in person) with 20 person capacity. Starts September-December. Will entertain ideas to modify the program.

5. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan

Susan provided the DEI Committee report. We received over 120 existing surveys that went out on Earth Day. Volunteers are entering the data, which will be shared with the Board. The volunteer survey will go out soon.

Visitor survey is in process. Board to review and discuss Census-based questions at next Board meeting.

6. Community Outreach, Website, Tracks: Cesar

Community Outreach presented the report ([see attached](#)). Discussing featuring volunteers on social media.

7. Research Committee: Peter

Research and Advocacy Committee report was provided by Peter. Need to find a topic for the World Wetland Symposium (Groundwater Depletion).

8. Board Development Committee: Taylor

Taylor provided the Board Development report. Need Board Development Chair. Talking to someone for Fundraising Chair. July 16 cutoff to exist from Board.

9. Restoration Committee: Saam

Saam provided the Restoration Committee Report for May 2023.

7:15: Adjournment: Susie moved; Susan seconded; passed

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Onate
Secretary