

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club Executive Committee
Regular Meeting
Wednesday September 13, 2023; 630-830 Zoom meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

Present: Mike Guth, Steve Bakaley, Kristin Sandel, Sally Arnold, Jerry Busch, Lani Faulkner, Micah Posner and Jim Danaher.

2. Announcements

3. Changes to the Agenda

Lani brought up the group “Santa Cruz Black”, described its mission, and acknowledged the group’s support for Equity Transit. She mentioned an event scheduled for October. ExCom discussed possibly tabling at the event.

4. Minutes from August Meeting.

Lani moves to approve, and Kristin seconds. Passes unanimously.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Steve gave the report on the account balances and responses from the March appeal. Still waiting on the remittance from Chapter. Still waiting to cash checks from Wittwer/Parkin.

6. Executive Committee Meeting Dates/Time: possibility of change.

ExCom discussed the possibility of changing meeting times and days. Mike ordered that the October meeting be moved to the first Wednesday, with the plan to include Adam in the discussion of his availability for meeting times. This is a one month adjustment.

7. Transportation Committee

a. Meeting Report: Sally gave a recap of the last TransCom meeting.

b. Funding requests: SC has not contributed to the costs of the Transportation Justice Conference. Lani moves that \$500 be donated to CFST to help cover costs. Micah seconds. Passes unanimously.

c. Friends of Rail and Trail: Roaring Camp offers to help host an event. Request by Friends of the Rail Trail that Sierra Club donate \$500. Date is Sunday, October 1st. Micah asked about tabling. Sally assured Sierra Club would be accommodated. Micah moves, Lani seconds, that Sierra Club donates \$500 and advertises the event on the Newsletter. Passes unanimously.

d. Five tickets will be given to the ExCom for distribution. Micah moves that the tickets be offered to any Sierra Club committee members. If more than five people request a ticket, then Mike will hold a blind draw. Mike will send notices out by September 22nd. Jerry seconds. Passes 6-0.

8. Conservation Committee

a. Meeting Report. Mike gave the meeting report from the last ConsCom meeting.

b. Kristen prepared a letter to the City of Santa Cruz thanking the City for their recent handling of community concerns regarding the river levee. The letter was modified and approved for sending. Mike requests that the recipients of prior related letters be copied. Kristen moves that the letter be approved and sent, with the edits. Micah seconds. Passes 6-0.

9. Climate Committee

Kristen gave the report from the last meeting.

10. Political Committee

a. Mike nominates Barry Scott and Jennie Dusheck and himself to the Committee. A discussion of conflicts followed. Micah recommended the nominees. Lani and Kristen both recommended Jenny. Mike asks for a ratification vote. 5-1 in favor.

b. A discussion of early endorsement for incumbents followed.

Lani moves, Jerry seconds, for an early endorsement of Dawn Addis. 6-0.

Kristin moves, Lani seconds, for an early endorsement of John Laird. 5-1.

Micah moves and Steve seconds, NOT to provide an early endorsement for Panetta. Passes 6-0.

c. Ethan Quaranta: Mike nominates Ethan for PolCom. 6-0.

11. Nominating Committee

Mike volunteers to be chair of the Nominating Committee. Mike nominates Micah and Jerry to be on the Committee. Passes. 6-0.