

## **SIERRA CLUB- SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GROUP of the VENTANA CHAPTER**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee of the Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club was held on January 18, 2012 at Louden Nelson Center.

These minutes were approved by the Executive Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 8, 2012.

Committee Members Present: David Casterson, Keresha Durham, Mike Guth (Vice Chair), Tawn Kennedy, Patricia Matejcek (arrived at 7:15), Greg McPheeters, Charles Paulden, Mary Odegaard

Committee Members Absent: Fred Geiger

Also Present: Dennis Davie, Carole Fuller, Ron Pomerantz, Paul Schoelhammer

Presided by: Mike Guth (Vice Chair)  
Called to order at: 7:08PM

1) Member Comments: none

2) Consensus to move forward with draft agenda.

3) Minutes approved with minor clarification in line 6c  
Motion by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. minutes adopted.

4) Introductions of all ExCom members. New members expanded briefly on their background and interests.

Tawn - interest in outreach to youth, leveraging existing environmental groups in local high schools, and the possibility of bringing on youth interns.

Greg - background in solar, experience growing other non-profit environmental groups.

Mary – particularly interested in water issues, agriculture, and the fate of the Ventana.

5) Financial Report: Mark Sullivan will not be continuing as Treasurer. Dennis Davie noted that we would need to follow up on our 2011 financial report very soon.

6.1) Election of Officers:

Chair – Mike Guth nominated by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair – David Casterson nominated by Keresha 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg. Motion passed.

Treasurer – Charles Dixon nominated by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. Motion passed.

Secretary – Greg McPheeters nominated by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tawn. Motion passed.

Committee Chairs: Mike Guth proposed that we not remove any chairs without asking if they want to continue. General consensus with this.

- Forestry – Dennis Davie nominated by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles. Dennis spoke about the many aspects of the Forestry work and that he is interested in continuing. Motion passed unanimously.
- Web committee – Greg nominated by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. Charles suggested a free intern, Keresha suggested an online calendar to eliminate event conflicts and help streamline event approval process. Mike Guth suggested a need for process definition. Consensus to include some standard things on the site such as meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Conservation, Coastal, and Water – Motion by David to table confirmation of these 3 committees to the next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. Motion passed unanimously.
- Political – David nominated by Mary. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. Patricia suggested we need a list in 3 weeks of the hot button issues to survey the people being elected. General consensus to put that list together. Motion passed unanimously.
- Transportation – Motion by Charles to table confirmation of this Chair to the next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. Motion passed unanimously.
- Events – Keresha nominated by David. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. Mike suggested the need for some protocol to ensure that events related to a committee advance notify the committee Chairs. Charles suggested that we could have seed money for events, but then try to use them to bring in revenue. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fisheries – Dennis offered to serve as a group liason to the Santa Cruz Fly Fisherman's Club Environmental Committee, Motion by David for Dennis to serve in this role. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles. Motion passed unanimously.

David suggested standing meetings for committees with convio or similar notifications. Patricia noted that committee meetings should be on our web page.

Charles suggested a Member Outreach Committee. Keresha suggested that our member participation was good, with high turnout in our recent election, and lots of people at the few member events that have occurred. Mike made a case for consistent meeting times and events and promised an agenda item for the next meeting.

6.2) Jodi Frediani: Dennis Davie gave a background on Jodi Freidiani's work in Forestry for the Sierra Club. As Forestry Chair Dennis is requesting \$6,000 for the coming year, as well as an additional \$169 for additional expenses she incurred at the end of 2011.

Motion by Patricia that we pay Jodi's balance from last year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles. Motion passed.

Motion by David that we approve \$1500 for the first quarter and that Jodi give us an itemized report back during that time period of what she has accomplished. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keresha. Motion passed.

6.3) Event cost: The event committee has one cost for the January event, which is the renting of the Live Oak Grange for \$60. General consensus that this is a great value. Motion by Charles that we approve the expense. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia. Motion passed.

6.4) Outstanding Invoice Request: Motion by David that Patricia will review the history of an old invoice that may have not been paid. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:04PM

Respectfully submitted by Greg McPheeters