

## **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 February 8, 2012 at Louden Nelson Center.

Committee Members Present: Mike Guth (Chair), David Casterson (Vice Chair), Greg McPheeters (Secretary), Keresha Durham, Fred Geiger, Tawn Kennedy, Patricia Matejcek, Charles Paulden, Mary Odegaard.

Committee Members Absent: none

Also Present: Charlie Dixon (Treasurer), Nancy Casterson, Kim Delkener, Holly Tyler, Micah Posner (7:07).

Presided by: Mike Guth (Chair)

Called to order at: 7:03PM

- 1) Member Comments: none
- 2) Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by David, 2nd by Patricia, passed unanimously.
- 3) Convio / Communications Systems Update. David and Mike have now been trained on the system to allow us to send notifications to members. Limited to 3 messages per month
- 4) Treasurer's Report, Charlie met with outgoing Treasurer Mark Sullivan and got up to speed on things. Question was raised about bulk mail account since it was tied to Ventana Production. David will follow up with Joel Weinstein. Charlie provided a full report of 2011 income and expenses and has completed our annual report including submission to the Chapter. Patricia asked about the lack of accounting for advertisement contributions to the Ventana which appear to not be included in the report.
- 5) City of Santa Cruz Climate Action Plan. Micah Posner brought the Committee up to speed on the Plan and the joint efforts of People Power, Transition Santa Cruz, Ecology Action, and others to strengthen the plan. They are asking the Sierra Club to write a letter supporting the City's Climate Action Plan with some specific points. Mike Guth has reviewed this in detail and is concerned about the lack of enforceability of the plan but otherwise supports the points and coming back in a few weeks with additional specific recommendations to strengthen things. General sense of support, with desire to make the plan more enforceable. Motion by David to write a letter of support as follows: That we support the Plan with the following two amendments 1) that City Staff will give monthly reports on implementation of the plan to interested members of the public and 2) that projections for car traffic used to plan capital improvements shall match the goals of the plan, which calls for a 10% reduction. 2nd by Keresha, motion passed.
- 6) Committees: Intention to adopt committee structures and then continue to fill them
  - a. Web Committee Charter: suggestions, add donate buttons, check out Ecology Action EcoCruz site/calendar. Motion by Keresha to adopt charter, second by Fred, motion passed. Members Steve Piercy and Peter Scott were confirmed.

- b. Events Committee Charter: motion by Fred to approve, second by Tawn, motion passed. Suggestion that we have more events to honor our members and to work with Land Trust in South County. Members Trician Cummings, Carol Fuller, Charles Dixon, and Mary Odegaard were confirmed.
  - c. Political Committee Charter: Motion by Mary to accept, second by Keresha, motion passed. Committee members discussed in closed session at end of meeting.
  - d. Coastal Committee Charter: motion by Charles to approve, second by Keresha, motion passed. Members Aldo Giacchino, Grant Weseman, and Charles Paulden were confirmed.
  - e. Conservation Committee Chair: Existing charter stands.
  - f. Transportation Committee Chair: Paul Ehlerick is not continuing. To be revisited at next meeting.
  - g. Water Resources Committee: Deirdre is not continuing. To be revisited at next meeting.
- 7) Reimbursement Request: Motion by Charles, 2nd by Fred, to look at this a little more closely. Motion passed.
- 8) Motion by David to reimburse John Howerton for meet-up fees and to ask him to request donations to cover costs in the future, 2nd by Fred. Motion passed.
- 9) “Voter Approval for Desalination Plants:” Request for Sierra Club to Support drive for a Vote by the Citizens being required to approve a Desal Plant. Motion by Patricia to support, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred, motion passed.
- 10) Request for events sponsorships:
- a. Gasland movie and seminar February 16th, the event is in line with Sierra Club National Position and our current lawsuit against fracking in Monterey County. Motion by Fred to support the event and find a qualified panelist, 2nd by Patricia, motion passed.
  - b. WILPF request for support of event at Quaker House regarding event related to Diablo Canyon Nuclear power plant, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Fred, 2nd by Charles, to support event and have Keresha be our representative. Motion passed.
- 11) Closed Session to finalize decisions related to committee staffing. After some discussion members Jim Danaher, Helena Ivatt, Carol Fuller, Fred Geiger, Charles Paulden, and Deirdre DesJardins were confirmed.

Meeting adjourned 9:03PM

Respectfully submitted by Greg McPheeters