

## **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 November 14, 2012 at Louden Nelson Center.

Committee Members Present: Mike Guth (Chair), David Casterson (Vice Chair), Greg McPheeters (Secretary), Fred Geiger, Tawn Kennedy, Mary Odegaard, Patricia Matejcek (arrived 7:34)

Committee Members Absent: Charles Paulden, Keresha Durham

Also Present: Charles Dixon (Treasurer)

Presided by: Mike Guth (Chair)

Called to order at: 7:07 PM

- 1) Member Comments: none
- 2) Agenda adopted with some minor shifting of item order.
- 3) Minutes: Motion to approve by Fred, second by Tawn, October minutes adopted.
- 4) Nominating Committee Report: Chair Mary reported on progress, interviewed 4 candidates for the 3 seats that are open. 1 has opted out leaving 3 candidates for 3 seats.
- 5) Election Committee Report: David and Charlie will meet with Chapter to discuss election process for this year. Will be a paper mail election this year but will continue to push toward email/online elections for next year.
- 6) Treasurer Report: Charlie reports we will come out about even for the year, despite our extra expenses for the year due to the end of the Print Ventana. Some discussion about finances in the coming year, including chapter allocation, possible fundraising efforts that could be undertaken, likely around the March time frame.
- 7) Request for additional funding to support Jodi Frediani's Forestry work. Motion by David to provide this funding, second by Patricia, motion carries.
- 8) Soquel Community Corridor: Patricia reported on how things are progressing.
- 9) Climate Change Letter – putting more pressure on our local community to take proactive steps to address climate change in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. General interest in signing on to a letter after some discussion of edits
- 10) First email newsletter went out. We hope to do many more to reach out to our members on a regular basis.
- 11) Coastal Committee: Patricia attended CNRCC Meeting in SLO over the wknd. Among many other things, she shared the new opportunity to become a “Sierra Student Coalition Affiliate Group” – a great way to engage our local youth with environmental issues.
- 12) Conservation Committee: Reporting on UCSC water/LAFCO issues. Some discussion of East Cliff Drive Project.

Respectfully submitted by Greg McPheeters