

## **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 09, 2013 at Louden Nelson Center.

Committee Members Present: Mike Guth (Chair), David Casterson (Vice Chair), Greg McPheeters (Secretary), Tawn Kennedy, Mary Odegaard, Kerasha Durham, Jenna Contuchio. Patricia Matejcek (arrived 7:32)

Committee Members Absent: Saskia Lucas

Also Present: Charles Dixon (Treasurer), Members interested in Anna Jean Cummings Disc Golf Club Proposal (Katherine Sweet, Bob Raymer, Liz Levy, Lisa Sheridan, Vivian Vanner-Evan, Debra Christy), Carl Broderick.

Presided by: Mike Guth (Chair)

Called to order at: 7:20 PM

- 1) Member Comments: none, but many members and interested persons present.
- 2) Agenda adopted with addition of possible alternate meeting location, and presentation by member attendees on Anna Jean Cummings Park.
- 3) Minutes: December minutes adopted.
- 4) Election Results: Results were certified this morning, many Executive Committee Members note that they did not received ballots.
  - a. New Executive Committee Member Jenna spoke about her work with the Plastic Police and Coastal Watershed Council.
- 5) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Will be getting some of our allocation back for Jodi Friediani's Forestry Work.
  - b. We have slightly more money at the end of the year than we had at the beginning.
- 6) Election of Officers: Motion by Patricia to postpone Officer Elections for one month, Second by Kerasha. Motion Passed.
- 7) Committee Chairs: Discussion about if filling of Committee Chairs should be postponed on same logic as postponing of Officers. General Concensus that this makes sense.
- 8) Forestry Committee:
  - a. Funding request from Jodi. Jodi's invoices are actually less than our allocations for 2012 and we are looking at seeing some of that funding come back to us. Motion by David that we pay the Loma Prieta Chapter 37.5% of the total fees for 2012 (\$7,530.09) for Jodi Frediani's Forestry Consulting Work in the year (as suggested by the Loma Prieta Chapter). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. Motion passes.
- 9) Proposal from Soquel residents, calling themselves Friends of AJC, who are very interested in preserving the open space areas at Anna Jean Cummings Park (AJC). Residents have been working somewhat with the proponents of the project, but think

that the use is not a good match for the space. Major concerns are erosion, compaction of soil, and damage to the trees. Group got involved after seeing the issues that came up at the Pinto Lake Course. They don't see any place for disc golf activity in this location. They point out that this park is 4.5 miles from De La Veaga disc golf course, considered to be a "world class" course.

- 10) Conservation Committee: has not met since last meeting. Next meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 11) Web Committee: New CMS site is now online, and we should be ready to be live by the end of the month. Current plan is to give active logins to all committee chairs to facilitate the flow of content to the site.
- 12) Forestry: Chair Denis Davie has not been active, will check in with him and if there is no response, will move to find new chair or fold committee for the new year.
- 13) Meeting adjourned 9:24PM

Respectfully submitted by Greg McPheeters