

SIERRA CLUB – SANTA CRUZ EX COMM MEETING MINUTES 11 JAN 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the Sierra Club was held JANUARY 14, 2013 at 107 River Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

Committee Members Present: Keresha Durham (Vice Chair), David Casterson (Chair), Jenna Contuchio (Secretary), Greg McPheeters, Tawn Kennedy, Mary Odegaraard, Jukka Naukkarinnen, Erica Stanojevic, Ron Pomerantz

Committee Members Absent: Saskia Lucas (Treasurer)

Presided by: David Casterson (Chair)

Guest: David, a Santa Cruz local who is working on an environmental project with a friend from Stanford.

Called to Order at 6:36pm

Welcome to the new ExComm Members: Jukka, Ron, Erica & Keresha, who is returning. Intros.

Announcements:

- New intern will be here later this evening named Alison an Environmental Studies major. Alison is interested in being involved with outings and has media experience. Keresha has another possible intern she is interviewing as well.
- Update from Jilian Greenspan Heritage Tree Ordinance: Can't save a tree at 407 Broadway with new construction happening.
- SLR programs this weekend with speakers and events.
- Fungus Fair this weekend as well.
- SCBP 6pm Friday @ Bicycle Church "Rain Dance" theme
- Marilyn Hummel, an instrumental member of the SCSC in Bonny Doon has passed away. Patricia and a couple other members are working on getting something together about Marilyn for our website.

Adoptions/Addition to Agenda:

4.6 Items for Discussion – Fracking report

4.7 Treasurer's Report – David

Nov & Dec Minutes – email to new chair & approve

Santa Cruz Water Commission Position – Water Commission is being formed and Erica is interested.

There are 3 “environmental” positions and 3 “residential” positions are currently open. Ron is also interested and has been involved already in DeSal Alternatives. SCSC are hoping to be one of the environmental members. Application deadline is 11 January. We need to choose someone tonight.

*Tawn motions Ron be our representative for the club, Mary seconds.

*Discussion: Mike would like us to send a letter to the committee stating Ron is our choice for clarification. Ron is interested in the position but is unsure of the time commitment that will be required. Erica may apply as a “resident” as well or we may need her as a backup. Mary can be a backup as well.

•Unanimous. New chair will work on a letter. Erica will apply as a resident.

ExComm Election – Tawn summarized the nomination committee involvement. Mary was excited to meet with the candidates and is looking forward to working with the new ExComm.

There were problems between the publisher and our information. We received a letter from a member who feels this election should be null and we should have a re-election. As there were 4 nominees for 4 seats, we will not need a new election.

We will send out a Convio clarifying the mishaps in the process explaining that the candidates were running uncontested and congratulating the new ExComm members. Maybe we should change the date and/or time of year for our elections. Suggestion we have the Election Committee continue to work on this issue to get it corrected. Mike is looking into the by-laws in petition candidates. We can also explore doing the elections ourselves but there would be a cost associated with it. Terms will be changed with our election changes should they happen.

*Keresha moves to notify members in a positive way of the misnaming error and the fact that the election was uncontested via Convio. Greg seconds.

*Greg moves to summarize to national regarding the errors in our election. Erica seconds.

ExComm members will give Jenna text and history. Misonaming, candidate position openings and timing as well.

•Unanimous

•Greg withdraws motion and we will discuss this next month. Election Committee and/or elected chapter rep.

Members have brought up old positions from the webpage from Chapter that are incorrect. The new liason rep will need to work on this.

Jukka has brought up some points which will be brought up to ConsComm first then we will revisit here at ExComm.

Fracking meeting today in Salinas. Erica was there. About 2/3 of the attendees were anti-fracking and the other 1/3 were for it. Campaign is going on right now with Gov Brown. Greg is going to discuss with the new members about posting content on our website. As an ExComm member, the by-laws may state that we can't take a position contrary to a national position versus stating you are a member of the Sierra Club but do not represent their position. David, our guest brings up that writing a letter is taken as a representation of close to 100 people.

\$17,200 in our Checking account & \$4,800 in our Savings.

Chair Nominations:

Mary nominates Keresha, Greg seconds.

Mike nominates Greg, Jenna seconds.

Greg wins

Vice Chair Nominations:

Greg nominates Tawn, Mike seconds.

No other nominees, Tawn is Vice Chair

Secretary Nominations:

Mike nominates Jenna, Jenna declines

Greg nominates Erica, Jenna seconds

No other nominees, Erica is Secretary

Next meeting we will need to have a “training” session regarding how to take appropriate minutes from Keresha.

Treasurer Nominations:

Greg nominates Mary, Mike seconds

No other nominees, Mary is Treasurer

Chapter Representative Nominations:

Tawn nominates Mike, Ron seconds

No other nominees, Mike is chapter rep

An email will be sent to the person to remove David’s name off of the approval for Convio and add Keresha, Greg and possibly Trician for training and access.

David has submitted a Convio and will notify national and chapter of the new, current positions. Greg will add the new ExComm members and remove retirees from the website. New chair will contact committees between now and next month in regards to chair positions.

David summarizes our major successes over the last 2 years with our website and events. David would like to see us get more members involved in committees and build better relationships with the local schools and environmental groups. Finding common ground with other environmental groups.

David is publishing a book! We will all get a copy. David is willing to contribute to a fundraiser with this book. David will continue working with the Sierra Club as well as other local environmental groups and is hoping to be a trip leader and continue to chair the RTC.

Greg is looking forward to an open format and will be available to the club via email and phone to address the needs of the club and members.

Patricia would like to be on the email list still representing our club at the state level and will have important information to relay. We will decide next week about specifics for email list serves.

*Mike would like Patricia to continue being our liaison delegate at the state level. Patricia invites us all to attend these meetings as well. Tawn seconds this motion. This is an unofficial position as Patricia has previously been on ExComm.

*Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm