

Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee Minutes September 10, 2014

Called to Order 6:33

**Attending: Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Tawn Kennedy, Greg McPheeters, Mary Odegaard, Ron Pomeraz, Jukka Naukkarinen, Erica Stanojevic
Melissa Ott**

Welcome – member comments

Approval of Minutes

July Minutes

Ron motions to approve; Mary seconds; unanimous

August Minutes - looking for an email vote to approve as not everyone was there

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Note that Melissa's salary is being paid by National and they are likely to give us less yearly

Elections Committee

To deal with communication with Ventana and to deal with ballot counting. Chapter has agreed to work with us on the ballot mailing. Mary has volunteered!

Greg nominates Mary to be elections chair; unanimous

Nominations Committee (Jukka)

Tawn and Greg are up for vote. Discussion about having people who are interested in Chair and Vice Chair positions declare their intent at the December meeting; consensus that we will put on December agenda. Also a discussion about questions being given ahead of time to candidates.

Political Committee (Ron)

- City Council
 - Bruce Van Allen and Leonie Sherman endorsed for city council. Discussion about speeding this up next year as candidates are eager to put endorsements onto their mailings. Ideally the questionnaires happen the closing day for candidates to file for election. Have the political seat chair two months before filing period ends. We want this to be a speedy process so the candidates can fully utilize our endorsement.

- Soquel Creek Water District

- Three seats open for five member board. Two incumbents running; nine candidates total. Business community is heavily endorsing three candidates. Political committee endorses Bruce Jaffe, Rick Meyer, Maria Marsilio.

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

- San Lorenzo River Access Letter
 - Coastal Watershed Council and Friends of San Lorenzo River Wildlife each gave presentations. Committee meeting focused on an environmental review of allowing watercraft on the river. Committee voted to write a letter to the city and to cc the coastal commission asking for an environmental review before further watercraft use occurs.
 - Mary motions to approve the letter; Keresha seconds; unanimous
- Water Supply Advisory Committee Update (Mary)
- Confirm Current Committee Membership
 - Melissa added to voting membership (as a volunteer)
 - Greg moves to approve committee members; unanimous

Outreach Committee (Greg)

- Discussion of next convio information
- “Care About Climate Campaign” from National
- UCSC/student engagement plans and opportunities

Events Committee (Keresha)

Intern for upcoming semester

Events committee meeting next week

Adjourned at 9:05