

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Minutes January 14, 2015**

107 River St, Santa Cruz, CA

Called to Order 6:37

Attending: Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Mike Guth, Tawn Kennedy, Greg McPheeters, Jukka Naukkarinen, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic

Melissa Ott

Natalie Hazrati

Rebecca Kay

Mary Odegaard

Karen Lacey

Welcome – member comments

Online Votes

Motion that the local group will be a sponsor of the January 22nd Nuclear Hazards Event at the Resource Center for Non Violence and contribute \$100 towards the event passed on January 7th.

Motion to write a letter to the County Board of Supervisors to postpone the working lands resolution the county was considering due to lack of time for public study and comment passed on January 12

Approval of December Minutes

Ron moves to approve minutes

Mike seconds

Unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Discussed - ExCom meeting location may need to change; may cost a little more at Loudon Nelson compared to free now

Make note that March is fundraising month; work on it in February; Mary says she will help; new chair will be on top of this

Elections Committee (Mary)

- Results and welcome of Courtney to Committee

- Note about how ballots were counted; may need to adjust for next year in order to prevent being able to see who voted for what by counters

Report: Bio Guidelines feedback for excom candidate statements (Keresha)

Talked with Debbie Bulger - she would edit the candidate statements before sending them to members; also talked with a compliance person - each group does statements a little differently; not usually used as advertising and no national guidelines set. Note that National bylaws candidate statements should not be edited at all without consent from the candidate

Petition Support Candidates (Keresha)

Regarding the petition against the mudslinging KSBW report on our environmental candidate for city council; due to family emergency, Celia Scott's for input was abbreviated

Also police union leader comments were questionable

Should we support this petition - may not affect anything now; may affect future elections

Seems too much time has passed already

Election of Group Officers for 2015

Chair - Mike nominates Greg; Jukka seconds;

Mike spoke about Greg's responsiveness and availability for issues

All vote for, with two abstentions - Greg and Keresha

Greg is chair for 2015

Vice Chair - Mike nominates Tawn

Unanimous with Tawn abstaining

Secretary - Greg nominates Erica

Unanimous with Erica abstaining

Treasurer - Ron nominates Mary (with Trician's as co-treasurer); Keresha seconds

Unanimous

Nomination of Committee Chairs for 2015

Conservation Committee - Greg nominates Gillian; unanimous

Outreach Committee - Greg nominates himself; Unanimous (Greg abstains)

Nominations Committee - Greg nominates Jukka; Keresha seconds; Unanimous

Political Committee - Greg nominates Ron; Unanimous

Elections Committee - postponed

Events Committee - postponed

Outreach Committee (Greg)

- Melissa's Report

3 interns; 6 - 8 hours weekly for each intern; Natalie on events and tree; Rebecca on reviewing agendas and forestry, ocean acidification; Lindsay on water and collecting historical club information

Also possibly 5 students doing 3 hours a week; will know who they are by Monday
425 likes on our new Facebook page
Two tabling opportunities - Winter water at UCSC; Earth Day festival on April 18th;
Perhaps an intern can revamp the display boards
Motion to approve \$60 for Earth Day and to allow Melissa to move forward; Ron seconds;
Unanimous

Request for a count of new members

Events Committee (Chair tbd)

Melissa and several others met to discuss events

February - Trician connected with the author of Blue Mind - may get him to speak; date to be decided

Winter Water event at UCSC - labeling, etc.; keynote speaker; want community support as well as students

March - Tawn and Mira - speak about trip to Bali

April - David Casterson - Event with featuring his book, In the Company of Redwoods; people can learn how to use his process to learn about plants

May - John Howerton - maybe speak out about his trips to Sierras

June or later - Ventana Wilderness people speak

UC Natural Reserve system - an event highlighting the history and such for that; Keresha has a contact

Picnics or other social event

Movies as well? Mike suggests a movie partly titled "Rainbow Warrior"

Make sure to always check in about insurance for events - National has a policy

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - keep posting their events

Nuclear Event at RCNV Jan 22 - We voted to support with \$100

Climate March in Oakland Feb 7 - Keresha moves to put our name on it and support with Mike's amendment to have Melissa check with other groups to check if it is appropriate as far as geographical boundaries go; Mike seconds; unanimous

-Monument Campaign Event Feb 12

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

Letter to support name change to County Department of Fish and Game Commission to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission; is not controversial and letter of support will

likely be welcomed; can refer to ourselves as Sierra Club in letter (rather than Santa Cruz group or Ventana)

Watsonville Climate Action Plan - Not enough volunteers to handle reading it; may need to have a strategic discussion about our priorities

Santa Cruz County's General Plan - updates to account for climate change - Interns are working on reading it; may come up in February - 5 weeks from now; interns will continue studying it and prepare a presentation for next conservation committee meeting

Working Lands Resolution - Removed from the County Board of Supervisors 1-13-15 Consent Agenda; Mike showed the conservation blueprint which the Working Lands Resolution refers to; Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Land Trust - these groups are not talking about stopping logging, ect.

Chapter 7 - working lands chapter - how conservation easements are given - may be given out to maintain existing land use (farming, grazing, etc) should be evaluated and we should figure out our stance on it

Document is a stepping stone for sending money to certain landowners; need to look at it carefully

Likely to need to do an email vote because issue will come up to the supervisors again before our next excom meeting

Coast Dairies National Monument Status - Celia Scott is looking into it; what the management plan actually entails; will bring more money and likely more people; we've been asked to endorse an event on Feb. 12th

Mike motions to support the event with three days given before we publicly support the event to check again with Celia that there are no red flags; Ron seconds; Unanimous

San Vicente Letter (may need to be adjusted) - Regarding our support for national monument status for San Vicente (Land Trust was supporting); however the Land Trust withdrew their request for the monument status;

With talk it seems our letter still is applicable as a stand alone letter

Adjourn 9:05