

Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee

Minutes Feb 10th, 2016

Louden Nelson, 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Called to Order 6:35, minutes taken by Becca Fenwick

Attending: Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Becca Fenwick, Greg McPheeters, Jukka Naukkarinen, Jack Nelson,
Mary Odegaard, Trician Commings, Linda Schutte

Welcome – member comments

Online Votes

Motion to approve letter regarding Highway 1 DEIR passes on January 25th

Approval of Minutes

January Minutes

Gillian moves to approve minutes; Jack seconds; unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Mary confirmed that Chris Broadwell's generous gift is unrestricted and the savings account is in great shape. Last month's public event was attended by 54 people and \$135 was donated.

Executive Committee (Greg)

Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Sec, Treas.)

Officer positions still vacant: Vice Chair. Becca nominated by Greg, nomination accepted. Gillian nominated by Keresha, nomination accepted. As 3 members of the committee were unable to attend voting was postponed to include everyone even though a quorum existed.

Committee Membership

- Conservation Committee membership confirmed; inactive members removed, those wishing to leave removed
- Outreach Committee membership confirmed; inactive members removed, those wishing to leave removed
- Transportation Committee created; Members: Jack (Chair), Becca, Greg, Mica Posner (sp?), drop in participant Keresha.

Outreach Coordinator Position

Chapter has approved in principle, waiting for official approval. Once approved will post position through national, chapter and group.

March Fundraising Window

March is the fundraising window for the group. In previous years letter/mailed have been sent out to targeted group and membership wide. Should we do this again this year?

Events and Outreach Committee (Greg)

Next Meeting May 4th at Trician's house, 7-8:30 (outside weather permitting)

Past event:

Jan 21 Dr Amy East; 54 people attended, \$135 donated

Upcoming approved events:

- o March 24 UCSC Bee Researcher "The Buzz on Bees"

- o May 19 "Two Side of the Andes"

- o July 21 Don H. presenting slides and stories on the parks of Southern Utah

Proposed Events:

- o Earth Day Santa Cruz, Sat April 16, 11-4 (request approval)

- o UCSC Bioneers, Sat April 23-24th (request approval)

- o Late Summer (August), Jessie St Marsh Event (Erica) (request approval)

- o Sept 15 Wildlife Photography Event (request approval)

Greg moves to approve all events, with the provision that the UCSC Bioneers event needs people to table, Gillian seconds, unanimous approval.

Gillian and Mary discuss that a stocktaking of the tabling supplies is needed and to confirm the location of all essential items, a good task for the soon-to-be hired Outreach Coordinator.

Political Committee

- Opportunity to provide input to Chapter on Presidential Endorsement Discussion.

Greg made a motion that official endorsement of any candidate should wait until after party nominations have taken place, someone seconded and there was unanimous agreement from all present. This is in agreement with the larger Chapter and National opinion, and Greg will communicate the group's input to the Chapter.

Gillian asks that Greg communicate to Chapter that the group is kept apprised of all relevant topics.

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

- Coast Dairies / National Monument Update - The letter and comments have been approved by the conservation committee and are being relayed to National who will send to BLM.

- Cowell Beach Water Quality - Council meeting was attended by Gillian even though there was a very last minute date change to Feb 9th from Feb 23rd. The Sierra Club position was included in the presentation but not in the action plan, no mention of DNA source testing for human, canine, and bird in the priorities summary. The working group have been sunsetted and the process will now be managed by the non profit *name?*. The city approve the budget to install nets under the wharf, assemble a committee of experts to assess the evidence, and create a website for the project. Gillian asks for committee support for her to explore if it's possible to bring this issue to the Regional Water Board, which she received.

- County and City Issues; Items are buried in agendas and minutes from the city and county, Gillian would like some help in monitoring these issues to make sure we don't miss issues that we should be involved in. She will continue working to read the agendas in the meantime.

Transportation Committee (Jack)

- CFST Hwy 1 Petition; Jack presented updates on the status of the Hwy 1 project. He shared a mailer that CST send out to all voting residents of the county regarding the ½ cent tax proposed for the Nov ballot.

Keresha made a motion that Sierra Club financially support this effort by donating \$200 to CST, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Jack also presented a petition to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, in support of sustainable transportation, not highway widening. Keresha made a motion to send this out to the group membership encouraging them to sign the petition, Greg seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm