

Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2016 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Louden Nelson, Santa Cruz, CA

Attending: Gillian Greensite, Jack Nelson, Jukka Naukkarinen, Becca Fenwick, Keresha Durham, Ron Pomerantz

Branciforte Preservation Society

Ed Silvera, founder of Friends of De La Veaga park. Butterfly Eucalyptus habitat is getting cut down around the park and he is looking for support from the Sierra Club. He will send Gillian more information.

Approval of October Minutes

Becca moves approval of minutes – Ron seconds; unanimous

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

The Club received a thank you note from the Yes on Z campaign for our donation. Passed out mail.

Transportation Committee (Jack)

- Election Round Up, our Endorsed Candidates
 - Sentinel may have called it too early, less than ½% for measure D to pass and still more votes to count.
 - Collected data through Exit polls
 - SC's Active Transportation Plan, Presentation Nov 28, 7:00PM
- Gillian expressed concern regarding the heritage tree removal for sidewalk installations and notes that ExCom has not taken a position on the ATP.
 - Measure X- borderline, could go either way
- Next Meeting – Date TBD still – location TBD

Political Committee (Ron)

- Chris Khron -3rd- Best scenario

- Sandy Brown was 6th, Drew Glover 7th, and Steve 8th.
- We did not endorse any SCWD incumbents, but Rachel Waiter most likely
- Possibly interview all candidates in the future.
- Thanks to Greg, Keresha, Gillian and Fred Geiger who stepped up in Ron's absence. Greg did the heavy lifting to move the endorsements through National.
- Measure Z is winning.

Events and Outreach Committee (Morgan)

- Report from Outreach Coordinator (Morgan)
 - Attended the AWQA, Agriculture Water Quality Alliance, meeting with Mary. Water Quality Protection Program Action Plan was discussed. They were trying to get input from different group/agency leaders. The groups represented there were: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Resource Conservation District, Agricultural Representative, Grower Shipper Association and some others.

Action Items: Morgan to check with Greg to see if the Donate button is still active, add button to emails, Keresha to help create an election email and have Morgan include donation button, send email out next week.

- Community Calendar (Morgan attended a training)

Action Item: Morgan to begin including our upcoming events on the Community Calendar and send link to executive members.

Action Item for Internship: Morgan to work with Gillian to see how past internship structures have been, before next quarter. Quarter begins 1/5/17

- "Before the Flood" Documentary (Keresha)
 - Screening of film as event in February or April and talk to Pauline at 350.org to have a panel discussion with Rick Nolthenius
 - Keresha motions to approve event, Jukka seconds; unanimous approval of event.

Action Items: Morgan to take to event meeting and discuss and let Becca know

when next meeting is.

- Gillian would like the Santa Cruz County Group to be a co-sponsor of an event organized by the local chapter of IDA (International Dark Skies Association). General group support.

- Upcoming Events

Action Item: Morgan to email Trician to make sure to get approval of events before scheduling speakers.

- o Nov 17, Amazing African Adventures w Jan Noto
- o Jan 19, Our National Marine Sanctuaries w Nick Ingram
- o Mar 16, Two weeks kayaking the Grand Canyon, w Haven Livingston
- o May 18, National Parks in Zambia and Zimbabwe, w Barry Bowman
- Jack motions to approve events, Ron seconds; unanimous approval of events.
- Next Meeting – Date TBD in November – location TBD

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

- Wharf Master Plan letter

Action Items: Gillian to make edits on letter, send to environmental groups and contacts. Morgan to start making a contact list of environmental groups in our community. Morgan to post city council meeting to meetup to get our members involved. Gillian to send a blurb for meetup.

- Jack moved to approve letter, Keresha seconds; unanimous vote to approve letter with the edits.
 - Draft letter re THP (Jukka)—Postponed due to THP deadline moved to December. Need our letter to respond at that time.
 - Update on PG&E tree cutting issue—No movement yet due to county taking a hard line and it seems city is following suit.
 - Jessie St. Marsh letter (Erica) – Sent out, Keresha moved to approve, Ron seconds; unanimous vote.

- Aptos Village Soil Contamination Issue: Gillian wants to draft a letter to Environmental Health Services at the County.
- Next Meeting: November 30th at a restaurant, 6:30-8:30. Keresha to check out Earth Belly Restaurant.

Executive Committee

- Review of appropriate use of Executive Committee Email List – Include this on the next agenda to be discussed.

Adjourn