

# **Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club Executive Committee**

## **MINUTES**

**February 9, 2022**

### **1. Greetings/Introductions**

Present: Mike Guth, Jerry Busch, Micah Posner, Kristen Sandel, Magi Amma, Steve Bakaley, Steve McGuirk, Adam Scow, Rick Longinotti, and Jim Danaher

### **2. Announcements.**

Dave Casterson's wildflower book was discussed. Mike mentioned a phone call from the Chapter regarding delegates to Sierra Club California. Micah mentioned a campaign to provide free transit passes for youth in California. Kristen mentioned contact from PG&E. Magi announced she published her climate change newsletter with Santa Cruz for Bernie.

### **3. Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Free transit passes for youth in California, discussed below.

### **4. Minutes approval.**

Micah moves to approve the January 2022 minutes, which were approved unanimously. Steve B brought up the December 2021 minutes. Modifications were made. Steve B moved to approve. Tabled until next meeting.

### **5. Board of Directors Endorsements**

Steve B discussed the problems caused from new rules from the Board of Directors regarding Outings. Outings have diminished about 85%, and many Outings leaders have quit. Steve B discussed the qualifications of the various candidates. Discussed the limits on the endorsements by Chapter, and the limits on this Group's power to influence the Chapter endorsements.

Steve B moves and Steve M seconds, to endorse the proposed slate of candidates. 4 in favor, no opposed. 3 abstentions.

### **6. Revisit funding authorization for Highway Lawsuit**

a. Group ExCom previously authorized \$2k if Chapter did not pay at least \$5k; however, adopted minutes do not clearly reflect that. Micah moves that the Group contribute \$2000. Steve B seconded. Six in favor. One abstention. Motion passes.

### **7. Consideration of Filling One Open ExCom Seat.**

Mike stated the rules for the process. The open seat is for 2 years and 9 months. Magi

expressed her willingness. Micah nominates Magi for the balance of the 3 year term. Seconded. All in favor. None opposed. No abstentions. Terms expires in 2 years 9 months.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **a. Conservation Committee**

Steve M moves, Steve B seconds, a motion to amend the charter. All in favor of amending the charter. Mike moves to ratify list of names related to the Conservation Committee: Kristen Sandel, Mike Guth, Steve Leonard, Steve McGuirk, Steve Bakaley, Adam Scow, Gillian Greensite, Jerry Busch, Patricia Matycek (emeritus), Celia Scott (emeritus). Unanimous in favor. Mike reported on recent activity by the ExCom. Kristen reported on PUC activity.

### **b. Transportation Committee**

No meeting.

### **c. Climate Change Committee**

Magi reports on the activity with the ECC and the Bernie group. Kristen gave her update regarding PG&E. Micah discussed the issues regarding timber harvest. Magi also discussed her work with the net metering issue.

Micah also discussed the lobbying activity by the high school students. He discussed two bills, including one that would provide buses for any students more than a mile from a school. The other bill would give free bus passes to anybody under 18. He said the students and he are collaborating with other groups, including Move LA and Sunrise Movement.

### **d. Political Committee**

Micah gave the update on committee activity. Steve B will send Micah the latest roster of members. Micah also gave the update on endorsements for State Assembly.

Micah moved that we contact the Loma Prieta chapter and tell them that we would lean in favor of recommending Robert Rivas, but do not have enough information. Kristen seconds. 6 in favor, no opposed, Jerry abstains.

Mark Stone: Micah moves, and Steve B seconds, that we recommend to the Ventana Chapter that Mark Stone be endorsed. 7 in favor, no opposed.

Jimmy Panetta: Micah gave background. Steve says to tell Chapter that we do not support early endorsement. Mike suggests amendment to delete editorial and other language about earlier endorsement. Motion passes unanimously.

**e. Outreach Committee**

Steve M gave the update, but said that because most outreach is with Outings and Meetings, both are affected the Covid restrictions. Some tabling is going on.