

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
March 3, 2008

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Lexie Brown, Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Pilar Alomia
Cheryl Chen
Jenna Newburn
Kaela Jorgenson
Jessica Spence
Lexie Brown

Administrative Assistant

Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison

Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator

Kelsey Fisher

Outreach Coordinators

Michelle van Oppen

Grants Manager

Scott Bull

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Joel Armin-Hoiland

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Saturday, Coastal Fund is hosting a beach clean up at 4PM at the 6500 block of DP at the beach access stairs.

There is a new Coastal Service Program Coordinator, Kelsey. Cobbe is also the Coastal Service Program Coordinator but will be teaching Kelsey what to do for the next academic school year.

Associated Students had a public forum for 2 hours where students could come in and protest police brutality. They want action done towards the situation and will send a resolution to AS.

IV. BUDGET REPORT

This quarter, \$35,325.60 has been requested for funding. \$14,165.60 has been approved by the Board to fund 7 projects so far.

VI. PROPOSAL REVIEW

MINOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

WIN08-10 Do Surfers Respond to Water Quality Risk Advisories?

This project will collect data from the water as well take data that has already been collected in the past five years and analyze it to give a visual projection of the water quality. This data in turn, will be used to answer the question if surfers respond to the risk signs after major storms and when beaches are closed. The interns involved in this project will mainly be doing data entry and this data will be given to the Snowy Plover program to assist them in having records of the activities on the beach. The data is extremely valuable in the sense that marine ecology classes and professors can use this data in research and as problem sets as the data is collected for at least a continuous 5 years. The Snowy Plover Docent program was able to only accomplish 1 year's worth of data entry. This time around, all the data will be entered. Students involved would need to have a bigger role in the project-possibly have a role in the data analysis- and the applicant would have to present his findings to environmental organizations such as IV Surfrider and SB Surfrider. The applicant will also need to advertise that the data is available for the campus, especially the science departments so that they can utilize it.

MS Brown motion to accept this proposal at \$720.

MSC Chen, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

Stipulations were made that the student interns be educated about the data analysis.

WIN08-11 2 Greenhouse and Growing Interns & 2 Grant Writing Interns

This project aims to fund interns that are working at Goleta Valley Beautiful. 2 interns are writing grants to help secure more funding for the organization and 2 interns are assisting in the planting and nurturing of the trees. Student interns are

able to utilize knowledge gained from the grant writing class-EEMB 152-and apply it to real life situation and learn about the practical work of botany.

MS Jorgenson motion to approve this proposal at \$1000.

MSC Chen, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

WIN08-08 Devereux Greenhouse Native Tree Ongoing Management Project

The project is asking for funding to expand the greenhouse so that an additional 500 trees can be planted. This project aims at restoring the native vegetation in the community. The greenhouse grows native trees and nurtures them for 3 years before going out in the community and recruiting volunteers from UCSB and the city to help plant the trees out in parks and residential streets and empty lots. They have tree plantings every Saturday morning and in the afternoon they teach community members how to prune trees. They keep a record of who comes to help out and they have a lot of returning volunteers, which includes organizations from UCSB. Out of the 1240 volunteers from last year, 75% were students who wanted to help the environment and learn about techniques of tree planting projects. Interns funded in this program will learn about greenhouse management and they will be part of the process that improves stormwater management and improve air quality. Board cannot fund Winter 2009 quarter so \$1000 is subtracted from the budget for 4 interns.

MS Brown motion to approve this proposal at \$7,225.

MSC Jorgenson, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

WIN08-12 Santa Cruz Island Native Plant Restoration Project

This project aims to send elementary school children on a 5-day science camp at Santa Cruz Island. The children will learn about the native plant communities of the Channel Islands National Park and efforts to restore them. Students will receive hands-on experience with non-native plant removal while learning about environmental restoration, conservation biology, island biogeography, the island's natural and cultural history, and its endemic wildlife and plant species. The children of the Goleta community will benefit from this experience as it will be a positive introduction to community service through restoration of public lands. The Board feels that while the project addresses many of the objectives of the Coastal Fund mission statement, it needs to involve UCSB students as the money being used to fund this project will be from the students. One UCSB student needs to be a part of this program, with their expenses taken care of, and will assist in the education of the elementary school children.

MS Newburn motion to approve this proposal at \$1,000.

MSC Alomia, Motion is accepted.

Stipulations were made that 1 UCSB student be a part of the program with their expenses taken care of by the \$1000 and the rest will be used for the program.

VII. BUSINESS

Honoraria

Honoraria has typically been \$200 for each Board Member and Chair and a deduction of \$25 for each missed meeting. This amount should be raised as that policy was made a long time ago and the economy has changed and as such, honoraria should reflect that.. The Board is in favor of increasing the stipend to \$350 for the chair, \$300 for Board Members and \$50 deduction for each missed meeting. This will be included in the rest of the amendments to the legal code to be discussed.

Stewardship Award Form

There are three awards, each amounting to \$1500. The awards are open to students of all majors. Applicants must have demonstrate coastal conservation commitment through assisting on a research project related to the coast, performing fieldwork, and creating their own research project. The judging basis cannot be based on GPA and financial need as these are private issues and the award should be reflected on that. Two letters of recommendation are required for applicants. Waiting on AS admin for review.

Partnership for Excellence Conference

The Conference was an all day event, but Board Members were encouraged to attend even if they could only be there for half a day. Bull was on a panel and talked about the different organizations and events that Coastal Fund funds, the history of Coastal Fund, the difficulties in the non-profit environmental sector as only programs can be funded, not its directors. It was a good turn-out as there were people from all over the place but mainly from Santa Barbara County

Final Report

The report is almost close to being completed and sent out to applicants whose projects were funded in the past and have yet to send in the final report. A couple revisions will be made to the questions and then it is complete.

AS Boards' Meeting

Alomia and Perry attended the meeting and was able to tell other organizations about Coastal Fund as none of them had heard of the organization. They were able to plug in the Concert for the Coast and let people know about it.

Foundation Roundtable dues

2008 annual dues for membership is \$600.

MS Newburn motion to approve \$600.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

Outreach

Video

It is still not fully edited yet, but will soon be.

Merchandise

The banner has been ordered.

The magnets will be here by Friday.

Tide Calendars have arrived.

Shirts have been mock-printed and a vote was decided on the shirts being a cinder color with white lettering.

Concert for the Coast

There was difficulty in getting AS Finance Board to agree to look at the project. Apparently there was a miscommunication as Newburn had gone over the proposal with an AS Finance member but was not on the agenda at the next meeting. She will attempt to secure funding at IVCRC first.

VIII. Adjournment

It was motioned to adjourn at 8:35PM. It was unanimously agreed.