

# Shoreline Preservation Fund

Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings

## November 13, 2006

The Shoreline Preservation Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM.

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Joel Armin-Hoiland

Cheryl Chen

Celia Williams

Administrative Assistant:

Tiana Kamen

Environmental Affairs Board Representative

Lexie Brown

IV Surfrider Representative:

Adrienne Cyr

Coastal Service Program Coordinator:

Lauren Cobb

Advisor Present:

Scott Bull

James To

Not Present:

Ashley Weiss

### **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New EAB representative. Welcome Lexie Brown!!!! :)

### **III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

MS

**Hoiland-Armin: Motion to approve the minutes**

MSC

**Williams: Motion approved 7-0**

### **IV. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

MS

**Hoiland-Armin: Motion to approve Agenda**

MSC

**Williams: Motion is approved 7-0**

### **V. BUDGET REPORT**

Scott Bull, Advisor

Total we have \$109,491.49 yet our budget consists of \$72,830.60 because of the deducted \$40,000.

## **VI. Proposal Review**

### **Fall06-16 “Reef Check California”**

Joel has arrived at 7:10.

**Presentation by Joel:** Reef check has been around 10 years, since 1996. It’s a way to access reefs around the world. Over 1,600 reefs are served. They publish reports in scientific journals and look for economic solutions to help reefs. Abalone is no longer here, they have been fished out! Fishery management wasn’t very good because there was no scientific evidence and no public support.

**Goal:** Want to create science-based management and give them public attention (especially for fish).

**Project:** Train divers to collect solid scientific data.

**Program Core:** Intense training to collect high quality scientific data as UCSB could be a hub for the greater community around it.

Outreach is a huge part of program and would like to get community involved with helping the coast and oceans.

There is great feedback about program and personal satisfaction with the program.

**IV reef:** No long-term monitoring. Good spot for marine reserve. Opportunities to research and non-research divers, link UCSB programs statewide, and involve community.

**Discussion:** Focus on fish and games needs since they make the management decisions. Data collected by other groups is a problem, yet the standardized data set on a global scale, CRANE protocol, and REEF check complies with their wants. On going monitoring, baseline data will help them create a marine reserve. Need the before and after data.

**Initial funding:** For two trainings in spring and interns to integrate with statewide occurrence.

**Materials:** Eventually want user fees so that program will pay for itself. Use incentives through industry so that it will pay for itself. Cooperate partnership. Want final to be self-sustaining.

Student’s finances are more limited so would like to lower their costs.

Coordinate for spring class to put as much as REEF check into research diving class.

Additional day or two of training to become ready to be reef check volunteers.

Information will be available and through graduate student will be able to associate it with the school and its outputs and pressure on our reefs.

The project seems very costly the board reflects. They have huge budget sources, so why are they coming to the SPF? The board has found that funding the reef check will lead to huge steps in conservation of our shoreline and involve UCSB students and hopefully lead to creating a marine reserve.

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MSC

**Chen: Motion to approve full funding of \$7,000.**  
**Williams: Motion approved 5-0**

### **Fall06-05 “Research Diving TREE”**

Eric Hessel 7:50.

**Presentation by Mr. Hessel:**

Student must be a scientific diver, 100 hr course. Trying to build research component, use Campus Point. Incorporate REEF center and diving at Campus Point to create scientific techniques to be ready for REEF check.

**Problem:** Limiting cost for students. Cost for course \$225 yet hidden costs: physical, equipment, and hours off.

**Want to provide scholarships. Students must give a letter of why they want to be a research diver etc. Financial need has not been looked into.**

SPF has funded this project before yet the previous year we didn't have enough funding. He would like a more scientific part to the class.

Each student will get \$250. Student assistants are involved for everything in the course and want to see them get more involved

So far no student independent research, yet other students have gone on to do graduate work. Monitoring diving after program: none done but maybe about 1/3 - 1/2 continue, although UCSB program is one of the largest. 160 divers per year, 7,000 dives per year.

The board is concerned with the fact that the program has a large influence on futures in diving for the students since no report has been conducted.

**MS Armin-Hoiland: Motion to approve \$1,000 for one scholarship with the stipulation that financial needs of the students must be researched as well as a follow up report on divers future activities will be provided.**

**MSC Brown: Motion approved 5-0**

**Fall06-02 "REEF Aquarist and Mobile REEF Internship Program"**

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Scott Simon 8:20.

**Presentation by Mr. Simon:**

**2003 SPF funded the program mainly for undergraduate interns to work at aquarium and the education facility. This year is specifically for Aquarius positions and the newly funded Mobile Reef Program. Touch tanks are brought to the classrooms as well as public events. Problems exist with schools not attending aquariums for visits because funding was so limited.**

Full time working staff is needed to get kids to go into the environment, yet BWET wouldn't pay for salaries. They did pay for the special globe! Oohlala.

The aquarist interns begin as volunteers for two quarters. They take care of the health and welfare of the organisms and maintain equipment. The volunteers also lead tours. They will work 12 hours/week for 12 weeks. When they graduate they do not work there any longer directly.

Blue water task force: goal would be to make this part of the aquarist position although not yet. Getting people to collect samples has shown to be difficult in the past. The board will have a field trip to observe the facility and the work of the aquarist interns as soon as possible.

The board has discussed that maybe combining-coordinating efforts for the visiting schools may cut the hours of the interns. The board was also speculative that 12 weeks were actually utilized, yet considering different semester scheduling of other schools the

board will approve the weeks proposed.

**MS Armin-Hoiland: Motion to grant the project with half of the proposed sum, \$6,120 with the stipulation that an hourly report must be submitted to the board after winter quarter for further funding.**

**MSC Chen: Motion approved 5-0**

**Two board members had left the meeting before the voting process occurred.**

## **VII. BUSINESS**

### **1. Plover Stipulation**

The board has unanimously approved to remove the stipulation concerning the surf team for Fall06-10 “Snowy Plover Docent Program at Coal Oil Point Reserve.”

### **2. Name Change Update**

The board has unanimously approved up to \$600 to pay for graphic artists to create a new logo for the “Coastal Fund!”

### **3. Coastal Service Update**

None

### **4. SPF Social Update**

None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM by consent.**