

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
November 24, 2008

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Jenna Newburn, Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present
Pilar Alomia
Kaela Jorgenson
Jenna Newburn
Joel Armin-Hoiland
Lauren Cobbe
Quentin Gee

Administrative Assistant
Katy McCarthy

Legislative Council Liaison
Ally Olney

Coastal Service Program Coordinator
Kelsey Fisher

Outreach Coordinators
Cyan Pei
Nikolas Kennedy

Grants Manager
Scott Bull

II. ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES, TARDIES, ABSENCES.

Ally will not be at the meeting tonight. Jenna has to leave early tonight at 8pm and Pilar will take over as chair when she leaves.

Joel has to leave early this evening and Katy will be his proxy.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next week is the last meeting. The Board will be reviewing one proposal.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

V. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MS Cobbe, motion to approve.
MSC Jorgenson, motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

VI. BUDGET REPORT

The Board currently has \$268,787.00 in the account for grants/projects, plus an additional expected \$23,000.00 from Graduate student lock-in fees.

VII. PROPOSAL REVIEW

FALL08-11 Reef Check California

This project proposes to fund the Reef Check Foundation in putting on their Reef Check California program at UCSB to train student interns in monitoring protocols for key rocky reef indicator species. 35 student interns are trained and then participate in surveys along the Santa Barbara coast and Channel Islands. These students learn to identify reef species and collect data on how many species present, as well as conditions. These students will provide essential data that is posted to the Nearshore Ecosystem Database which is available to the academic community, policy makers, and resource managers. This is an excellent opportunity for these students to learn a very pertinent skill in the field of coastal conservation and monitoring. The Board feels that since this is such a highly valued training program amongst students, that they wouldn't object to paying some of the costs involved in the program, such as material costs. The addition of a second student coordinator would provide more opportunities for student interns.

Approval of funding of \$8,855.00 to **FALL08-11 Reef Check California**

MS Gee, motion to approve.
MSC Cobbe, motion approved.

Motion Accepted at 5:0.

Stipulations: Funding provides for two student coordinators totaling \$2,000.00, half the cost of the boat at \$4,250.00, and Training material costs are reduced by \$4,620.00. Student materials and fuel fee: The board suggests that each of the 35 student participants pay \$150.00 to help offset total costs of the program.

FALL08-08 Gray Whales Count

Gray Whales Count surveys the northbound migration of gray whales through the near shore of the Santa Barbara Channel. 11 student interns will be trained and through their observations they will learn to identify and distinguish various marine animals such as the bottlenose dolphin and the gray whale. One of these interns works directly under Dr. Ira Leifer to learn about acoustic analysis. A lot of the community, both locally and on campus, benefit from this project. Last year out of 71 volunteer counters, 40% were unpaid students. The rest of that number consisted of community members coming out to experience counting the whale migration. This is a great way for students and community members to mingle and connect over a critical marine issue in our county. The whale count provides excellent information to researchers and the public on how many whales make the annual trip in the channel. The Board would like to make an addition to this project of two placards to be placed on the two benches out there, one stating that funding for the project was given by Coastal Fund, and a second asking visitors not to litter or leave garbage.

Approval of funding of \$7,777.00 to **FALL08-08 Gray Whales Count**

MS Newburn, motion to approve.

MSC Cobbe, motion approved.

Motion Accepted at 5:0.

Stipulations: \$100.00 for two placards to be mounted on the two benches. One naming Coastal Fund as a donor, and another asking guests not to litter.

FALL08-15 Devereux Slough Monitoring Program

The ultimate goal of this project is to continue long term ecological monitoring of the Devereux Slough and to educate students and the community about this unique estuarine system. Continuation of this project will ensure that there are no gaps in the crucial data collection. This project will provide four student interns with valuable hands-on experience with fish sampling, monitoring sedimentation rates, conducting vegetation surveys as well as water quality surveys. This project is an excellent opportunity for students, and crucial to the preservation of the slough. The project also proposes to allocate some of the funding to the purchase of a new water quality meter, which produces data about oxygen in the water, sedimentation etc. This data is integral to analyzing and protecting Devereux Slough, and is posted locally to inform the community. The Board feels that this data collection and analysis is really great information and would like to fund an additional intern whose job is to work on outreach with the campus and community to share what's going on at Devereux Slough.

Approval of funding of \$5,645.00 to **FALL08-15 Devereux Slough Monitoring Program**

MS Jorgenson, motion to approve.
MSC Alomia, motion approved.

Motion Accepted at 5:0.

Stipulations: \$600.00 for an additional intern for outreach purposes.

FALL08-16 Habitat Restoration Internship Program

Approval of funding of \$1,000.00 to FALL08-16, Habitat Restoration Internship Program

MS Alomia, motion to approve.
MSC Gee, motion approved.

Motion Accepted at 5:0.

VIII. BUSINESS

1) Leg Council Update

The Environmental GE didn't pass... But cool people like Quentin are working to reverse that.

2) SPR08-13 KIN program approval

Coastal Fund funded half of the projects requested amount, they have recently submitted an very detailed interim report in hopes of receiving the rest of the funding: 5,700.00 The board will contact them to set up a time to get over there and check out the work they're doing.

Motion to approve \$5,700.00 to complete the funding of project SPR08-13

MS Motion to approve, Newburn
MSC Motion accepted, Jorgenson.

Motion accepted at 5:0

3) Coastal Fund Board Member Search Committee Update

Jenna and others interviewed a woman last week who was an excellent candidate. She's older, and very qualified. Additionally, the opportunity to be on the board is a great opportunity for someone who wants to develop the type of skills that the candidate at hand already possesses.

4) Outreach Update

Photo Contest: Tyler finished the Photo Contest posters, they look great. Tomorrow Cyan and Nik will be going around putting up the posters

Recyclemania: Nik is corresponding with Ryan from Recyclemania and they are planning a big beach clean-up and fun run.

Tabling: Nik and Cyan tabled on Thursday and it went quite well. They handed out lots of bumper stickers.

Tidebooks: will be delivered soon.

Charles Moore Lecture: The Outreach Team is trying to get him to come to UCSB to speak at Campbell Hall as a part of the plastics campaign. He's the guy that discovered the giant plastic island in the ocean.

Website:

Network TV: based out of UCSD. They film documentaries, make movies about issues that aren't covered in general news. They're doing a west coast tour of schools and they want Coastal Fund to help them market, sponsor, advertise, etc. They also want to show their film here. Nik is communicating with them currently to figure out more about what it's about.

Nexus Coverage: AS Finance Board buys a space in the nexus each week to discuss what they're doing. Coastal Fund could do the same, for about 13\$ per column each. Quentin estimates that we would probably need two column inches.

5) Coastal Service Program Update

Coastal Fund is going to be spending more money on the Coastal Service Program this quarter than before because The Board voted to up the amount of money being funded for restoration projects from 200 to 250. 17 restorations, 10 beach clean-ups. The board discussed the idea of putting a limit on the amount of restorations performed per quarter.

6) Beaches Guide Redo

7) Aaron Jones

Party tomorrow at 12:30 in the CAB office, be there or be square!

Motion to approve \$100.00 for food, etc. for Aaron Jones' welcoming party to be transferred to CAB as reimbursement.

MS Gee, motion to approve
MSC Alomia, motion accepted.

Motion accepted at 5:0

Motion to Adjourn

MS Alomia, motion to approve.
MSC Jorgenson, motion accepted.

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM by

Jenna Newburn, Chair.