

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
February 25, 2008

The Coastal Fund Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Lexie Brown, Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Pilar Alomia
Joel Armin-Hoiland
Jenna Newburn
Kaela Jorgenson
Jessica Spence
Lexie Brown

Administrative Assistant

Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison

Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator

Outreach Coordinators

Hannah Perry

Grants Manager

Scott Bull

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Jenna Newburn	left early
Pilar Alomia	left early
Michelle van Oppen	absent
Hannah Perry	left early

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Thursday, 2/26, the Board has 4 applicants for the Coastal Service Program who are being interviewed. Interviews will be from 10-12. Lexie will be attending 10-11 and Hannah will attend 11-12.

Minutes from 2/11 have not been approved yet due to internal AS issues. Anyone interested in running for AS for the next school year can pick up a packet which is due in March.

There is another minor funding application that just arrived on Monday 2/25, which will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Additions to the agenda include Round Table dues, Coastal Fund beach cleanup, and prospective projects that Coastal Fund can be involved in.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONS

MS Alomia motion to approve this addition into the Agenda.

MSC Newburn, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 7:0.

V. BUDGET REPORT

Currently, there is \$162, 153.11 in the account. \$13, 165.60 has been spent on funding projects so far and \$35,325.60 has been requested for the quarter.

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 Board recalls though that last year, the Snowy Plover program requested funding to hire a student to complete the data entry so this issue needs to be sorted out before a final say is made. If this project were to be approved, then the 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.

MS Armin-Hoiland motion to table this proposal.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 5:0.

WIN08-09 Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration and Educational Outreach at UCSB Lagoon

This project aims to restore and preserve the natural vegetation at the lagoon and educate the student body and community about the project and its importance. The applicant is asking funding for two stipends at \$500 each for two undergraduate students who would be having hands-on-experience with the restoration of a natural habitat and learn about invasive species impact. This kind of exposure to fieldwork is not readily accessible in the classroom setting. The applicant does outreach work already with high school students in the area whom have an avid interest in the life sciences and she mentors them on school science projects that relate to restoration or natural vegetation. The applicant has taken into consideration that she has access to the Coastal Service Program to help with her restoration efforts and at the same time provide an education for the volunteers so that they can broaden their knowledge. This project is helpful to the coast as it takes out invasive species and restores the native landscape and it educates the general public on the importance of the issue being native vs. invasive in the general ecosystem.

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

MSC Jorgenson, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 5:0.

VII. BUSINESS

Concert for the Coast

Coastal Fund is co-sponsoring the Spring Quarter event, Concert for the Coast, with IV Surfrider. Last year, the Concert for the Coast was tremendously successful as it raised \$7000 and donated it all to the Naples Coalition and Surf for a Cure. Because the organization gave away all of its profits, they have no money in the account to put on the event. IV Surfrider has already looked into donations from different venues and is hoping that AS Finance Board will help out with some of the costs. This event will raise awareness of the coast as it is an education & outreach concert designed to inform the community of coastal issues. This event will also publicize Coastal Fund's name as publicity for Coastal Fund's new name is the primary objective this academic year.

MS Brown motion to approve this proposal at \$3000.

MSC Chen, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 7:0.

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. Will be talking with AS exec director for approval.

Honoraria

Board Members who leave at 7PM do not receive credit for that meeting. Those who leave after 8PM will receive credit as they have been involved in the discussion of the majority of the agenda items. It is \$50 for every missed meeting. Le will inform Board Members at the end of the quarter of the number of meeting they attended so that they can fill out the honoraria form correctly.

Retreat

The retreat this Friday, 2/29, has changed from going on the Sunset Kidd Cruise to bonding at a private beach with orchid greenhouses. Good time for the Board Members to get to know one another outside of the Board Meetings. Everyone will meet at Armin-Hoiland's house [6881 DP] at 2PM on Friday. Mr. Pickle's Sandwiches will be the food of the hour while at the secluded beach.

Partnership for Excellence Conference

The Conference is an all day event, but Board Members are encouraged to attend even if they can only be there for half a day. Newburn and Bull will be there the whole day. Armin-Hoiland and Spence will be at the conference up to 1PM and will switch off with Jorgenson and van Oppen.

Final Report form

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.

New Board Member Orientation

This orientation is an example of questions that new Board Members can read through and get an understanding of the kind of information that the Board asks applicants and what to consider when deciding to fund them or not. The orientation should be broken up into 2 sections: discussion with the Board and what to ask applicants. This is also an opportunity for returning Board Members to refresh their memory on questions to ask.

Prospective Projects/Coastal Fund Influence

The Board would like Lisa Stratton to come in and pitch projects concerning the stormwater drainage system on campus. Continuous Deflection Systems (CDS) units have been installed on campus that filters out all the trash and dumps it into this storage where VAT tracks can pick it up and deposit it at the dump. The water that goes through the system runs out to the lagoon. It was suggested that a water quality monitoring program be installed in it so that it can treat the water as it flows by so that clean water is received by the lagoon and not trash water.

Outreach

Merchandise

A 3x5 banner for Coastal Fund needs to be ordered so that the Board can use it for tabling events and for promoting their name.

MS Chen motion to approve this proposal at \$100.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted

Tide Calendars are expected to arrive in a week. Magnets will arrive in 2 weeks. EcoTote bags will have a cartoon print on it with the logo. Coastal Fund shirts (lettering print and color) were voted on. Lime/not so bright but semi-dark and stormdrainage stenciling were approved by the Board.

VIII. Adjournment

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