I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Sara Abramson

Roll call

Board Members Present:
Sarah Abramson
Nichole Price
Sarah Minczeski
Sarah Hooper
Vanessa Janss
Kavita Kapur
Joel Armin

Board Members Absent:
none

Proxy:
Shannon Switzer
Jennifer Greeley

Legislative Council Liaison Present:
Jennifer Greeley

Advisor Present:
Scott Bull
James To

Intern Present:
Adrienne Cyr

II. Announcements

-CDS unit sign dedicated to SPF was posted in the park at the end of Camino Pescadero
-More Mesa Newsletter is complete and has been printed, Valerie Olsen will bring some by the office
-Scott is meeting with Professor McGinnes and Peter Christensen at 3pm in the
SPF office to discuss how to incorporate some type of field study component to the Ecopsychology ES course Board would like to ask him the following questions:

* How will professor McGines’ retirement affect implementation/continuation of the course? Who will run it?

* Why is he looking for funds outside of the university? Has he sought after these already?

* Does he need funding for the course in Spring quarter, will the course fun regardless of securing funds?

- SPF funded $60 for bus for students to be brought to and learn about Liquid Natural Gas facilities in conjunction with Bren’s Coastal Policy Course. There are some spaces available for board members to join group from 5-9pm Tues March 1st
- Party and fundraiser to save Elwood Coast will be held March 12th 11-4pm at the Elwood Elementary school
- Vanessa Janss won a happy hour at Sharkeez for this Thurs/Fri- she will email the details
- Meet to surf at Devereaux point tues morning at 6:30 AM
- Solar panel forum will be held in Los Olivos, contact Sara Minczeski if interested in attending

III. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes (Abramson, Price 7-0)

IV. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Approve Agenda (Janss, Hooper 7-0)

V. Budget Report

Review of funds expended from budget account and operating expenses. Report shows a total of $43,612 remaining for year but that doesn’t include the dues we will be receiving, additional $25,000 from graduate students, so SPF actually has $50,163.15 for future projects.

VI. Project Review

A. MINOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

None
B. MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Partnership For Excellence Conference Recap

Abramson liked the lunchtime presentation by the Irvine Foundation talking about how funders must act with integrity in relation to the NGO's and other applicants, she will type up some of her notes from the conference. Other board members (Minczeski, Kapur, Switzer) felt that overall most of the presentations and information was repetitive, long, and not extremely relevant. But also felt it was good to get an idea of the diversity of groups in the community and what is needed for them to be connected and functioning effectively.

Environmental Summit

Notes from sub-group were outlined and included in board packet, including lists for possible internship position. Board decided on date for next sub-group meeting:

Wed, March 9th at 5pm in the AS conference room

West Campus Bluffs

Scott met with Marsha Zillis, Project Planner and Sheri Hammod, Campus Budget and Planning who said that they don’t see work on the path as being delayed. The survey work should be complete by the end of March. When the survey work is complete, the details will be sent to the Coastal Commission where they will be reviewed, and they may choose to exempt the path from certain permitting requirements due to the nature of the project as maintenance. This will avoid having the project entangled with the Elwood Devereaux Development Plan which could delay the project significantly. Scott attached e-mails from Sheri regarding all of this in the board packet for members to read. We should think about what might happen if the path does become entangled with the bigger project, whether we will still be willing to fund it or not. Bull suggested that if the project is not complete or nearly complete, the board should consider withdrawing all funding.

IV Beach Access Stairs

Derek Johnson and Jon McInnes presented stair reconstruction project to the Board to see if we would be interested in funding in the future and if they should submit a proposal. The project addresses three sets of public stairs (Camino Del Sur, Camino Pescadero, and Escondido) currently under SB County jurisdiction.
In this proposal the county would renovate stairs using $160,000 from County Transfers, Properties, and Maintenance and $150,000 granted by the Coastal Conservancy, then deed the stairs over to the IVRPD, who are more equipped to provide maintenance to the stairs in IV, along with $60,000 for maintenance. Stainless steel handrails and flights will be incorporated to new stairs and current pipes will be revaluated for optimum structure and outflow placement. Everything is in place for the project; however, they are short $80,000 for which they will most likely be applying to SPF.

Best Scenario Timeline:
Secure funding and permits by end of S05
Begin and complete construction by end of F05

*Planning to incorporate educational signage (already accounted for in budget)*
*IVRPD could possibly pursue restoration of sites with CRAFT funding after transfer or deeds is complete*

Board would like to see proposal for next funding cycle addressing some specific issues:

1) What sort of design will be implemented when pipes are renovated (ie take into account bluff erosion)?
2) What will be included on educational signs?
3) Suggest creative division of funds (possibly 2 checks for $40,000)
4) Could some sort of commemorative plaque/rock with SPF logo on it be included in project budget?
5) Would it be possible to stagger the renovations so that all access ways are not closed simultaneously?

**Honoraria**

Honoraria to come from GSA fees not Associated Students undergraduate lock in

Board Members @ $200 each
Motion: Approve minutes (Minczeski, Price 7-0)

Jen Greeley graciously declined payment of honoraria

Beachsweep Coordinator @ $300
Motion: Approve minutes (Abramson, Kapur 7-0)

Administrative Assistant @ $250
Motion: Approve minutes (Minczeski, Abramson 7-0)

**SPF Social**
BBQ Potluck @ Bulls house Monday March 7th @ 5:30 pm

Joel            non-alcoholic drinks
Hooper       lettuce salad
Abramson   veggie salad
Switzer       bread/pita + hummus
Janss           pasta salad
Bull             meat/main entrée
Kavita          dessert
Jen            crackers + cheese
Price           Guacamole + chips
Minczeski    surprise

VIII  Old Business

Priority Projects

Board should continue reviewing old projects to see which ones we want to get updates on and visit sites. Plan to discuss this at Social or dedicate future meeting.

SPF Brochure

Did edits in meeting on sample brochures and turned in to Scott, he will revise brochure and new proof to be reviewed at Social meeting.

Beachsweep/Restoration Update

$3200 given out so far this quarter= 32 groups
- Arroyo Hondo Preserve Restoration project is scheduled for this weekend
- Also 2 beach and 2 street clean ups scheduled
- A number of groups got rained out, see if they would like to participate in stream walking/water testing or another restoration project instead

Ask Leigh Ann Grabowsky, streamteam supervisor, how many volunteers she can handle, for how long, how often, and how physically strenuous the work is

Adrienne looked into purchasing a digital camera ~$50
Board’s general consensus was to buy one, will be worth the investment as long as we have a contract for camera when given out to groups so won’t get lost, stolen, or broken

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM
Last Board meeting of the quarter