

Coastal Fund
Minutes of Board of Directors Proceedings
May 5, 2008

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

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Assistant

Kevin Le

Legislative Council Liaison

Chris Wendle

Coastal Service Program Coordinator

Lauren Cobbe

Outreach Coordinators

Hannah Perry

Grants Manager

Scott Bull

II. Acceptance of Proxies, Tardies, and Excused Absences

Chris Wendle	left early
Hannah Perry	left early
Kelsey Fisher	absent
Michelle van Oppen	absent
Joel Armin-Hoiland	absent

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two new outreach coordinators were hired yesterday! Cyan is a first year and Nik is a third year. Nik is amazing and will serve as a model for Cyan to follow after he leaves next year, when she will continue on being the outreach coordinator.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MS Alomia motion to approve.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted 6:0.

V. BUDGET REPORT

There are 21 projects that are requesting a total amount of \$216,197.72. Two projects have already been approved to be funded at a total of \$8,000, which leaves \$112,000 left for the Board to fund projects.

VI. PROPOSAL REVIEW

MAJOR FUNDING PROJECT APPLICATIONS

SPR08-03 Devereux Slough Monitoring Program

This project proposes to fund the Devereux Slough Monitoring Program in order to support new, more efficient monitoring equipment, two student interns for two quarters, and a Program coordinator. The Devereux Slough is the only reserve in the UC System that allows public access, because of this it's maintenance and monitoring is crucial to share new information with community visitors. The student interns would receive thorough training manuals and learn through hands-on experience how to monitor fish biodiversity, check water quality and be able to share this information with visiting community members and local groups. The applicant built an informational board that has updated information about water quality in the slough, new species, and will continue to update it every month, with the help of the student interns. Recently, the interns, using the methods they have learned, discovered a new species of fish in the slough. In addition, their work is crucial to the protection of the wild life species inhabiting the Slough. Student internships and participation will ensure that data is collected consistently as it has been for the past five years. In addition to having information posted at the board, it will also be posted by the interns on the Reserve's website.

MS Chen, motion to table this proposal.

MSC Newburn, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-18 Outreach Programs at Coal Oil Point Reserve

The Outreach Programs at Coal Oil Point Reserve proposes to increase community and student awareness of the coastal habitats existing at Coal Oil Point Reserve (COPR). COPR is the only UC Reserve open to the public, because

of that it offers a rare opportunity to educate students and community members. The Outreach Program plans to expand their tour library to include tours specifically catered to certain community groups such as tide pool tours, elementary school tours, bird watching tours, as well as tours for visiting UCSB classes. They also plan to increase their number of tours from two to four per month to allow more people to experience what the Reserve has to offer, as well as hire on additional tour guides to allow for the increase in tours. In general, the tours are always full due to advertisements in the Independent. In March, they ran out of funding to pay for ads and they immediately noticed a decrease in attendance. The reserve is home to various endangered and rare species such as the Snowy Plover, White Tailed Kites, and the Tidewater Goby and so encouraging community awareness and involvement is important to the Reserve's subsistence. In the past, the tour guide position has been available to students. In addition to becoming experts on the biodiversity and habitats at the Reserve, tour guides, who are also students, attend monthly lectures given by various researchers and professionals for the furthering of their knowledge. Also, the projects proposal includes re-furbishing and designing the Reserve's current website to make the information it has more accessible to everyone. The UC has said that in the future they will turn the Tour Coordinator position into UC funded position, but is unsure when.

MS Brown, motion to table this proposal.

MSC Chen, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-07 Snowy Plover Recovery Program at Coal Oil Point Reserve

The Santa Barbara Audobon Society proposed the Snowy Plover Recovery Program at Coal Oil Point Reserve to assist with the recovery of the Snowy Plovers during the 2008 breeding season. The plan proposes to enrich the current Docent program as well as support the Snowy Plover Chick Nursery through fall 2008. As an endangered species, the Snowy Plover requires protection from disturbances including dogs and humans in order to nest and breed. The project will include a Chick Nursery Coordinator as well as a Chick Nursery Assistant, a position to be held by an undergraduate UCSB student. This opportunity allows the student to gain first-hand experience working in a chick nursery and understanding the development of the species. As the chicks require feeding 7 times per day, approximately 49 times per week, these two positions are very necessary to the survival of the chicks. Currently, a majority of the equipment currently being used by the Program is severely outdated or in irreversible disrepair. The use of unsatisfactory equipment has resulted in a loss of chicks and eggs, something that can easily be remedied by the purchasing of new equipment. In addition, the Docent program works with the local community of beach users to spread knowledge of the Snowy Plovers fragile condition and how people can

use the beach without disturbing the birds. These docent positions are available to students. As a student intern, they will be responsible to working daily on the beach as a docent, as well as data entry and updating to keep the information current.

MS Armin-Hoiland motion to table this proposal.

MSC Spence, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-06 Summer Beach Lifeguard service for Campus Point

This project proposes to reinstate the Lifeguard Service at Campus point that has been discontinued since 1970s. Campus Point Beach experiences high usage during the summer by families, students, and other community members. However, due to state and local budget cuts the funding isn't available through the county to pay a lifeguard to work this beach. The project proposes to fund the transportation of a lifeguard tower from Goleta Beach up to campus point, as well as the full-time staffing of a USLA certified Beach Lifeguard. Currently, the University doesn't want to fund lifeguards out there because the University doesn't want to be held liable for an incident that could occur if they have paid staff out there. This makes it a kind of No-mans land with neither the University or the county wanting to claim it. As a result they are applying for this grant because they want to be proactive to provide a safe beach access opportunity for the community.

MS Chen motion to table this proposal.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

SPR08-21 UCSB and Goleta Beach Clean-Up

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The Although Coastal Fund organizes copious amounts of Beach Clean-Ups during school year, during the summer when everyone leaves we don't sponsor them.

UCSB and Goleta Beach Clean-Up proposes to organize two major clean-ups this summer extending all the way from Goleta Beach through all UCSB beaches. The proposal asks for funding to provide over 200 Junior Guards between the ages of 7 and 17 with gloves and garbage bags. This type of activity instills a respect for our beaches in young people to ideally reduce the amount of waste dumped on the beach. The proposal also requests funding for a reward of Pizza for the students as incentive to clean-up the beach. The board suggested that perhaps they might want to additionally investigate the funding opportunities that County Parks and Recreation provides to groups to Clean-Up Goleta Beach.

MS Chen motion to table this proposal.

MSC Brown, Motion is accepted.

The Motion was accepted at 6:0.

VII. BUSINESS

AS Web Development Form

AS just hired a first year as the new student webmaster. He has developed a form for student organizations to fill out so that he knows what each organization wants specifically on their website. So far he has a rough draft and would appreciate feedback on the content.

Coastal Fund Graduation Sash

The base for ordering 21 sashes is at \$24.95/sash with an additional \$4 extra for logo embroidery, which comes to a total of \$28.95/sash and with tax, it is \$30ish. Add \$10 for shipping and a one time fee of \$65 to digitize the logo, it will be approximately \$705 total which is about \$33/sash. Kevin needs to talk to Pam to determine where CAB funding for sashes came from.

EDC Environmental Heroes Banquet Ad

The board reviewed the Ad and gave feedback. They decided that the ad should have a one sentence mission statement included in the bottom, along with a border around the logo in order to make it stand out so that the community can know who Coastal Fund is. In addition, they requested larger font for the award recipient names.

Project Update SPR08-02

Darlene replied back to email correspondence after doing her own research on alternate mowers, and feels that the DR is still the best choice. Also, Lexie visited the Reserve and feels that the amount of work that is done there and needs to be done necessitates the DR mower. The threshold for buying equipment is \$5,000, and the mower comes under that. The board discussed the option of purchasing a used mower, which is slightly less expensive, however poses more of an inconvenience in terms of shipping and availability. The board will wait until the end of the quarter to decide on this project.

Project Update SPR08-05

EDC sent the board a breakdown of the budget, which the board requested. The board deemed it sufficient and will make a decision at the end of the quarter.

Project Update SPR08-09

Darlene replied back to the email Coastal Fund sent regarding getting more student involvement in the project. Darlene stated that they increased the number of students involved in data entry from two to four. Additionally she wrote that students tasks would be expanded to include writing the article for the Nexus after completion of data-analysis as well as assisting in the presentation of the study to the Phenology Group/COPR docents by sharing their personal experiences, the results of their data collection, and what they learned. She also illustrated the possibility of some of the statistical analysis being completed by Bren School Graduate students.

Project Update SPR08-10

The REEF sent in a copy of their advertisement, as requested, along with a breakdown of the amount and type of visitors they see per quarter in their facility.

AS Banquet May 27

The banquet hosted by AS will be on Tuesday, May 27. AS will award student groups that are exemplary in certain areas.

Coastal Service Program Update

All the spots are filled up, the groups will be paid in the next couple of days.

Coastal Fund Reception May 30th

Preparations are going great, it's going to be a great event this year! We've received 40 R.S.V.Ps and Michelle and the outreach crew have been doing a great job putting it together. Go CF!!!!

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.