



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Agenda
 Thursday, October 17, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
David Cook	Brock Dolman	Ethan Rotman, CDFW
Al Ferris	Jim Lynch	Ryan Pedrotti, SCWA
Al Gerhardt	Don McEnhill	James Reed, CDFW Warden
Jeff Holden		Melissa Kelley, SCRPF Foundation
Julian Meisler		Ryan Watanabe, CDFW
Crystal Norris		Pamela Gunsalus, Gunsalus Vineyard
Andy Pozzi		John Green, Gold Ridge RCD
Dagny Thomas		Lisa Bell, FWC Secretary

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:05.

II. Adoption of Minutes (September 2013)

A motion to accept July 2013 minutes was made by Al G. with a second by Dave. Motion carried.

Passed with Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Absent: 4; Abstain: 0.

III. Correspondence

A. Letter from Glenn Co. Fish, Game and Recreation Commissioners.

IV. Financial Reports (September 2013, general fund and Abalone)

September 2013 financials were presented. The balance as on September 30, 2013 in the Abalone fund was \$350, balance in the General Fund was \$37,998.76.

Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Al F. with a second by Al G. Motion carried. Passed with Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Absent: 4; Abstain: 0.

V. Old Business

A. Melissa Kelley, Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation. Tolay Fall Festival, Night Time Creature Barn. *Second Reading*



Report: Kelley reports back to commission that pumpkins are local except for 1 truckload; they sell above market price; they are looking for corporate sponsors for the event to ensure financial sustainability; they will not return to the FWC for funding in 2014. Al G. suggested that the festival contract with local pumpkin growers at beginning of year; commissioners re-emphasized financial sustainability.

Action: Andy motions to partially fund for \$2,000 with a stipulation that it not be funded next year. Al G. seconds. Motion does not carry. Failed with Ayes: 3; Nays: 4; Absent: 4; Abstain: 0.

Dave motions to fully fund with a second by Dagny. Motion does not carry. Failed with Ayes: 3; Nays: 4; Absent: 4; Abstain: 0.

Al F. motions to partially fund for \$2,500 (\$500 per group) with a second by Al G. Motion carries. Passed with Ayes: 5; Nays: 2; Absent: 4; Abstain: 0. **Grant #172.**

B. John Green, Goldridge RCD. Gunsalus Gully Stabilization. *Second Reading*

Report: John Green showed photos of stabilization project underway on Upp Road. Commissioners expressed concern that the full request is a big part of a shrinking budget. Commissioners expressed appreciation for the landowner's contribution to the cost of the project and their stewardship of the creek. Al G. abstains because he is on the Gold Ridge RCD board.

Action: Al F. motions for full funding with a second by Dave. Motion not carried. Failed with Ayes: 4; Nays: 2; Absent: 4; Abstain: 1.

Andy motions for partial funding at \$4,000; Al F. seconds.

Motion carries. Passed with Ayes: 6; Nays: 1; Absent: 3; Abstain: 1. **Grant #173.**

VI. New Business

A. Ryan Pedrotti, Sonoma County Water Agency. Steelhead in the Classroom, Equipment for Educators. *First Reading*

Report: Grant request money to purchase tanks for 20 Sonoma County teachers who will be trained by the Steelhead in the Classroom project to raise the fish with their 5th grade students. The project is a collaboration between SCWA & CDFW. Ninety-five percent live to release; approximately .5% survive in stream.

Action: Dagny and Al F. requested list of participating schools in Sonoma County at second reading.



B. FWC marketing and publicity – Dagny Thomas

Report: Dagny created a mock-up of a publicity brochure to be handed out at community and school events to let people know about availability of grants and scholarships through the FWC funds.

Action: Commissioners agreed she should create the content of the brochure and get estimates for printing 1000 copies.

C. Change in structure of scholarships for the coming year. - Dagny. Commissioners agreed to add this topic to the agenda on the spot.

Report: Dagny suggested FWC offer 5 scholarships for \$1,000 instead of 2 for \$2,500. All scholarship material (cover letter, application, etc.) will need some revision. It was agreed that those awarded scholarships would not be monitored because the chances of the money being abused was low.

Action: Jeff motioned to change scholarship to 5 for \$1,000 with a second by Al F. Motion carries. Passed with Ayes: 8; Nays: 0; Absent: 3; Abstain: 0.

VII. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VIII. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:29.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 21, 2013, in the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office Conference Room, 133 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, unless otherwise canceled by the Commission.

Note: Please call the Agricultural Commissioner's Office by Monday the week of the meeting if you are unable to attend. Remember, we cannot conduct our business if we do not have a quorum.