



**Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2011 – 7:00pm**

Attending
Members

Dave Lloyd
Jim Lynch
Al Ferris
Jeff Holden
Jo Bentz
Dave Cook
Andrew Pozzi
Caroline Christian
Darius Anderson

Absent
Members

Gene Gaffney
Brock Dolman
Crystal Norris

Others

Kellie Noe, Sonoma County Water Agency
Carole Balala, Fawn Rescue
Rob Roberts, CA Dept. of Fish and Game (DFG)
Don McEnhill, Russian Riverkeeper
Dagny Thomas, Ag Commissioner's Office

Co-chair Andy Pozzi calls the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Andy asks if there are any additions or corrections to the March 2011 minutes.

Al Ferris makes a motion to approve the March 2011 minutes as presented, with a second by Dave Cook. Motion carried with eight 'Ayes', four 'Absent'.

Correspondence

- A. Correspondence from California State Fish & Game Commission regarding various regulatory actions
- B. Thank you letter – Audubon Canyon Ranch
- C. Thank you note from Hattie Brown, Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

Financial Reports

In March 2011, the Abalone Fund received \$75.00 from Central Collections, with a fiscal year fund balance of \$273.05, and a total fund balance of \$453.39. The General Fund received \$4,267.04 from Superior Court and \$650.18, from Probation, with a fiscal year fund balance of \$36,562.84, and a total fund balance of \$160,134.87.

Andy asks for a motion to approve the March 2011 financial reports as presented. Dave Lloyd makes a motion to approve, with a second by Jim Lynch. Motion carried with eight 'Ayes', four 'Absent'

Old Business

Kellie Noe, Program Specialist/Youth Ecology Corps Coordinator – Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), is requesting a grant in the amount of \$7,320.00, for *Summer Youth Ecology Corps, second reading*

Andy states that Chairperson Crystal Norris supports this grant request and asks if there are any additional comments or questions.

Al Ferris makes a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$7,320.00, with a second by Jim Lynch. Motion carried with seven 'Ayes', four 'Absent', and one 'Abstain' (Dave Cook), for grant #153.

Captain Steve Riske, DFG, is requesting a grant in the amount of \$4,397.46, for *Russian River Enforcement, pending*

Lieutenant Rob Roberts, DFG, reports on behalf of Captain Riske. He explains that due to the transition in the State Governor's Office, DFG is still not operating with a Director and a response is still pending from the Auto Inspector with their General Services Department in regard to obtaining the vessel.

The consensus by the commissioners is that they would like to move forward to approve the grant request and ask that it be resubmitted by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Marine Unit would take ownership of the kayak for shared use with DFG. Lt. Roberts will contact Ed Hoener with the Sheriff's Office regarding this.

New Business

2011 Scholarships

The qualifying 2011 scholarship submissions are voted on by the Commission. Each application is assigned an alphabetical letter and the names of the applicants are kept confidential to ensure non-biased voting.

Al Ferris asks each of the commissioners to pick their top three candidates and the results are tallied. The two applicants receiving the most votes are Stephanie Parreira (A) and Katherine Robbins (F).

Caroline Christian arrives at 7:19pm, after the voting is complete; she mentioned at a previous meeting she would abstain from voting because some of the applicants from Sonoma State are in her classes.

She says Stephanie Parreira is one of her top students, holds a high GPA, works full time, and is very deserving of the scholarship. She feels the Commission made an excellent choice.

The award recipients will be contacted and invited to receive their checks at the June meeting; each award is \$2,500.00.

Reports and Comments

Commission –

- Jim Lynch has been turkey hunting. He attended a National Turkey Federation event and won a large taxidermal turkey in an auction.
- Darius Anderson will not be at the May meeting. He invites the Commission to a dinner event he is hosting in Sonoma on May 19, 2011, for the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance (COHA).

There is discussion regarding how many commissioners are interested in attending.

Jeff Holden makes a motion to cancel the May 2011 meeting so that commissioners may attend the COHA event if they wish; there is a second by Al Ferris. Motion carried with nine 'Ayes', three 'Absent'.

- Andy announces that Dave Lloyd will be stepping down as a commissioner representing the Fourth District and this will be his last meeting. He thanks him for his time and service on the commission.

Andy then introduces Don McEnhill who will be replacing Dave. Don will begin actively serving on the Commission at the June 2011 meeting.

- Dave Lloyd thanks the Commission for the opportunity to serve and wishes everyone well.

Public –

- Carol Balala introduces herself; she works with Wildlife Fawn Rescue and came to observe.

With no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dagny Thomas
Commission Secretary