



## Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris – Chairperson	David Cook	Michelle Johnson – SC Dept of Agriculture
Al Gerhardt	Brock Dolman	James Reed – CDFW
Jeff Holden	Al Ferris	Coby LaFayette – Pepperwood Preserve
Beth Lamb	Don McEnhill	Ashton Kluttz – Bird Rescue Center
Jim Lynch	Andy Pozzi	
Julian Meisler		
Dagny Thomas		

- I. Call to Order  
Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
  
- II. Adoption of August 2016 Minutes  
**Report:** Crystal Norris asks if there are any additions or corrections to the August 2016 minutes.  
**Action:** A motion was made by Al Gerhardt to accept minutes; motion seconded by Julian Meisler.  
**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.
  
- III. Correspondence  
Fish and Game Commission notices.
  
- IV. Financial Reports for August 2016  
**Report:** As of August 31, 2016, Abalone Fund balance is \$750.00; General Fund balance is \$30,945.92.  
**Action:** A motion was made by Jeff Holden to accept financial reports for August 2016 as presented; motion seconded by Dagny Thomas.  
**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.
  
- V. Old Business
  - a. Funding for Avian Hospital Equipment Improvement Project. \$4,920.00. The Bird Rescue Center. Greg Damron, (707) 523-2473. *Second Reading.*  
  
**Report:** The Bird Rescue Center needs to make comprehensive equipment upgrades at the avian hospital to keep and attract volunteer services of veterinarians. By upgrading and modernizing laboratory equipment and surgical center, many tests and operations will be performed in house. In house testing is more efficient and provides quicker results. An on-site surgical theater will save The Center thousands of dollars incurred by transporting birds to veterinarian hospitals, which is stressful for wild birds. The funds would be used for a microscope, microscope accessories, centrifuge, surgical tools and supplies, and lab equipment.  
  
**Action:** A motion was made by Jim Lynch to fund the grant for the full amount of \$4,920.00; motion seconded by Julian Meisler.

**Passed with:** 6 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent, 1 abstain.

- b. Funding for Mayacamas Wildlife Picture Index Project. \$4,150.00. Pepperwood Preserve. Lisa Micheli, PhD, (707) 591-9310 x200. *Second Reading.*

**Report:** Pepperwood Reserve provides a critical refuge for local wildlife, but prior to implementing the Wildlife Picture Index Project, there wasn't any data capable of characterizing wildlife populations on site or how they varied over time. Motion-activated wildlife cameras are deployed throughout the year. Data is collected and analyzed using international protocols to measure biodiversity and species' occupancy. The funds would be used to replace cameras, refresh outdated field gear, and cover renewal costs for a safety and tracking device for a field technician.

**Action:** A motion was made by Dagny Thomas to fund the grant for the full amount of \$4,150.00; motion seconded by Julian Meisler.

**Passed with:** 6 ayes, 1 nays, 5 absent.

- c. Revenue/budget update. No updates to report. Processing of CDFW infractions seems to have improved through District Attorney's office. CDFW will continue to update the Commission on the efforts being made.

VI. New Business

- a. Commission review.

**Report:** Reviewed Commissioner attendance at 2015/2016 Commission meetings. Crystal Norris also shared that the District Attorney's office is working to dissolve the Abalone Fund.

VII. Reports/Comments

- a. Public
- b. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting not called to order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Johnson  
Commission Secretary