



## Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2016 – 7:00 pm

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

- I. Call to Order  
Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
  
- II. Adoption of April, May, and July 2016 Minutes  
**Report:** Crystal Norris asks if there are any additions or corrections to the April, May, and July 2016 minutes.  
**Action:** A motion was made by Al Ferris to accept minutes; motion seconded by Dagny Thomas.  
**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.
  
- III. Correspondence  
**Fish and Game Commission**
  
- IV. Financial Reports for April – July 2016  
**Report:** As of July 31, 2016, Abalone Fund balance is \$750.00; General Fund balance is \$35,950.00.  
**Action:** A motion was made by Don McEnhill to accept financial reports for April – July 2016; motion seconded by Al Ferris.  
**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.
  
- V. Old Business
  - a. **Funding for Sonoma Coast Marine Protected Area Education and Outreach project. \$5,000.00.**  
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. Michele Luna, (707) 869-9177. *Second Reading*  
  
**Report:** Brief summary of funding request and project.  
  
**Action:** A motion was made by Jeff Holden to fund the grant for the full amount of \$5,000.00; motion seconded by Julian Meisler. Grant #190.  
  
**Passed with:** 7 ayes, 0 nays, 5 absent.

Commissioner Don McEnhill left meeting at 7:20 pm. Commissioner Al Gerhardt joined meeting at 7:25 pm.

VI. New Business

- a. **Funding for Avian Hospital Equipment. \$4,920.00.** The Bird Rescue Center. Greg Damron, (707) 523-2473. *First 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. Commission to vote on funding request after second reading at September 2016 meeting.

- b. **Funding for Mayacamas Wildlife Picture Index Project. \$4,150.00.** Pepperwood Preserve. Lisa Micheli, PhD, (707) 591-9310 x200. *First 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. Commission to vote on funding request after second reading at September 2016 meeting.

VII. Reports/Comments

- a. Public  
b. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Crystal Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Johnson  
Commission Secretary