



**Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2012 – 7:00PM**

**Commissioners
Attending:**

Jo Bentz
Andrew Pozzi
David Cook
Julian Meisler
Al Gerhardt
Jeff Holden
Al Ferris
Brock Dolman
Crystal Norris

**Commissioners
Absent:**

Caroline Christian
Don McEnhill
Jim Lynch

Others:

Franchesca Smith, So. Co. Wildlife Rescue
Doris Duncan, So. Co. Wildlife Rescue
Dr. Lisa Micheli, Dwight Ctr. Of Conservation
Carole Balala, Wildlife Fawn Rescue
Gretchen Melendy, Agricultural Commissioner's Off.
Karen Giovannini, Commission Secretary

Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Adoption of Minutes

Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the June 2012 minutes. Al Ferris moved to approve the minutes. No second; motion passed with 9 Ayes, 0 Abstains, 3 Absent.

Correspondence

- A. Correspondence from California State Fish & Game Commission regarding various regulatory actions.
- B. Thank you postcards with badger artwork from Susan Kirk with P.L.A.N. (Paula Lane Action Network) were distributed to Commissioners.

Financial Reports

Report: The June and July 2012 financials were presented. The Abalone fund balance as \$500.00, and the General Fund balance was \$56,281.10, as of July 31, 2012.

Action: Al Ferris moved to approve the June and July 2012 Financial Reports. Seconded by Jeff Holden and passed with 9 Ayes, 0 Abstains, 3 Absent.

Old Business

Scholarship Committee updates.

Report: No report.

New Business

A. Franchesca Smith and Doris Duncan with Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue Center regarding *North American River Otter Rehabilitation Pond*. First reading.

Report: A request of \$16,647 for *North American River Otter Rehabilitation Pond*, which will include an enclosure and place for the rehabilitating otters to learn how to swim and hunt. First reading and discussion.

Action: Second reading will occur at the October 2012 meeting.

B. Dr. Lisa Micheli with Dwight Center of Conservation Science at Pepperwood Preserve regarding *Quantifying Wildlife Occupancy Using the Wildlife Picture Index (WPI)*. First reading.

Report: A request for \$5,368 for 20 cameras, at a cost of approximately \$300 each. The cameras will be set up in a 20km block with motion detecting sensors to learn about the wildlife that live in Pepperwood Preserve. First reading and discussion.

Action: Second reading will occur at the October 2012 meeting.

Public Reports/Comments

Carole Balala with Wildlife Fawn Rescue brought in a taxidermy juvenile badger financed by a previous Commission grant and thanked the Commission for their support.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 2012, please note there will be no meeting in September 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Giovannini
Commission Secretary