



FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Commissioners

Attending:

Jo Bentz
David Cook
Al Ferris
Al Gerhardt
Jeff Holden
Jim Lynch
Julian Meisler
Crystal Norris

Commissioners

Absent:

Caroline Christian
Brock Dolman
Don McEnhill
Andrew Pozzi

Others:

Kathy Cowan, Animal Pest Control-Humane Wildlife
Management & Exclusion
Zachary Gibson, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Tom Henderson, Department of Fish & Wildlife
William O'Brien, Department of Fish & Wildlife
James Reed, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Kristen Reeder, Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue
Steve Riske, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Tiffany Stinson, Department of Fish & Wildlife
Karen Giovannini, Commission Secretary

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Adoption of Minutes

Report: Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the November 2012 minutes.

Action: Correction: Old Business, item A: change 'finding' to 'funding'. Jeff Holden makes a motion to accept the November minutes as corrected with a second by Dave Cook.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 4, Abstain: 0.

III. Correspondence

A. Correspondence from California State Fish & Game Commission regarding various regulatory actions.

B. Newsletter from The Bird Rescue Center

C. Annual appeal from Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue

IV. Financial Reports

Report: November and December 2012 financials were presented. The balances as of December 31, 2012 in the Abalone fund was \$500.00, and the General Fund was \$49,999.70.

Action: Jim Lynch makes a motion to accept the November and December 2012 Financial Reports as presented with a second by Dave Cook.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 4, Abstain: 0.



A. 2013-14 Budget

Report: Crystal asked for any discussion or questions. None.

Action: Jim Lynch makes a motion to accept the 2013-14 Budgets as presented with a second by Al Gerhardt.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 4, Abstain: 0.

V. **Old Business**

A. Scholarship Committee

Report: Letter with application information mailed out on January 3. Application is now a fillable form on website. Applications due March 31.

VI. **New Business**

A. Tiffany Stinson of Department of Fish & Wildlife regarding Abalone Regulation Enforcement. *First reading.*

Report: A request of \$649.92 to purchase a freezer to store evidence confiscated related to illegal take of abalone and other fish and game.

Action: Second reading will occur at February 2013 meeting.

B. Kristen Reeder of Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue regarding Perimeter Fence. *First reading.*

Report: A request of \$4,500 to allow the completion of an 8 foot parameter fence around their education exhibit.

During the discussion concern was expressed regarding the overall monies given to SCWR and the other wildlife rescue groups which were double. It was also stated that SCWR was under the wrong impression as to the amount of monies the Commission has to spend each year.

Action: Crystal requested additional information for the second reading: The amount of funds received from the prosecuted case regarding the two Mountain Lion cubs in Napa and the amount of hours work provided by the perpetrators. Second reading will occur at February 2013 meeting.

VII. **Reports/Comments**

A. Board.

Crystal and Jim acknowledged the passing of former Commissioner George Snyder.

B. Public.

Kathy Cowan introduced herself and gave a brief explanation of her business.

Capt. Steve Riske, DFG – gave an update on happenings in the area. They are in the beginning stages of meetings with regards to the MPA's (Marine Protection Area) in Northern California. They hope to bring agencies and public together to find better ways to identify these areas. Possibly with signs and brochures, similar to what have set up on Southern California.



Warden James Reed, DFG – reported that the signs about crab sizes are up at Bodega and they look great.

VIII. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 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.