



## SONOMA COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

### Commissioners

#### Attending:

Brock Dolman  
Al Ferris  
Al Gerhardt  
Jeff Holden  
Don McEnhill  
Julian Meisler  
Crystal Norris  
Andrew Pozzi  
Dagny Thomas

### Commissioners

#### Absent:

David Cook  
Jim Lynch

### Others:

Josiah Barros, scholarship recipient  
Michelle Bellizzi, Int'l Bird Rescue  
Sheree Green, Bird Rescue Center  
Mare Ellen Rayner, Bird Rescue Center  
Justin Harrell, scholarship recipient  
Mariska Odedzinski, UCCE/SEA Grant  
James Reed, CDFW Warden  
Darci Rosales, MESA-SRJC  
Mitch Thompson  
Karen Giovannini, Commission Secretary

### I. Call to Order

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

### II. Adoption of Minutes

**Report:** Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the April 2013 minutes.

**Action:** Al Ferris makes a motion to accept the March minutes as read with a second by Al Gerhardt.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 3, Abstain: 0.

### III. Correspondence

A. Correspondence from Jim Percy of Sonoma County Regional Parks withdrawing their grant application regarding the Sebastopol Meadowfoam Management and Pepperweed Control at Lower Balleto.

B. Correspondence from California Fish & Game Commission regarding Bobcat Depredation and commercial fishing and abalone sport fishing.

C. Newsletters from Bird Rescue and Wildlife Rescue.

### IV. Financial Reports

**Report:** April 2013 financials were presented. The balance as of April 31, 2013 in the Abalone fund was \$0.00, and the General Fund was \$46,184.26.

**Action:** Al Ferris makes a motion to accept the April 2013 Financial Reports as presented with a second by Andrew Pozzi.

Passed with Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Absent: 3, Abstain: 0.

V. **Old Business**

- A. Scholarships: Scholarship winners Justin Herrell and Josiah Barros were introduced. Each are awarded \$2,500.00.

**Report:** Each recipient spoke a bit about themselves and their plans for the future and were presented with scholarship checks.

- B. Mariska Obedzinski with University of California Cooperative Extension and Sea Grant Extension Program regarding Grant 129 Russian River Coho Movement and Survival Investigation (approved August 2008).

**Report:** Follow up report and PowerPoint presentation.

- C. Michelle Bellizzi and Isabel Luevano with International Bird Rescue regarding Sonoma County Egret and Heron Rehabilitation Project. Second reading.

**Report:** A request of \$5,000 to offset the cost incurred to medically treat and rehabilitate injured birds. PowerPoint presentation.

**Action:** Adrew Pozzi makes a motion to fund the full grant request of \$5,000, with a second by Don McEnhill. (Note: 9 commissioners are now present).

Passed with Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain: 0.

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Reports/Comments**

VIII. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

***The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 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.***