

# Council General Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2017



**Meeting held at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant  
Called to order at 6:36 pm by Joel Tracey**

## Board Members Present:

President: Joel Tracey  
Vice President/3Rs Dir: Marc Henning  
Treasurer/Secretary: Liz Tuttle  
Directors: Scott Anderson, At Large  
Tony Guerrero, At Large  
Craig McDowell, Webmaster  
David Pierce, At Large  
Heather Best-Troiano, Community Outreach  
Committee Head: John Leek, Historian  
Members/Guests: Ken Hunrichs, member  
Michelle Lombard, guest  
James Wasser, guest

## Board Members Absent:

Director: Mike Russell, Fundraising

**Minutes of the November 9, 2016 general meeting, previously distributed through the email list, were approved by voice vote with no objections. The minutes will be posted to the Council website.**

## **1) Officer's Reports**

### **a. Treasurer's Report**

#### **i. Current account balances:**

Checking \$3,141.80  
Savings \$ 500.08 (Interest Paid in 2016 - \$0.15)

#### **ii. Income: \$0.00**

#### **iii. Expenses:**

1. Records storage rental (December) \$29.00/mo
2. Records storage rental (January – rent increase) \$30.00/mo
3. Website hosting – automatic renewal (27 Jan 17) \$133.45
4. PO Box renewal will be occurring in February
5. Annual contract with SD Project Heartbeat for public use of an AED is due - \$50.00/yr

### **b. Secretary's Report**

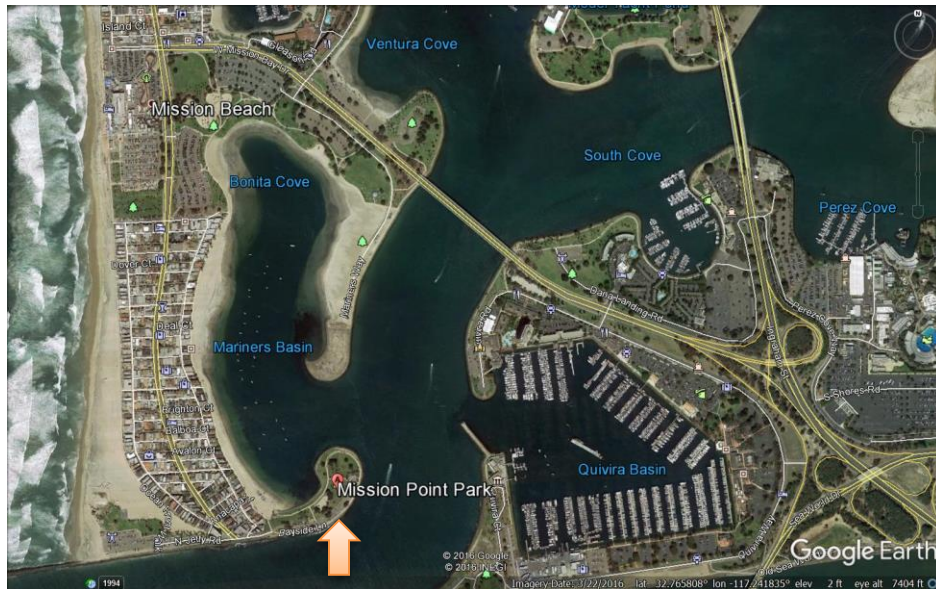
#### **i. Correspondence from Fish & Game Commission:**

- a) Notice of Proposed Emergency Action: "Abalone Take Reduction" This action affects the recreational red abalone fisheries in northern California. Population density has been decreasing due to a number of factors. "The proposed emergency regulation will reduce the take of abalone within the entire fishery to levels anticipated to be sustainable under current environmental conditions." <https://oal.blogs.ca.gov/files/2016/12/2016-1216-01E-Approved.pdf>

- b) Amended Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action, dated October 18, 2016: “California Spiny Lobster Fishery Management Plan Implementing Regulations” “This is to provide you with a notice of availability of a document added to the rulemaking file...Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish & Game Commission website at”  
[http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2016/index.aspx#29\\_80](http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2016/index.aspx#29_80)

c. **Vice President/3R’s Director’s Report**

- i. **2016 Rocks, Rips & Reefs Banquet** in recognition of the efforts put forth by our instructors & safety swimmers has been set. A BBQ will take place at **Mission Point Park on Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 11am to 1pm.**



- a) Menu is yet to be determined. A hot dog/hamburger menu plan with snacks, desserts, drinks, condiments & paper products/utensils provided by the Council could be done for roughly \$3.00/person.
- b) Or we could opt for a more expensive meat option, such as carne asada, with drinks and ask attendees to do a potluck for sides & desserts.
- c) Awards to be presented to instructors and keynote safety swimmers would most likely be wooden plaques, each costing about \$10/pc. Also discussed the option of commemorative rashguards or t-shirts. Need to contact Mike Russell to find out who his supplier was for silk-screened rashguards.
- ii. Marc presented the Council with the tentative **schedule for 2017 3R’s** for review and comments. Joel suggested we add Mission Point Park to the schedule. It was decided that we would perform a “test run” of this site at the Awards BBQ to determine the level of interest in adding this site to a future calendar, and to rough out an action plan if it is added.
- d. **President’s Report**
- i. Nothing of note at this time. Left the scheduling of 2017 Council meetings in Liz’s hands to rough out and distribute for approval.

## 2) Committee Reports

- a. **Webmaster (Craig McDowell)**
  - i. No update. Please let Craig know if you see anything on the site that you think should be revised or added.
  - ii. Scott advised Craig that the domain name could be coming up for renewal also. He needs to check with **Network Solutions** to see.
- b. **Community Outreach (Heather Best-Troiano)**
  - i. Currently looking into working with local schools 4H programs to draw childrens' interest toward the ocean. Students need projects that will require 6 hours of participation in order to receive credit. Can anyone suggest a project that would involve the marine environment that might interest these kids?
  - ii. It was suggested that they might do a study on the interactions between pinnipeds and humans in the La Jolla coastal area.
  - iii. *(Heather will email her 2017 goals to Liz to be added to the minutes)*
- c. **Fundraising (Mike Russell)**
  - i. Not in attendance.
- d. **Historical Committee (John Leek)**
  - i. John provided Executive Board members each with a cd containing documents from the archives that he had scanned to date. Most of these historical documents were originally created by the Sea Dogs club.
  - ii. Joel requested that John put together a timeline highlighting important contributions by the SD Council to recreational diving history that could be posted on our website as a point of interest.
  - iii. Also, it was requested that maybe he write a monthly historical blog that could be posted to both our Facebook page and our website.
  - iv. The ultimate goal of organizing these historical documents would be to display them in San Diego's Hall of Champions.

## 3) Open Forum

- a. Ken Hunrichs, Council member and president for the Friends of the Children's Pool (FoCP), gave a brief update on the various La Jolla lawsuits:
  - i. The lawsuit from LJ business regarding the **odor emanating from the Cove** is coming up for appeal. A public hearing will be held in appellate court on January 10, 2017, at 1:30 pm, at the Symphony Towers (downtown), 750 B Street, Suite 800.
  - ii. The **ADA Access lawsuit** for the Children's Pool will be presented in federal court on June 20, 2017. If anyone knows of someone who is willing to testify to assisting a disabled person gain access to the water at the Pool, please direct them to contact Ken who will put them in touch with the trial attorney.
  - iii. The lawsuit regarding public beach access at **Children's Pool** year-round was technically won by FoCP in May 2016, but the City is once again appealing the decision. FoCP has submitted their rebuttal to this appeal, but the City has gained a stay of order against keeping the Pool open. The City has currently closed access to the beach/pool during pupping season once again. FoCP is currently making fundraising efforts to cover their \$2,000/mo legal fees bill if you wish to contribute to their cause.

#### 4) Elections

a. Nominations were made in November for the **2017 Officers & Directors** as follows:

- i. President – Joel Tracey
- ii. Vice President – Marc Henning
- iii. Treasurer – Tony Guerrero
- iv. Secretary – Liz Tuttle
- v. Fundraising Director – Mike Russell
- vi. Public Outreach Director – Heather Best-Troiano
- vii. Webmaster – Craig McDowell

***The floor was open for additional nominations:***

- viii. Director of Interagency Relations – David Pierce

***Upon closure of the nominations, there was only one nomination for each office and therefore all nominees were declared to be elected to their respective positions.***

*The next meeting date and time will be determined upon approval of the 2017 schedule.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Liz Tuttle