

Sacramento Area Creeks Council
Monday, November 19, 2012
Board of Directors' Minutes

1. Call to order at 6:45

Present: Alta Tura, Bonnie Ross, Chad Rinde, Ed Clark, Peter Tucker.

2. Approve minutes from November 19 meeting

3. Treasurer's report Chad reports available cash balance of \$37,378.32. OK to transfer PayPal donations to the checking account quarterly instead of as each donation comes in.

4. Old Business & Committee Reports 6:45 – 7:30

- a) Newsletter – Lia is working on the newsletter. All articles are in. About 2,600 the first week of December. Mailing day depends on printer delivery. Everyone is welcome to join Alta any time on the mailing day (TBA) to help.
- b) Creek Week – Next planning committee meeting will be Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 am. We are looking for Creek Steward nominations. Grant applications submitted to Rose Foundation and Clif Bar Foundation. Ed would like to be added to the CW email list.
- c) Report on 10-21 Cruise the Creek event on Laguna Creek – Bonnie & Alta report it was a success. 20+ participants. 5-mile trail loop within the wide creek buffer was easy for all and afforded good views and access to many natural features. Bonnie's water bugs station was a big hit. Bonnie was impressed with the biodiversity in the creek water.
- d) American River Parkway Foundation Master Calendar – Alta and Peter attended the last meeting. Uptown Studios is making presentations to help nonprofits with social media. Creek Week has been added to the ARPF Master Calendar. Bonnie will attend the next meeting with Alta. (We have 73 likes on our Facebook page.)
- e) South Sacramento HCP update – Progress is being made with the agencies. Recent discussions have been about creek buffers and vernal pool preserve buffers. The agencies and vernal pool advocates are coming to agreement on how ephemeral streams contribute to vernal pool ecosystems and when mitigation credit will be given for preservation of ephemeral streams.
- f) Report on Nov. 2 tree planting along Sierra Creek in antelope – Ed reports a successful planting day. About 50 students from Antelope HS Environmental Studies class and many adult mentors worked together. Ed was impressed with how professionally the students worked, not the typical high school behavior. Neighborhood folks are very supportive and even helped with the planting. We have added them to our email list.
- g) Report on the new Urban Creeks Coalition of California – The group is deciding on its new name. Polling in progress.
- h) Del Paso Regional Park - Mira Loma High School 11-17 restoration planting near Arcade Creek at Norris Swale canceled by rain. Will try again on Dec. 1 or 2.
Update on City Parks Dept. needs – Tim has met with JP Tindell of City Parks. The City no longer has the resources to maintain the park and is looking for partnerships and other mechanisms to transfer certain park operations to other entities. We will explore the

feasibility of Sacramento Valley Conservancy managing the natural areas of Del Paso Park and how to get other groups interested in the value and needs of the area. Scouts, Audubon, CNPS, 4-H, neighbors etc. can be enlisted to conduct plant/animal surveys and patrol the natural area.

- i) Sacramento County Creek Map update – Peter’s cousin spent a small amount of time to pull up a topographic creek map of Sacramento County. This shows us the wonderful possibilities, but more data is needed (creek labeling etc.) so that it can be interactive and user friendly for the general public. Steve Mayer is also investigating GIS map possibilities. Peter & Steve will talk about the map some more. It could be a useful tool for other nonprofits participating in the ARPF Master Calendar meetings – a possible cost-sharing group.

Sub-committee reports:

- Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring – Bill absent
- Creek Week Website content management system – Peter will follow up with Roman to see if he is still interested in putting the Creek Week website back on Drupal. In the meantime, Peter is exploring using GoDaddy’s Easy Data Base for Websites product. He reports early success in putting Creek Week sites & volunteer information on spreadsheets to manage the data.
- Adopt-A-Creek – Bonnie. No meeting last month. Idea to work with other non-profits to provide regular walk/presentations. CNPS, Audubon and possibly Sierra Club.

5. New Business 7:30 – 8:00

- a) Appoint Nominating Committee – Slate to be presented at December meeting. Vote at January meeting. Bonnie, Peter & Alta are the committee.

- b) Friends of the River Banks request SACC lead a second Saturday activity on the American River <http://www.friendsoftheriverbanks.org/> - Bonnie is willing to do an aquatic insect workshop in the spring or fall. Alta will give Robert Sewell Bonnie’s number.

6. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:30.

7. Adjournment (8:00)