



General Meeting of the Board of Directors
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building
August 9, 2012 5:34pm

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Public Present	Staff Present
Colin Dougherty	Sharon Levy	Joan LeRoux	Scott Barton
Sheri Manning-Cartwright	Sieg Fisher		Lisa Condoian
Brenda Nelson	Craig Saladino		Adrienne Castro
George Nokes	Shari Rainwater		Harold Mountan
Tom Richards			Dr. Lewis Wright
Tom Templeton			
John Valentino			

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Discuss and consider minutes: Director Templeton made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Directors Nokes and Richards seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chair Report: Director Dougherty stated he had the opportunity to tour the new Sea Lion Cove exhibit with the Mayor and City staff and all agreed the exhibit is spectacular.

CEO Report: CEO Barton stated attendance is doing very well partly due to the great weather. The zoo participated in a math and science project with a local school. CEO Barton stated upcoming zoo events are Ice Cream Zoofari, Univision Dia de la Familia, PBS DinoNite and Safari Night. The zoo is also shooting a mock wedding to promote the zoo as a wedding venue. CEO Barton stated the sea lions, seals and pelicans have moved into their new home at Sea Lion Cove. Everyone is doing very well and they seem to love their new exhibit. Africa designs are continuing and we are currently in the design process (design development). CEO Barton stated the King Cobra exhibit design is also under way and there are currently artist renderings depicting what the exhibit will look like. CEO Barton stated the Education Department has had another successful year with their education programs and summer camp and the education staff have been very involved with the interpretation being designed for Sea Lion Cove and Africa. CEO Barton stated Board Director Saladino has added the picture of Sea Lion Cove exhibit on one of the Saladino delivery trucks.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Director Templeton stated the Finance Committee has not met but will be scheduling a meeting soon.

Nominating Committee:

Director Richards stated the Nominating Committee will be meeting to review the board director applications that have been received so far.

Review Financial Report: CEO Scott Barton reviewed the current financial report with the board. Director Richards made a motion to accept the financial report. Director Manning-Cartwright seconded. Call for discussion. None offered. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Board questions and comments: Directors Manning-Cartwright and Nokes inquired about the Otter exhibit. CEO Barton replied the "old" sea lion exhibit will be renovated to exhibit African Spotted-Necked Otters. Director Richards inquired about the Africa budget. CEO Barton replied the budgeting process is still under way but an example of one change is instead of a 2-loop path through the exhibit there will only be 1-loop. Director Nokes inquired about the General Curator position currently open. CEO Barton stated that while the Assistant Curators are doing a wonderful job the position should be filled soon. Director Dougherty asked if the meeting schedule was meeting with the board and staff schedules, all approved. Director Nelson stated that PBS was airing a segment on "Zoo Babies".



Public Comment: This time is set-aside for the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to insure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. **Please state your name and address for the record.** Joan LeRoux asked for the budget amount for Africa. CEO Barton stated the project would cost \$40 million. Joan LeRoux asked if the construction committee was scheduled to meet. Assistant Board Secretary Lisa Condoian stated that Ad Hoc committee has sunsetted and another would be formed only as needed with board approval.

Adjournment: Director Dougherty called for a motion to adjourn. Director Nokes so moved Director Templeton seconded. All in favor. None opposed. **Adjournment at 6:05 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Condoian, Assistant Board Secretary
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation