



**DRAFT MINUTES
TBF Board of Directors Meeting
August 12, 2020**

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Time: 10am – 12pm

Location: Video-Conference via Zoom

1. Introductions started at 10:05am chaired by Laurie Newman
 - a. **Attendees:** Fran Diamond, Laurie Newman, Laura Doss Hertz, Kathryn Vernez, Tyler Rasmussen, Tracy Egoscue, John Dorsey, Catherine Tyrell, Alexandra Tower, Jeff Klocke
Staff: Tom Ford, Marcelo Villagomez, Heather Burdick
2. Consideration of Approval of Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Board Meeting was postponed to the next meeting.
3. Financial Update (end of year) by Marcelo Villagomez, Chief Operating Officer
 - a. Preliminary end of year financials presented
 - b. Marcelo has been working on organizational needs, e.g., assigning trainings to staff, and updating performance evaluations (deadline September 30)
 - c. COVID-19 policy considerations, for office, field, interns, and volunteers, undertaken yet open to modification incl. based upon external drivers and the direction of LA County Public Health.
 - i. Subcommittee to review policies: Tyler, Jeff, Tom, and Marcelo
4. Program Update by Tom Ford, Chief Executive Officer
 - a. Community Engagement Program is being reenvisioned; US EPA has asked for more communication for the NEP.
 - b. Update of staff/personnel changes.
 - c. EPA CCMP(completing revision processes)
 - i. Working with the TAC, SMBRC, and EPA to finish off the Comprehensive Monitoring Plan
 - ii. CMP is intended to identify the results of TBF and partners' work, via the evaluation of the condition and extent of key habitats
 - d. Grant Proposals –
 - i. NASA OA ocean color proposal partnered with OSU, UCLA, SCP, Integral
 - ii. NEP CWG Program – Three projects submitted: OA proposal with SCCWRP, Eelgrass restoration, and Estuaries research
 - e. SMBRC MOU was updated and approved by the SMBRC GB in July
 - f. Programs



- i. Marine update: White Abalone Project, Marauder Robotics and Sustainable Surf partnerships
 - ii. Watershed update: Beach projects and Ballona Community Restoration Project update
 - iii. Community Engagement Program – Morro Bay NEP has joined the clean boating network – all CA NEPs are now involved. May serve as a model of other states esp. Florida
 - iv. Coastal Research Institute – tremendous challenge this year with COVID, summer intern program was cancelled/on hold. Currently, LMU is not open to students, staff, or faculty.
5. Development
 - a. Coastal Connections 6 – ticket sales page will be launched tomorrow along with press release
 - b. Board of Directors
 - i. David McCarthy has resigned
 - ii. Discussion of board member recruitment
6. Legal Update (Tracy Egoscue)
7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02pm
NEXT MEETING November 4th 10am via zoom