

# Minutes of the Lake Merced Task Force

## **REGULAR MEETING OF 09 APRIL 2003**

A regular meeting of the Lake Merced Task Force (LMTF) was held on April 9, 2003 at the San Francisco's Zoo "The Great Hall" meeting space. The meeting was preceded by a pot luck dinner.

### 1) Call to Order and Introductions

A quorum being present, Tim Colen, Interim Chair ("Interim Chair") does a call to order at 5:50 pm.

Interim Chair asked for volunteers.

Howard Strassner volunteered to note Rules changes.

David Golden, Interim Secretary ("Interim Secretary") volunteered to take Minutes.

Interim Chair announced the following excused absences: Robert Karis of the SF Bike Coalition and Leslie Steele of RCH.

### 2) Public Comment and Announcements

Public Comment: None

Announcements:

a) No fee for use of Zoo parking lot after 5 pm,

b) We have two guests who would like to make presentations

### 3) Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Draft Agenda, modified to make room for guest speakers, was approved by voice.

Paul Callahan made motion to approve minutes of 26-Feb-03 meeting. Approved by voice.

### 4) Report of the Nominating Committee

Interim Chair asks for a report of the Nominating Committee. Ginny Jacquith presents the following slate:

Chair: Tim Colen, Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association

Vice-Chair: Ginny Jacquith, CPRS District IV

Secretary: Ruth Gravanis, Sierra Club

Treasurer: Mondy Lariz, CalTrout

At large members:

Dee Dee Workman, SF Beautiful  
James Grant, Pacific Rod and Gun Club  
David Golden, California Waterfowl Association

Interim Chair discharges the Nominating Committee.

5) Unfinished Business

a) Officers Vote

Interim Chair asks for nominations from the floor. Barbara Holtzman nominates Lisa Wayne for an at large position on the Steering Committee. Jerry Cadagan nominates Jim Stark for an at large position. James Grant withdraws his candidacy.

Written ballots are distributed. Short recess taken while LMTF members submit the ballots to Barbara H and Howard S for validation of right to vote and counting.

b) Report of the Rules Committee

Interim Chair calls for the Rules Committee report. As Ruth Gravanis is absent, Mondy Lariz serves as Interim Chair of Rules Committee (“Rules Chair”).

Rules Chair moves that the Rules Committee report, which contains revisions as seen in the document “LMTF Rules Committee Report with Proposed Amendments 03-26-03 B&W” posted on [www.lmtf.org](http://www.lmtf.org), be adopted and that discussion be limited to no more than one hour. Rules Chair explains that a 2/3 vote is required to adopt the Rules, and for any modifications in the Rules. Current time is 6:13 pm. Motion approved by voice.

c) Election Results

Interim Chair announces election results:

Chair: Tim Colen, Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association  
Vice-Chair: Ginny Jaquith, CPRS District IV  
Secretary: Ruth Gravanis, Sierra Club  
Treasurer: Mondy Lariz, CalTrout  
At Large Members:  
Dee Dee Workman, SF Beautiful  
James Stark, Lake Shore Acres Improvement Club  
David Golden, California Waterfowl Association

[ Officers take office immediately upon the election. As Ruth G was absent, David G continued in the capacity of Interim Secretary ]

d) Vote on Changes Recommended in the Report of the Rules Committee

Anna-Marie Bratton makes a motion to change Section 3. Task Force Participation to replace the word “any future” with “all.” Motion approved by voice.

Anna-Marie B makes a motion to change Section 4.2 Admission to stipulate that the “letter” must be on “letterhead.” Motion lost on a roll call vote that was 18 yeas, 15 no, and 1 abstention.

Anna-Marie B makes a motion to modify Section 4.5 Revocation to add “non-payment of dues” to the list of causes for revocation. Motion failed on hand vote.

Anna-Marie B makes a motion to modify Section 4.5 Revocation to add “Taking action not in the best interest of the Lake” to the list of causes for revocation. Motion failed on hand vote.

Anna-Marie B makes a motion to modify Section 4.3 Membership Dues, Rights and Privileges to take out the sentence “An organization loses voting privileges for non payment of dues or upon two consecutive unexcused absences.” Motion failed on hand vote (15 votes in favor).

Anna-Marie B makes a motion to modify Section 6.1 Responsibilities of Officers, The Treasurer, to add the task “prepare and send invoices for dues where needed.” The motion passed.

John Plummer called the question, to accept the Rules as amended by the Rules Committee and further revised by today’s LMTF meeting. Adopted by hand vote.

#### 6) New Business

It is now 6:00 pm.

#### a) Report of the Membership Committee

Chair calls for a report of the Membership Committee.

Tim C relinquishes LMTF Chair on point of order by Paul C. Membership Committee Chair (“Membership Chair”), Tim Colen, presents the Membership Committee report [Report published on the LMTF web site, Membership Committee document group, titled “Minutes 03-05-03”].

Membership Committee Report proposed that dues be established at \$100. Many voiced opposition to this amount, feeling it was too high, especially without a proposed budget to justify the need.

During discussion of appropriate dues level, Richard Young of Lake Merced Hill stated that his group paid \$100 when the task force first started, and that the check was cashed. John Henz mentioned that his organization pays \$1100 per year in directors insurance.

Anna Marie B makes a motion to “Set dues to \$25 per year.” Motion passed on a hand vote.

Ward Latimer makes a motion to open bank account. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Ross Wilkinson asked to comment on the Membership Report, but deferred to a request from the Membership Chair to postpone his comments such that the guest speakers would be ensure sufficient time to make their presentation.

b) Report of the Resource Committee

Tim C resumes the LMTF Chair. Chair calls for a report of the Resources Committee.

Dee Dee Workman provides the following information:

- On April 24 in Sacramento, the Coast Conservancy Board will meet to consider our proposal
- Tim C and Dee Dee W are willing to go and represent LMTF
- Meeting open to the public

Several other LMTF members stated an interest in attending.

Howard S makes a motion to authorize Dee Dee W and Tim C to represent the Task Force at the Coastal Conservancy Board meeting. It is understood, from discussion, that other members of LMTF can attend, and can speak, representing themselves only. Motion approved on voice vote.

c) Report of the Recreation Committee

Chair calls for a report of the Recreation Committee.

Ginny J reports that there is a written report [see (draft) 3/7/03 minutes posted on LMTF web site], that the committee will continue looking at the Stewardship plan, and that Lee Dahlberg was elected chair of the Recreation Committee.

d) Report of the Nature Committee

Chair calls for a report of the Nature Committee.

Lisa Wayne presents, as Randy Zebell, who wrote the report, is temporarily out of the room. Lisa W reports

- The committee has decided to have a rotating chair
- Randy Z wrote their report (see attached Report)
- Committee went through the Stewardship plan, updating status and priority
- Priorities will be given to the Resources Committee
- The Nature Committee wishes to function as a technical review body

Minutes of the Nature Committee Meeting of March 18, as reported in an April 07 memo by Randy Zebell, was distributed.

e) Report of the Water Committee

Chair calls for a report of the Water Committee.

Dick Morten reports that

- Water Committee had a March 7 meeting
- Dick Allen and Tim Colen were selected as Co-Chairs
- Existing Water Committee report is obsolete
- Major concerns are currently that a) we need a permanent source of water and b) we need to insure that public is informed and involved with the Proposition A implementation, but as of now there is no strategy for promoting this

7) Set Next Meeting Date

Chair moves that the next meeting date be July 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passes on hand vote.

Presentations by guests commence at 7:50 pm.

8) Guest Speakers

Joan Ryan of the PUC introduces the guest speakers. LMTF is informed that a copy of the presentation materials will be posted on the following websites, SFPUC, Lake Merced Task Force, and the Friends of Lake Merced.

Presentation #1: Update on EDAW Work

Marcia Tobin, Associate Environmental Scientist, EDAW Inc, 150 Chestnut Street, San Francisco, CA 94111, Tel 415-433-1484, [tobinm@edaw.com](mailto:tobinm@edaw.com)

Presentation #2: Update on Scalmanini Work

Joseph C. Scalmanini P.E., Luhdorff & Scalmanini Consulting Engineers, 500 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695, 530-661-0109, [jscal@lsce.com](mailto:jscal@lsce.com)

9) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

10) Closing Announcements: None

/si/ David Golden, Interim Secretary

Note that all changes to the Rules have been noted in these Minutes.

On April 23, 2003 these draft meeting notes were emailed to LMTF representatives and forwarded by the Interim Secretary to Mondy L, Interim Webmaster, for posting on [www.lmtf.org](http://www.lmtf.org) . On June 18, 2003 these minutes were updated with comments, denoted in italics, that were received to date. These included comments from Paul C, Jerry C, and Anna-Marie B. On July 1, 2003 an additional comment was received from Ross Wilkinson.

Minutes will be submitted for approval at the July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 LMTF meeting. Approved (draft 4 version) on July 9, 2003.

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**Notes to reviewers:**

Approval of minutes, with potential corrections, take place at the following LMTF meeting. Feel free to submit comments in advance to the Secretary.

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[ ] explanation of context or special notes added by Secretary.

*italics* changes made between drafts, if more than one draft published