

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

December 10, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

San Francisco Zoo, Lurie Education Center

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Recreation and Park Commissioner Eric McDonnell
Recreation and Park Commissioner Meagan Levitan
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Bill Beech
Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli
Committee Advisor, Jane Tobin

2. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item) ACTION: NONE

Adoption of Minutes of the October 22, 2015 Committee Meeting.

3. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)

Joe Fitting, Deputy Director, SFZS.

Fitting reported year to date attendance as of November 30th is 381,400 and is over projections by 400 visitors. The final June 20, 2015 audited financial statements were approved by the full Board at the November 12, 2015 meeting. The financial statements have been posted to the Zoo's website. On November 21st four reindeer arrived at SFZ for the Christmas holiday season. They will stay through January 2nd. Visitors will be able to view them during the day as well as during Zoolights. Thanks to the generosity of SFZS Board member Antoinette Krajcar and her husband, Stephen, SFZ's veterinary hospital now has a state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The new ICU will allow staff to provide oxygen, heating and environmental support for hospitalized animals. As part of SFZ animal wellness initiative animals are trained for "multiple cooperative behaviors". These include voluntary weighing, hand injection, blood pressure, blood draw, crating and ultrasound. Snow leopard, Ghurka, who had been born at SFZ in 2000 and has since lived at two other zoos for several years on a SSP recommendation, returned last December. Paperwork received at that time stated that he was a "quick-tempered" snow leopard known to push open doors and slide through gaps of sliding doors if not shut properly. SFZ staff took steps to ensure Ghurka was treated with the utmost care, even modifying the bench that he used to rest on while voluntarily presenting his tail for a blood draw. California successfully moved Assembly Bill 96 (AB96) into law in October, banning most ivory and rhino horn sales in the state. In November Washington pass bill I-1401, which prohibits the purchase, sale and distribution of products made from a list of 10 endangered animals being exploited to the point of extinction (elephants, rhinos, lions, tigers, leopards, cheetahs, marine turtles, pangolins, sharks and rays. Washington joins California, New York and New Jersey, which have already enacted ivory bans and are in support of a recent federal ivory ban enacted by the Obama Administration. Only through federal and state cooperation will we truly end the ivory trade in the United States. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) spent a day at SFZ's frog rooms filming froglets and tadpoles from Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park. These particular frogs are at the Zoo due to a wave of chytrid fungus that spread through a precious native population in a remote area of the park wiping out all adult frogs. The National Park Service (NPS) worked in conjunction with USFWS and California Department of fish and wildlife by organizing an emergency salvage operation to rescue the remaining tadpoles in the area for rearing at zoos in efforts to save the population. In the meantime, USFWS is preparing a video and a press release on the head-start efforts in San Francisco and Oakland zoos highlighting collaboration with the Service and NPS on this project. *Zoolights* starts on December 4 and runs select through January 3. From 5-8 pm., come enjoy the Zoo under twinkling lights and experience the wonder of the holiday season.

4. Animal Transactions.

ACTION: NONE

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

Discussion and possible action to recommend that the Recreation and Park Commission approve the following transactions:

**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION – November 2015**

DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Birmingham Zoo 2630 Cahaba Road Birmingham, AL 35223	1.0 Blue-bellied roller <u><i>Coracias cyanogaster</i></u>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM: CA Fish & Wildlife 350 Harbor Blvd. Belmont, CA 94002	1.0 African hedgehog <u><i>Atelerix albiventris</i></u>	NIL	N/A
PURCHASE FROM: Fossil Rim Wildlife Center 2155 CR 2008 Glen Rose, TX 76043	1.0 Greater kudu <u><i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i></u>	\$2,500	\$2,500

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DONATION TO:	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Knoxville Zoological Gardens 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive Knoxville, TN 37914	0.1 Waldrapp ibis <u><i>Geronticus eremita</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens 370 Zoo Parkway Jacksonville, FL 32218	1.0 Waldrapp ibis <u><i>Geronticus eremita</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Safari West 3115 Porter Creek Road Santa Rosa, CA 95404	3.2 Waldrapp ibis <u><i>Geronticus eremita</i></u>	NIL	N/A
San Diego Zoo Safari Park 15500 San Pasqual Valley Road Escondido, CA 92027	0.1 Hadada ibis <u><i>Bostrychia hagedash</i></u>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM: Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Park 2000 Remington Place Oklahoma City, OK 73111	0.1 Waldrapp ibis <u><i>Geronticus eremita</i></u>	NIL	N/A

5. Animal Updates. (Discussion)
David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – October 2015					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
8	0.2	Domestic polecat/ferret	Donation	2 animals from local ferret rescue	
23	0.0.8	Pacific pond turtle	Loan In	8 individuals from the wild for headstart	
27	0.0.9	Pacific pond turtle	Loan In	9 individuals from the wild for headstart	
DISPOSITIONS					
				Age at Death	
5	1.0	Sugar glider	Death	~10Y, 9M, 4D	Pathologist's report pending
7	0.1	Magellanic penguin	Donation	To Jacksonville Zoo	
10	1.0	Patas monkey	Death	~20Y, 9M, 9D	Heart Disease
13	3.0	Chacoan peccary	Loan transfer	To Calgary Zoo	
15	0.1	Amur tiger	Death	15Y, 2M, 14D	Cancer & liver failure
20	0.1	Domestic swan goose	Death	24Y, 6M, 14D	Cancer and arthritis

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DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
2	1.0	Common squirrel monkey	Donation	From Omaha Zoo	
12	1.0	Four-toed hedgehog	Donation	From CAFW	
18	0.1	Temminck's tragopan	Donation	From Woodland Park Zoo	
21	0.3	Reindeer	Loan in	From Operation Santa Claus	
DISPOSITIONS					
				Age at Death	
5	1.0	Greater kudu	Death	13Y, 0M, 10D	Pneumonia, chronic kidney, heart & bowel disease
12	0.1	Waldrapp ibis	Death	~4Y, 5M, 25D	Trauma
14	0.1	Andean tinamou	Death	3Y, 8M, 26D	Fungal infection(aspergillus)
14	0.1	Four-toed hedgehog	Death	~3Y, 5M, 14D	Stomach cancer
20	0.0.1	Waxy tree frog	Death	8Y, 10M, 19D	Mycobacterial infection
24	1.0	Red ruffed lemur	Death	17Y, 7M, 27D	Kidney failure & liver disease
26	1.0	Common squirrel monkey	Death	17Y, 2M, 26D	Heart failure

6. Capital Reimbursement **ACTION: NONE**
Wayne Reading, CFO, SFZS
Request approval of Capital Reimbursement for Veterinary Hospital Equipment and Exhibit Improvements.

7. Announcements (Information only)
None

8. **Chair's Announcements.** (Information only)
None
9. **Old Business.** (Discussion)
None
10. **New Business/Future Agenda Items.** (Information only)
None
11. **Public Comments:**
Member of Public Jenkins thanked the Committee for the time change of the meeting so that keepers can attend and requested that when the clocks are turned ahead the time be changed as well. He also stated that knowing SFZ is searching for a new HR Director he offers any help with this process.
12. **Adjournment**
Meeting dismissed at 5:14 p.m. due to lack of quorum.