

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

February 28, 2013

San Francisco Zoological Society

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Mark Buell

Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFSZ) Board Member, Elena Asturias

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Maria Alvarez, Chair

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Gail Secchia

Committee Advisor, Joseph Spinelli

Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

1. Joint Zoo Committee Meeting Minutes (Action Item) ACTION: MSA

Adoption of Minutes of the January 24, 2013 Committee Meeting

2. San Francisco Zoo Administrative Report (Discussion)

Tanya Peterson, Executive Director and President, SFZS

Director Peterson reported January attendance as 53,372 visitors versus monthly budget of 37,800. In animal news, Peterson reported on the birth of a Sumatran tiger on February 10th. Staff estimates the cub weighs between 6 – 8 pounds. During the next couple of weeks, the Lion House is likely to be closed to the public. Sumatran tigers are critically endangered. On another note, the Zoo has acquired two new American white pelicans “Hammer” and “Oates”. These pelicans arrived at SFZ recently from The Treehouse Wildlife Center in Dow, Illinois. These birds were both facing euthanasia as each was missing a wing. They are named after longtime SFZS Board member Ed Oates and his wife, Jennifer Hammer. Also, Navajo-churro sheep now are on exhibit in the Nature Exploration Area behind Lion Fountain. Regarding public events, on March 2nd, the Zoo is hosting a special literacy themed event in partnership with KQED to celebrate Read Across America Day. The temporary exhibit, “*Dinosaur Revolution: Living Large,*” is now at the Pachyderm Building. The exhibit consists of a maze and bone yard for the young to explore with messaging focused on the connections between yesterday’s Dinosaurs and today’s birds. Ongoing programs at the Zoo currently include Zoo Camp Spring Sessions for PreK-5th grade March 25-29 and April 1-5. Programs in our lecture series include a talk by a SFZ keeper about her expedition to Australian rainforest and her assistance with uncovering the mystery of Australia’s vanishing frogs. Also, scheduled are lectures on cotton-top tamarins on April 11; Working Dogs for Conservation group on April 13; and Ethiopian wolves on May 18. These lectures are free for all. Lastly, SFZS thanks San Francisco Giants closing pitcher Sergio Romo who came to meet his namesake, Romo, the Zoo’s young Francois langur. In honor of the “lucky” monkey, SFZS will donate money to the conservation efforts of Flora & Fauna International, a group that focuses on saving the natural habitats of this species.

3. Animal Transactions. (Action Item) ACTION: MSA

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 – February 2013

DONATION TO	ANIMAL SPECIES	PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Staten Island Zoo 614 Broadway Staten Island, NY 10310 718/442-3100 x17	1.0 Hadada ibis <u><i>Bostrychia hagedash</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Fort Worth Zoo 1989 Colonial Pkwy Fort Worth, TX 76110 817/759-7170	0.1 South African shelduck <u><i>Tadorna cana</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Toledo Zoo PO Box 140130 Toledo, OH 43614-0801 419/389-6403 x2008	2.0 Waldrapp ibis <u><i>Geronticus eremite</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Reid Park Zoo 1100 South Randolph Way Tucson, AZ 85716 520/837-8186	2.0 Marbled teal <u><i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Sequoia Park Zoo 531 K Street Eureka, CA 95501 707/441-4263	4.2 Chilean flamingoes <u><i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Ellen Trout Zoo 402 Zoo Circle Lufkin, TX 75904 936/633-0399	3.2 Chilean flamingoes <u><i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Louisville Zoo 1100 Trevilian Way Louisville, KY 40233 502/459-2181	3.3 Chilean flamingoes <u><i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i></u>	NIL	N/A
DONATION FROM:			
Reid Park Zoo 1100 South Randolph Way Tucson, AZ 85716 520/837-8186	1.0 Marbled teal <u><i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i></u>	NIL	N/A
Florida Avian Conservancy 18981 Matt Road North Fort Myers, FL 33917 239/450-0034	0.1 Lady Ross' turaco <u><i>Musophaga rossae</i></u>	NIL	N/A

Tulsa Zoo
5701 E. 36th Street N
Tulsa, OK 74115-2105
918/669-6225

0.2 Madrills
Mandrillus sphinx

NIL

N/A

Lincoln Park Zoo
PO Box 14903
Chicago, IL 60614
312/742-7924

0.1 Hadada ibis
Bostrychia hagedash

NIL

N/A

Commissioner Buell questioned the Hadada ibis donations “to” and “from” Chicago and New York asking why the birds were not exchanged between those two facilities. Bocian responded that these transactions were breeding recommendations. Buell asked whether most transfers were for breeding purposes. Bocian replied it can be for both breeding and social reasons.

5. Animal Updates.

(Discussion)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

ANIMAL UPDATES – JANUARY 2013					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
10	1.0	Wrinkled hornbill	Loan In	San Diego Wild Animal Park	
31	0.3	San Clemente Island goat	Purchase	Private farm in Sonoma	
DISPOSITION					
				Age at Death	
2	0.4	Reindeer	Loan Return		Project Santa Claus
2	0.1	Koala	Death	12Y, 7M, 3D	Arthritis
3	0.1	Wallaroo	Death	16Y, 1M, 2D	Renal failure
6	0.1	Chimpanzee	Death	57Y, 8M, 13D	Pending
12	1.0	Chinchilla	Death	11Y, 0M, 11D	Lymphoma
22	1.0	Guinea pig	Death	2Y, 8M, 5D	Lung disease

Commissioner Buell asked clarification on the age of the chimpanzee of 57 years and is this old for this species. Bocian stated this is not a record but this chimpanzee, Tallulah, had been at SFZ since the 1960s.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked if there was more information on the death of the Guinea pig. SFZS Chief Vet Crawford stated it was a preliminary report and more details are pending.

5. Wellness Update

Dr. Terry Maple, SFZS

Dr. Maple spoke about collaborations with various organizations to assist the SFZ wellness program. These include UC Davis, San Francisco State and UOP and will involve observation projects. Also, collaborations with other zoos are in process. VP David Bocian used an example of a metrics study on lemur behavior.

Committee member Secchia suggested that the SFZ monthly *Animail* member publication provide conservation and wellness updates. Committee member Spinelli congratulated Dr. Maple and SFZS for initiating this program.

Member of Public, Mark Ennis, asked about stereotypic behavior, examples thereof and what organizations are being considered for collaboration. VP Bocian responded there is a range of

