

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Joint Zoo Committee Meeting

February 24, 2011

San Francisco Zoo

5:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Maria Alvarez, Chair
San Francisco Zoological Society (SFZS) Board Member, Bill Beech
Recreation and Park Commissioner, Larry Martin
Recreation and Park Commissioner, Paige Arata
Committee Advisor, Dr. Joseph Spinelli
Committee Advisor, Sally Stephens

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

Adoption of Minutes of the January 27, 2011 Committee Meeting

2. San Francisco Zoo Director's Report (Discussion)

Wayne Reading, Chief Financial Officer, SFZS

Mr. Reading reported that February attendance through February 23 is 30% above projection which has generated revenue 27.8% over budget. The weekend of February 12 & 13, Marketing presented two events which drew large crowds. Hearts, Hugs & Hippos showcased our new hippo and anyone who brought him a valentine received \$1.00 off admission and the Lunar New Year of the Hare celebration offered free admission to persons born in the Year of The Hare. Total visitors' attending the two days of activities was 10,604. In animal news, the hippo is adjusting well in his new exhibit. There is a new baby koala that is beginning to venture out of his mother's pouch. This past Tuesday the Snow leopard had minor surgery and is doing well. Committee Advisor Stephens asked what procedure was performed and Mr. Reading stated that it was the removal of a growth on the abdomen.

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

David Bocian, VP of Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

**SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTION RATIFICATION - February 2011**

DONATION TO:		PRICE	TOTAL DUE
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo 3701 S. 10 th Street Omaha, NE 68107 402/557-6932	3.0 Francois langurs <i>Trachypitecus francoisi</i>	NIL	N/A
California Academy of Sciences 55 Music Concourse Drive San Francisco, CA 94118 415/379-5206 415/379-5746 fax	0.0.12 Golfodulcean dart frogs <i>Phyllobates vittatus</i>	NIL	N/A

Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027
323/644-4207

0.1 Emperor tamarin
Saguinus imperator subgriseus

NIL N/A

Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027
323/644-4207

0.1 West African crowned crane
Balearica pavonina pavonina

NIL N/A

Montgomery Zoo
PO Box 3313
Montgomery, AL 36109
334/240-4900
334/240-4916 fax

1.0 Emperor tamarin
Saguinus imperator subgriseus

NIL N/A

DONATION FROM:

Ken Lucas
135 Crestmoor Circle
Pacifica, CA 94044
650/355-2926

0.0.1 Chihuahuan mountain kingsnake
Lampropeltis pyromelana knoblochi

NIL N/A

Chula Vista Nature Center
1000 Gunpowder Point Dr
Chula Vista, CA 91910
760/585-8990 cell
619/409-5910 fax

0.0.1 California Kingsnake
Lampropeltis getulus californiae

NIL N/A

TRADE:

Albuquerque Biological Park
903 10th Street SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505/764-6224

0.1 Reticulated giraffe
Giraffa camelopardalis

NIL N/A

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

ANIMAL UPDATES – JANUARY 2011					
DATE	SEX	ANIMALS	TRANSACTION		COMMENTS
ACQUISITIONS					
6	1.0	Hippopotamus	Donation	Topeka Zoo	
27	0.0.1	Chihuahuan Mtn. kingsnake	Donation	Private Party	

		DISPOSITION		Age at Death	
2	4.0	Reindeer	Loan Return		Operation Santa Claus
3	0.0.12	Golfodulcean poison dart frog	Donation		Cal Academy of Science
5	1.0	White-fronted amazon	Death	41Y 0M 3D	Pending
9	0.0.1	Golfodulcean poison dart frog	Death	0Y 11M 20D	Pending
11	1.0	Slender-tailed meerkat	Death	9Y 3M 6D	Pending
20	0.1	San Francisco garter snake	Death	5Y 8M 25D	Pending
24	0.0.1	Western toad	Death	7Y 7M 24D	Pending
29	0.1	Cochin chicken	Death	5Y 8M 29D	Pending

Committee Advisor Stevens asked what is a White-fronted amazon and Mr. Bocian responded that it is a parrot.

6. Collaboration with TMMC (Information only)

David Bocian, VP Animal Care & Enrichment, SFZS

Mr. Bocian will comment on possible collaboration with The Marine Mammal Center on two Sea Lions.

Mr. Bocian reported that two male Sea lions, both blind, have been at The Marine Mammal Center for treatment and rehabilitation and are now ready to be relocated to a permanent facility. Unfortunately no facility has agreed to accept the animals and discussions began between the Center and the San Francisco Zoo. The Zoo has agreed to accept these two animals, an approximately six year old who lost one eye due to a bullet wound and went blind in the other eye and a younger animal, approximately two years old who was found in northern California. The transfer of the animals must be approved by the Federal organization, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) before it can be completed.

Committee Advisor Spinelli asked if the Sea lions would be in the same pool as seal Orkney.

Mr. Bocian responded that they would be in the pool near the bear grottos that is specifically for Sea Lions. Committee Member Beech asked what the cause of the blindness in the second sea lion was caused. Mr. Bocian stated that at this point it has not been determined but indications are that it is from illness rather than injury. Advisor Stephens questioned the cost of the renovations needed for the pool and if they are major so as to delay the arrival of the animals. Mr. Bocian responded that the animals would not be brought in if the facilities would not provide the proper environment for the animals and that the pool does meet the current standards for such a habitat. Mr. Reading stated that the contractor had been out for inspection of the exhibit and was going to present his quote.

7. Announcements (Information only)

No announcements.

8. Chair's Announcements. (Information only)

No announcements.

9. Old Business. (Discussion)

The request from Advisor Stephens for a report presented on animal transport procedures is on the schedule for presentation within the next couple of months.

10. New Business/Future Agenda Items. (Information only)

No new business.

- 11. Public Comments:** Members of the public may address the committee on matters that are within the committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. Member of the Public, G. L. Hastings stated that he would like to see some affirmative action be taken on needed improvements to the Zoo facilities for acquisition of new animals as well as amenities which would make it a more desirable venue to visit and enjoy for the public. Advisor Spinelli requested that an updated presentation be given on the Master Plan and Fundraising Efforts. This item will be put on a future agenda.

- 11. Adjournment.**
Meeting was adjourned at 5:25p.m.

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