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OAKLAND ZOO

**Conservation Society of California
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
Marian Zimmer Auditorium
Maddie's Center for Science & Environmental Education
Knowland Park**

Welcome and Call to Order: Pamela Mintzer & Jeff Marshall, Co-Chairs
Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved
Opportunity for Public Comments: No public comments
Welcome and State of the Zoo Report: Dr. Joel Parrott

Leadership Team Introductions:

Nik Dehejia: Executive Vice President
Colleen Kinzley: VP ACCR
Dr. Alex Herman: VP Veterinary Services
Bob Westfall: VP Park Services
Amy Gotliffe: VP Conservation
Dr. Cat Meyers: VP Education
Kristin Heller: VP Development
Erin Harrison: VP Marketing
Mark Stuart: VP Operations
Michelle Myers: VP Experience & Engagement
Randy Kyle: VP People Services
Dr. Lynnette Waugh: Staff Veterinarian

Dr. Parrott's presentation included a summary of the highlights for 2019 which included the following:

- Budongo Chimpanzee Snare Removal Project in Uganda. Amy Gotliffe – VP Conservation Department at Oakland Zoo presented Dr. Parrott with a framed picture of Chimpanzee Oakland and her baby Ozzie. The frame had been made from snares that had been found in Budongo.
- Overview of the linnii Bison Project Video narrated by Michelle Myers – VP Experience and Engagement
- Review of the CSC Vision for 2030
- AZA Accreditation was approved until 2024
- CA Trail received two National Awards:
 - AZA Exhibit Award
 - NAI – National Association of Interpretation Award
 - The California Trail, Oakland Zoo Engineering News Record (ENR) California – Best Project Award for Northern California, Cultural Category, 2018.

- New Operations Parking System was implemented
- Membership is up to 31,407 and it equates to 130,410 individuals
- Review of Oakland Zoo's funding sources
- Review of our conservation partners locally, nationally and internationally. Our very successful onsite Quarters for Conservation Program.
- Oakland Zoo sourced funding for a bus that will take us into a new era and enable us to bring many more students to the zoo. Thank you to HEDCO and Fremont Bank Foundation.
- Thank you to Zookeeper Erica Calcagno for her outstanding service to Oakland Zoo/CSC from 1979 to 2019.

Volunteer Recognition Awards:

Lisa O'Dwyer – Volunteer Services Director/Asst. Education Director

- Docent of the Year: Paul Ferreira
- Volunteer of the Year: Kathy Ho (Liaison between Oakland Zoo & HOBA)

Volunteer Services Highlights for 2019:

- 640 Volunteers donated 82,532 hours to the zoo which equates to 39 full time employees at a cost saving to the zoo of \$1.2million.
- Animal Encounters seasonal program that is held in the Clorox Wildlife Theater presented to 15,000 zoo guests on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 21 new Docent graduates completed the 2019 15-week Docent Training Program.
- 399 Docents & special events volunteers supported 36 zoo events during 2019.
- 412 zoo guests participated in 30 Veterinary Hospital Tours.
- 2,029 zoo guests participated in 194 Docent Led Cart or Walking Tours lead by our trained Docents.

We have over 250-year-round Animal Care volunteers who assist zookeepers:

Four of Animal Care volunteers have donated 5,000 hours to the zoo: Joanne Ciazinski, Debbie Dettmer, Cheryl Matthews and Pat Silverman.

516 Arroyo Viejo Creek volunteers assisted out Horticulture team by clearing an exhibit area for our Western Pond Turtles in the Education Courtyard, maintaining the Education Courtyard Gardens and with various habitat restoration projects at the section of the Arroyo Viejo Creek that runs through Oakland Zoo in Knowland Park on Earth Day, World Oceans Day, Creek to Bay Day and Endangered Species Day.

Community Group Program Volunteers

- 77 community groups made up of 2,579 individuals volunteered 7,939 hours and this interprets to a cost saving of approximately \$120k to Oakland Zoo.

Board of Trustees Report:

Pamela Mintzer & Jeff Marshall, Co-Chairs

Approval of New Trustees 2020-2022

- Michael Bruck
- Marvin Friedman
- Cathy Langridge
- Liz Ludwig
- Cynthia Stoddard
- Patrick Sherwood
- Elogeanne Grossman

Approval of Second Term Trustees 2020-2022

- Pamela Mintzer
- Jennifer Fall
- Jessica Huard
- Lea Van Ness

Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs for 2020

- Pamela Mintzer: Chair
- Dennis DeDomenico: Vice Chair
- Nancy Clark: Vice Chair
- Treasurer: Patrick Sherwood
- Secretary: Jeff Marshall
- Development Chair: Nancy Clark
- Planning Chair: Pamela Mintzer
- Marketing Chair: Jessica Huard
- Nominating Chair: Jeff McKinnon
- Education Chair: Lea Van Ness

Recognition of Departing Trustee:

Secil Watson

Secil Watson was presented with a framed footprint by Jeff Marshall of “Donna”, one of Oakland Zoo’s Elephants and an Elephant figurine thanking her for her 6 years of service in many roles on the Board as Co-Chair, Secretary and Education Chair. Secil shared with the meeting that it had been a privilege to see what Dr. Parrott and his leadership team have achieved not only for our schools but for our community. Secil recently visited our conservation partners on a trip that was escorted by Dr. Parrott to Kenya, and she thanked Dr. Parrott for the time and effort that he has put into so many Oakland Zoo accomplishments.

Recognition of Outgoing Co-Chair:

Jeff Marshall

Pamela Mintzer thanked Jeff Marshall for his service as Co-Chair. Jeff Marshall remains on the Board as the Secretary and Trustee. Jeff thanked Oakland Zoo staff and volunteers for being a part of the team and expressed that every minute that you volunteer at the zoo or with one of our conservation partners you are helping to protect habitats and animals.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment:

Pamela Mintzer

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.