



Minutes of the 7/26/05 Meeting

**Executive Board**

- Kevin Herink  
*President*
- John Mirassou  
*First Vice President*
- Dick Krebs  
*Second Vice President*
- Bob Meistrell  
*Third Vice President*
- Bill Paukert  
*Treasurer*
- Robert Douglas
- Chris Gerold
- Graham Grice
- Mike Morgan
- Don Mueller
- Stuart Strachan
- Derek Tetlow

Board members present:

- Dick Krebs
- Kevin Herink
- Don Muller
- Bill Paukert
- Bob Meistrell
- Graham Grice

Other members and guests

- Jack Laisure
- Dave Sadler

Call to order - the meeting officially started at 7:10 with Kevin Herink presiding.

Agenda & Discussion

1. Review and approve minutes of the 6/28/05 meeting -  
**Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of 6/28/05 meeting**

The agenda contained two items - 1). RBBA's upcoming meeting with the city and; 2). Other recent harbor pollution occurrences. A committee was formed to create a presentation for the city regarding our views on a red tide clean up crew and recent harbor pollution occurrences. It was noted that both items were completed and that meeting with city officials was beneficial in seeing that our concerns surrounding the harbor were heard.

2. Treasury Report

**Motion Passed: Liability Insurance renewal - Estimated cost to renew our policy is estimated at \$1,500 May seek other provider or continue with current.**

Timing of memberships were discussed. Our membership end date is always December 31. By selecting one end date, the board feels we can more efficiently manage the renewal function. Some concerns were raised when individuals would join mid year and later and their "annual" membership would only be good for a few months. The board decided to set clear guidelines for membership length.

**Motion Passed: Membership Expiration -** For new members who join during January, February, or March the current year will be counted as a full year membership. For new members who join between April-December the current year is not counted and the membership ends December 31st of the following year. The membership end date calculation applies to either an annual or four year membership.

**3. Contest Winner Announced-**

Oh well, we decided that we have to wait until July is over to announce the winner.

**4. Seminar planning - Canceled**

**5. Meeting with Mayor/City Manager/Councilman -**

We discussed the meeting between members of the RBBA's with city officials held July 15, 2005. The RBBA presented a slide show highlighting some recent sources of pollution in the harbor and presented some ideas to establish an emergency clean up plan to prepare for the next red tide. The RBBA also presented some recent professional water samples taken at various points in the harbor and presented the results. The RBBA group that attended felt very positive that the mayor, the city manager and district 2 councilman were taking our concerns seriously. The city officials presented a memo outlining the establishment of a "Water Quality Task Force".

In addition to water testing, we recommended several other actions that we strongly support as part of a overall water quality program. Namely:

A redundant lift station configuration with an alarm system.  
Diverter valves that allow initial waste water to be directed to the city sewer system to significantly reduce the amount of accumulated sewer pipe debris that currently flows straight into the harbor.  
Post a pollution hotline number to report suspected polluting occurrences.

Also presented were the results of recent harbor water testing at several locations. These were the same test results presented in our meeting with the city

**6. Water Quality Task Force**

Redondo Beach officially established a Water Quality Task Force on July 18th 2005. The task force's expected focus (quoting from the proposal)

"1) Educate residents, visitors and businesses about the importance of clean surface waters and ocean waters:

2) Inform residents, visitors and businesses about the best practices to meet regional, state and federal water quality regulations;

- 3) Advise the Mayor & City Council on how to best prepare for meeting higher water quality standards locally and regionally; and
- 4) Advise the Mayor & City Council on emergency preparedness and clean up of future red tide problems."

The proposal was drafted by Mayor Mike Gin and Councilman Chris Cagle. The 15 member task force will be appointed by the mayor. The membership of the task force may include residents, boaters, business operators, students, the Visitors Bureau, regulatory agencies, builders, and environmental groups. Don Muller has volunteered to participate on the task force. The RBBA board president will write the mayor asking him to seat Don on the task force.

7. **Annual Meeting** - October 21st, 2005 was selected as the date for our annual meeting general meeting. A committee of three was selected to work out the details of the annual meeting and report back to the board.

8. **New business - open discussion**

- Non Official Warning On July 20th, a notice was sent to the RBBA membership warning them of potential danger of contaminated harbor water and to wash thoroughly with soap and fresh water if contact with harbor water is made. This was the first warning of this kind that was sent to the general membership and discussion centered on the appropriateness of sending a "non-official warning". The general consensus was that it was appropriate especially considering we had current professional water samples indicating contaminants were present.
- Aeration for the harbor. Discussion centered around the potential benefits of having an aeration system installed for our harbor in order to combat conditions which cause the harbor to be depleted of oxygen.