Avila Beach Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025 – 5:00 PM
Avila Beach Community Center

Board Members Present:
Barbara Nicholson, Ellen Pitrowski, Tim Luken, Percy Jones, Joe Caradonna, Lucinda Borchard, Bev Aho, Deb Pritchard (Zoom), Patrick Corrigan (Zoom), Rick Cohen (Zoom)

Board Members Absent:
Paul Prather

Staff Present:
Rick Rowe, Marina Searcy

Guest:
Andrew Dibbern, Heroes on the Water

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1) Call to Order

President Barbara Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2) Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by Marina Searcy. All board members were present except Paul Prather.

3) Introductions

a. Marina Searcy was welcomed to her first ABCF Board Meeting.

b. Andrew Dibbern from Heroes on the Water was introduced as a grant applicant.

4) Grant Applicant Presentations

a. Andrew Dibbern presented on behalf of Heroes on the Water.

b. A video presentation from Upwell was shown.

5) Consent Items

- Motion to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes and August/September financials was made by Percy Jones and seconded by Ellen Pitrowski.
- Action: Motion passed unanimously.

6) Foundation Action Items

2026 Grant Allocation Discussion:

- First motion: 4% allocation proposed by Barbara Nicholson, seconded by Lucinda Borchard. Withdrawn.
- Second motion: 5% allocation proposed by Joe Caradonna, seconded by Ellen Pitrowski. Defeated 4–5.
- Final motion: 4.5% allocation proposed by Bev Aho, seconded by Ellen Pitrowski.
    - Action: Motion passed unanimously.

7) Other Business Items

a. Distribution of 2026 ABCF Trustee Intention Forms.

   Forms were completed and collected by Marina Searcy.

8) Informational Items

a. Final call for Trustee donations to the Discretionary Fund.
b. 2026 Meeting Calendar is under construction.
c. 2026 Operational Budget is being developed, with potential changes to workflow and bookkeeping.
d. Marina distributed the 2026 Grant Applications.

9) Reminders

- Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night: Friday, November 7, 2025
- City to the Sea Run: Sunday, November 16, 2025
- Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09