

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society - Chapter Meeting  
January 30, 2013**

**Location: TWS Western section conference**

Meeting called to order: 1945

Introductions

**Board members reports:**

Skip Moss – President

- Budgetary items
  - o We provided support for board members to attend WS conference
  - o We provided coverage for students to attend – but no one took us up on it
  - o We made donations of \$250 each to 4 non-profit groups
    - San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
    - Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
    - Sierra Foothill Conservancy
    - Sequoia Riverlands Trust
  - o We funded Nicole Blackhawk for her MS research study on giant kangaroo rat genetics

Jeff Davis – President elect

- Nothing to report

Curt Uptain – Past President

- Was not able to attend last meeting
- Gave a brief update on the SM workshop
  - o still need to send 90 day report to USFWS

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- Currently we have 180 members
- We have \$37,000 total in the bank
- We had \$5000 in expenses this year

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- Nothing to report

Linda Connolly – Chapter representative

- Not present but provided a summary of minutes from the WS meeting
- Sac/Shasta are considering doing a BUOW workshop.
- Insurance for the chapter – Mike Chapel has been offering insurance. Most chapters do not think that they need it.
- Dan Yasuda is checking with National about accessibility issues
- The WS may move our website off of the Joomla website
- We submitted a nomination for ourselves as chapter of the year

#### Howard Clark – webmaster

- SM workshop update was made to the webpage
- Any new info we want to add – let Howard know

#### Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- We should have a newsletter soon
- Try to get it out before our NCC conference
- Anything and everything is welcome
- Let's set a March 1 deadline

#### Doug Bell – WS president-elect

- Suggested having a cross chapter meeting on a property in Contra Costa Co.

### **Current Business:**

#### **New President Elect**

- Lori Bono

#### **Workshops for 2013**

- BUOW – Jeff Davis
- BNLL – Lori Bono and Erin Tennant

#### BUOW discussion

- There is also a BUOW consortium meeting this year, would people go to both?
- Are there other workshops folks would like to see??
- Ideas:
  - o SWHA
  - o Condor
  - o CTS – could also include all vernal pools

#### \*Jeff: Madhu Katti does a lot of work on urban ecology

- Might be interesting to have a one day urban ecology session
- Group consensus that this would be a really interesting event
- Jeff will work on looking into the possibility/planning

#### BNLL workshop

- Issue with folks getting level 2 survey standard without getting a lot of survey time in (?)
- Need to think about how we want to address this

#### **Update from Cynthia Perrine**

- There will be a wildlife techniques course outside Santa Cruz from Aug 5-16.
- Looking for professionals to come help teach methods
- 2 week course
- Professionals would come out for just a few days

### **Other workshops:**

- Do we want to have a Certified Wildlife Biologist workshop?
  - o We can have Rys put one on for our chapter
  - o Three folks at the meeting said they would be interested.

### **What should we do with our surplus money?**

- Establish a rainy day fund?
- Don't want to go over \$50,000 in our account – taxes would get more complex
  - Jeff Davis: I think the \$50K pertains to annual earnings rather than account balances.
- Trying to make chapter budget more predictable
- Other chapters have money in CDs? But sounds like it may not be worth it
- Central coast chapter just received a living trust – they must have put some of it in CDs?
- We do have a chapter budget, but it still is not very standard

### **Chapter History**

- Charter member Reed Sanderson contacted Jeff with some details about the early years of the Chapter.
- Jeff and Curtis will try to fill in the gaps and summarize the Chapter history. They may contact Brad Valentine, Steve Juarez, and Mike Chapel for more info.
- The chapter was started in 1966.

\*If anyone is interested in Chapter History please contact Curtis and/or Jeff

### **Yahoo listserve and Facebook page**

- We do have a facebook page
  - o San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- We have a Yahoo listserv that anyone can sign up to join. Contact Jeff for info.

### **Transfer of Power**

- Jeff Davis is our new president elect

Jeff:

- Appoints board members
  - o Justin appointed to remain treasurer
  - o Linda appointed to remain Chapter representative

### **Reminders:**

- NCC will be March 28, 2013 at CSUB
- Next chapter meeting will be after the NCC

Meeting adjourned: 2055

## Member sign-in sheet list

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