

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
August 3, 2013
Location: Sequoia Brewing Company, Fresno, CA

1614 Meeting called to order

- Motion to approve for food and drinks for the meeting
- Motion passed

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting
- Motion passed

Introductions

Jeff Davis, Lori Bono and Skip – President, President-elect, Past-president

- Looking for folks interested in board positions – contact them if you are interested
- Looking for president-elect and treasurer
- JS does not want to continue to be treasurer, partly because he does not want to be a member of national
- Discussion of whether the chapter should cover the fees of TWS national for board members
 - o It could become a perk and encourage board members to join
 - o If we cover it would probably be \$500 annually
 - o We may want to say this is something we will vote on every year and the decision will be made based on the current year's budget

- SM: motion to allocate \$500 annually to cover board members to be part of national if they need it.
- ET: second
- Motion carries
- JS – abstained from voting

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- 215 members
- We have \$45,200 total in the bank

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- Nothing to report

ACTION ITEM: Will contact Steve Juarez to get his current contact information

Linda Connolly – Chapter representative

- Linda discussed she may not be able to continue to be chapter rep – the time commitment is intense. Perhaps we should be thinking of someone to

replace her. Linda said she could potentially step into another position on the board.

- 2014 conference in Reno
- Activities will start a day earlier this year
- Cynthia Perrine will be the WS rep to national

Howard Clark – webmaster

- We migrated to the new website
- Need bio for president-elect

ACTION ITEM: Lori will send her bio

- Western wildlife – HC will be layout editor

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- Preference for newsletter date? Maybe before the end of the year?

Current Business:

SJKF poster contest review

- JD judged posters that were submitted
- Great posters!
- Posters will be on display on campuses and various other areas

BNLL workshop and donations

- Turned away only a few folks (4-5?)
- Survey – 20 responses. Most wanted to see more lizards; otherwise very good workshop

DONATIONS:

- We may want to put up a big wood sign on the ER with some of the money.
- County may have sign fees?
- HC said a sign for Audubon costs \$2000 in the past.
- We need to figure out exactly how much revenue we generated from the workshop
- Reg fees were \$12,400
- Perhaps we should have folks volunteer to go out to the site and do annual surveys – we could think about having the chapter sponsor this.
- We know that we want to make a donation to working dogs for conservation.

ACTION ITEMS: JS – figure out bottom line from the BNLL workshop

ET – will offer advice on the cost of the sign for the ER and determine the best contact for the donation for working dogs.

Urban Ecology Symposium:

- Maybe mid Nov or early Dec?
- 1 day symposium

- JD and Dr. Katti at Fresno State came up with a list of 10-12 potentially invited speakers to present – we would target specific individuals to give presentations

Professional development 2014:

- Jim Lowry – we are thinking of doing a 1 day workshop that he would give and we would pay for the student fees

ACTION ITEM: CVHJ will contact Jim Lowry about tracking workshop

Other Professional Development Ideas:

- Botanical class
 - o Early spring with 5 special status plants – maybe in vernal pools
 - o Talk to Reagan at CDFW
- CTS workshop?
- Identifying the habitats that support wildlife?
- CWB training with Rhys?
- Red-legged frog/Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog/Yosemite toad – potential for some permitting issues here
- MGS?

Other ideas:

- Perhaps Tim Khun can lead a field trip for us to the Hetch Hetchy restoration area
- San Luis wildlife refuge outing
- CALM Christmas lights? And/or holiday party???

Chapter History

- JD put together a spreadsheet
- 2007 has some gaps
- Goal is to provide a history on the website

ACTION ITEM: all of us can look at the chapter history spreadsheet and fill in the gaps

Appointment of Curtis Uptain as Chapter representative to the WS professional development committee

Yahoo listserv and Facebook page

- We do have a facebook page
 - o San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- We have a Yahoo groups listserv that anyone can signup to join and can post items of interest.

Next chapter board meeting:

- Nov-Dec

- Following meeting in Jan at TWS conference in Reno

Meeting adjourned: 1832

Member sign-in sheet list

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