

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**Chapter Meeting**  
**December 14, 2013**  
**Location: The home of Jeff Davis**

1416 Meeting called to order

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting
- Motion passed

**Board reports**

Jeff Davis, Lori Bono and Skip Moss (absent)- President, President-elect, past-president

- Rick Perry and Eric Shaad submitted candidate statements for president-elect

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- 210 active members with email addresses
- We have \$43,752.66 total in the bank

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- Gave a brief overview of Western Section strategic planning meeting she attended in Cambria for Linda Connolly

Linda Connolly – Chapter representative

- 2014 conference in Reno at the end of January
- Chapter will have a meeting room at the facility
- Jeff Davis will take over Chapter Rep duties at the conclusion of this meeting

Howard Clark – webmaster

- New webpage is up
- Chapter history, newsletters and minutes are all up
- Will add natural communities conference info and workshop info

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> – will be sending out a newsletter
- Survey monkey will be used for voting for president-elect

**Current Business:**

1. Electronic voting for President-elect
  - Linda Connolly will set up
  - Christine will send candidate statements
  - We'll have to figure out voting deadlines

2. Annual meeting in Reno
  - Meeting will be Jan 29-31: Wed, Thurs and Friday.
  - Most folks will need to arrive Tues evening
  - Some chapter board members may not be able to attend conference without support
  - Last year we did support some board members to attend
  - ET: motioned to cover board members who need assistance to attend the annual meeting up to \$500 each
  - Motion passed
  - Discussed whether we should fund students and new professionals
  - New professionals will be defined as up to 3 years out of university
  - Up to \$500 could be allocated for each student. Receipts and chapter membership required.
  - Chapter would fund up to 5 individuals on a first come first serve basis.
  - ET: motioned to fund students and new professionals using aforementioned guidelines.
  - Motion passed
  
3. Donations for BNLL workshop
  - The chapter made ~\$8000 from the workshop
  - Discussion of allocation of money:
    - o \$2000 donation to Working Dogs for Conservation
    - o \$2000 to CALM
    - o \$2000 to CDFW to do something beneficial for Buttonwillow Ecological Reserve. Either the money will go toward buying a wood sign that can be displayed on the Reserve or the money will be used to buy fencing supplies. ET will look into the wood sign and determine cost.
  - ET: motioned to use the revenue from the workshop in the aforementioned allocation
  - Motion passed
  
4. Professional Development
  - Botany workshop
    - o Lori Bono is taking the lead
    - o Ellen Cypher is willing to be a speaker and will provide content, etc.
    - o Reagen O'Leary also could provide content
    - o Vernal pool plants will probably not be included
    - o Thinking more grassland and upland shrub community focus
    - o Veg Mapping – Jennifer Buck Diaz from CNPS might be good
    - o Jeff Davis and Erin Tennant will provide help
    - o Linda Connolly will continue to do registration logistics for the chapter

- Lokern area for a field site
- Thinking March-ish
- Urban Ecology Symposium
  - Erin is willing to take on some of the work, with Jeff providing some assistance
  - Maybe Fall 2014
- Fun Tracking workshop for chapter members
  - Jim Lowery would teach the workshop
  - CVHJ still wants to organize

5. 2014 Natural Communities Conference

- Will be March 27 at CSUB
- Larry, Brian, and Dave will still take care of the schedule

**Yahoo listserv and Facebook page**

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

**Next chapter board meeting:**

- Wed Jan 29 @ WS meeting in Reno

Meeting adjourned: 1609

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