

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Chapter Meeting  
December 13, 2014**

**Location: Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA**

1725 Meeting called to order

- Introductions
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (passed)
- Motion to approve drink and food purchases for chapter members at the current meeting (passed)

**Board reports**

Jeff Davis – Past-president and Chapter Representative

- WS strategic plan is now being finalized. Should perhaps see a survey monkey about it soon
- WS is now using constant contact to keep in touch instead of the yahoo groups
- WS conference coming up soon

Lori Bono – President

- nothing to report

Rick Perry – Present-elect (absent)

- nothing to report

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- nothing to report

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- We currently have \$37,811 in our accounts and 261 members

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- Will combine next newsletter with elections. Need candidate statements to go in the newsletter.

Howard Clark – webmaster

- Since our host website changed a bit, had to re-link our website. Everything is fixed now.

## **Current Business:**

1. Certification workshop
  - 18 in attendance
  - Rhys helped folks with how to tweak their application and apply for certification
  - Motion passed to reimburse Lori for the extra \$50 she went over on her budget for the CWB workshop
  
2. NCC planning
  - CSUB has continued to be very difficult to work with; looking into other possibilities
  - May want to try some alternative timing??
  - Thinking still best to have as a one day conference
  - ACTION ITEM: Christine will discuss with Dave, Brian, and Larry and get their feedback
  
3. Botany Workshop
  - Dates are set for April 9-10
  - Field trip will be to Lokern, possibly also to the Carrizo Plain
  - Might combine with CNPS, although they may have a conflict with the field trip, not sure yet
  
4. Urban Ecology conference
  - Erin has been unsuccessful in getting a response from Dr. Madu Katti at CSU Fresno
  - Perhaps we can coordinate with John Constable instead?
  - ACTION ITEM: Lori will try to contact John Constable
  
5. Board candidates
  - Julie Vance, Ryan Lopez, and Kristofer Robison have expressed interest
  - Renee Robinson would like to be involved, but is quite busy, perhaps as membership coordinator
    - Renee Robinson is appointed as membership coordinator
  - Julie might be good for Secretary, and Ryan for treasurer. Lori and Jeff will discuss with them.
  - Kris is willing to run for president
  - We also have other potential appointed positions:
    - Conservation Affairs committee
    - Program Development committee
    - Workshop committee
    - Public outreach coordinator
  - Erin is willing to take on role of program development, Justin is willing to be the public outreach coordinator

6. Panorama Vista Preserve possible BioBlitz
  - River partners is doing some reveg work at the preserve
  - Currently there is a lack of any real biological data from the preserve
  - If we organized some volunteer survey we could provide some basic biological data on the preserve and restoration effort. Surveys could include:
    - o Birds
    - o Plants
    - o Camera stations
    - o Small mammal trapping
    - ACTION ITEM: organize a bioblitz day (according to my notes we failed to appoint someone to this).
  - Do we need insurance for this?
    - ACTION ITEM: Jeff will look into how other chapters deal with liability and Christine will ask the preserve if they have an insurance policy.
7. Year-end donations
  - Voted to fund \$500 in year-end donations to the following organizations, \$3000 in total.
    - o Sierra foothill Conservancy
    - o Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
    - o San Joaquin River Conservation Trust
    - o River Partners
    - o Working Dogs for Conservation
    - o Sequoia Riverlands Trust
8. WS conference chapter meeting
  - Need to decide where to have our meeting at the WS conference
  - If meeting at the Hyatt we can only eat and drink their food
  - If meeting at the Marroitt next door we can bring our own food
  - ACTION ITEM: Jeff will send us information on the food costs
9. Travel grants for students
  - Motion passes to award \$500 in travel grants to WS conference for up to 5 students.
10. Award for Linda Connolly
  - Presented Linda with a lifetime membership to the chapter in honor of her service.
11. Other items
  - Motion passed to spend \$500 on raffle items to donate to the WS meeting

**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 sign up to join and can post items of interest.

Meeting adjourned: 1927

**Member attendance list**

Erin Tennant

Lori Bono

Howard Clark

Christine Van Horn Job

Kristofer Robison

Renee Robison

Justin Sloan

Linda Connolly

Jeff Davis