

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
**Chapter Meeting**  
**September 13, 2015**

**Location: Planing Mill, Visalia, CA**

2015 Meeting called to order 13:20

- Motion to approve minutes from 3/26/15 meeting (passed; Erin Tennant motioned, Jeff Davis seconded).
- Motion to approve that Chapter purchase food and beverages for the meeting (passed; Jeff Davis Motioned, Lori Bono seconded).

**Board Reports**

Erin Tennant – President

- see agenda

Kris Robinson – President elect

- nothing to report

Lori Bono – Past-president

- nothing to report

Julie Vance – Secretary

- nothing to report

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- We currently have \$26,346.69 in our accounts.
- Donations this year: \$2000 to CALM for San Joaquin kit fox caging (to address influx of individuals with mange in the City of Bakersfield). At one point there were 30 cases of mange in 32 days. Other donations included \$1500 to Ayer Elementary (bus transport for Sierra Nevada trip); \$509 for Rick Perry going away gift; \$500 to Wildlife Conservancy; \$500 to Working Dogs for Conservation; \$500 to RiverPartners; \$500 to San Joaquin River Parkway; \$500 to Sierra Foothill Conservancy; and \$500 to Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners.

Jeff Davis –Chapter Representative

- nothing to report

**Committee Chair Reports**

Christine Van Horn Job - newsletter editor

- Next newsletter likely soon, to tie into tracking workshop and to announce December Chapter meeting. Plan to have out by early October. Will need submittals by 9/27/15, newsletter target to be out by 10/4/15 or 10/11/15. ACTION ITEM: Christine will send a call for newsletter items to Renee to send out to the Chapter membership.

Howard Clark – webmaster (absent)

- nothing to report

Linda Connolly – Registrar (absent)

- nothing to report

Renee Robison - Membership Coordinator

- We now have 273 Chapter members.

Justin Sloan – Public Outreach Coordinator (absent)

- nothing to report

Skip Moss (tentative) – Conservation Affairs (absent)

- nothing to report

Erica Kelly – Student Affairs

- nothing to report

**Current Business:**

1. Purchase of Projector: Need to have Chapter projector for conferences, meetings, etc. Group agreed. ACTION ITEM: Howard Clark will evaluate process, models, etc. once back in San Joaquin Valley.
2. Atwell Island Outreach- Quick Summary (Erin Tennant): Larry Saslaw, Christine VanHorn Job, and Erin Tennant attended. A lot of local kids attended from Tulare, Alpaugh, etc. We brought kit fox mounts, etc. Possibly will be a regular/annual event. Is one at Allensworth annually at the State Park. ACTION ITEM: Erin will check into if this is a regular event.
3. Carrizo Plain botany Field Trip report (Jeff Davis): Chapter member Ellen Cypher led field trip in April for about a dozen participants. A lot of rare species observed, some of which are still being determined/identified. Will be a possible repeat for spring 2016, day or camping trip, possibly at CDFW's Chimineas ER/house.
4. Student Grant Application (Erin Tennant): Erin has UC Santa Cruz student working on a blunt-nosed leopard lizard (BNLL) and climate change project with and whom will submit a grant application. He presents at the Natural Communities Conference and is a long term Chapter member. Everyone OK with reviewing an application now, Board members will review. ACTION ITEM: Erin will email application out once received.
5. "Meet Up" Group Creation (Renee Robison): Costs \$15/mo. Group would be pretty open, but can include questions to filter. Members could not post directly. Already possible with yahoo group, also similar to gmail group. After much discussion, the group decided that this is probably not appropriate for the Chapter.
6. Workshop Updates (all):

- Tracking WS: Nov 14-15 at Windwolves. Planning on Camping. Windwolves is asking for a donation to use the facilities of \$20/participant. Sunday will use Windwolves buses to go to higher elevation areas. Will be \$95-100 per person cost for Jim Lowery to put on the WS. Discussed possibility for having a caterer, since there won't be a lot of time to cook/prepare meals, but we want to keep costs low. Would include lunch, dinner, and breakfast at campsite (plus away lunch). We discussed requirement for participants to bring their own food, we can provide snacks. Jim Lowery has new edition of book out, could include in cost of WS. He also has a canid leaflet. ACTION ITEM: Jeff Davis will follow up re insurance. We will also advertise to Chapter members (so they have priority), can advertise more broadly if still have openings.
  - Urban Ecology Workshop: Are we still interested? Yes. ACTION ITEM: Kris Robison will reach out to a few potential presenters. Possible for Fall 2016. Jeff Davis said that possible to do a joint event with AEP. ACTION ITEM: Jeff Davis and Lori Bono will follow up.
  - BNLL Workshop: Possible in spring 2016. Possible to do both BNLL and plant workshops in early 2016? Decided to pursue spring 2016 BNLL workshop, without binders, can post info online. Should possibly do at a hotel, should plan on 50 people. Should avoid CSUB given past facility issues. Chimineas is a possibility.
  - Botany Workshop: Maybe decide in Jan 2016 if we have good rainfall.
7. Future Donation for USFS Ranger Week (Erin Tennant): Would we be interested in donating again (to pay for school buses to provide transportation for disadvantaged schools). Yes. ACTION ITEM: Erin Tennant will follow up, we would like to have board member or chapter member attend as well.
  8. Student/Professional Lunch with CSUB Bio Club (Erin Tennant): Could we sponsor a lunch? Could include free lunch for students, maybe in Bakersfield in November, could repeat at CSU Fresno. Group was interested. ACTION ITEM: Erin Tennant to follow up.
  9. Next Chapter Meeting: Christmas 2015?

Meeting adjourned: 1532 (Erin Tennant motioned, Kris Robison seconded)

**Member attendance list**

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