

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
June 4, 2016

Location: Sequoia Brewing Company, Fresno, CA

Meeting called to order 14:10

- Motion to approve minutes from 2/25/16 meeting (Kris Robison motioned, Jeff Davis seconded, motion passed).

Board Reports

Kris Robison – President

- see agenda

Kacy O'Malley – President elect

- nothing to report

Erin Tennant – Past-president

- nothing to report

Julie Vance – Secretary

- nothing to report

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- We currently have \$25,867.41 in the Chapter bank accounts. Coffee mugs are ready to go once we have the 50th anniversary logo.

Jeff Davis –Chapter Representative

- Does TWS-WS accept the views of TWS? 1) TWS is now accepting donations from corporations like Bayer, etc. Note: This generated much discussion, many Chapter meeting participants uncomfortable with this approach; 2) TWS annual meeting in South Carolina; was no mention of the equality issue brewing in that state.
- Members wonder what happened to the TWS-WS newsletter; TWS-WS changed to Constant Contact. This means no more Chapter Reports. TWS-WS now wants Chapters to do fill in the blank template annual report. Person that was TWS-WS newsletter editor is now the Constant Contact editor; looking to pay someone to do this job.
- Dues increase info to come out soon.
- After discussion at the Chapter meeting, Jeff Davis (ACTION ITEM) will suggest to TWS-WS that Chapter of the Year not be self-nomination process; rather, should use annual Chapter reports as basis for award, selected by TWS-WS.

Committee Chair Reports

Christine Van Horn Job - newsletter editor

- Not present, emailed report: Will put together a summary of the NCC. It was another successful year, and we have received many very good comments. Christine wants to pass on responsibility for the newsletter; if anyone is interested

in taking over the newsletter after this one let her know. She will also put a notice in the newsletter. She is also looking into an outing at the San Luis NWR with the new visitors center, maybe when it's a good time for the over wintering birds.

Howard Clark – webmaster

- See agenda Item 3

Linda Connolly – Registrar

- \$7650.00 transferred from the paypal account to the bank account from the BNLL workshop.
- BNLL WS was crazy; announcement out at 4/6/16 at 1650, and 25/30 slots were sold by that night; totally sold out in 24 hours. Probably could have doubled attendance. In the future, could have higher attendance with more field assistance, but would require multiple field sites to minimize impacting the field site.
- NCC: Didn't get list of who needed to pay by credit card until 2 weeks after WS. Don't normally allow people to pay after the fact; in the past people would normally send in the reg form and Linda would bill them.
- For future WS, maybe direct link to registration and paypal, either by separate webpage or by Howard on Chapter website.
- ACTION ITEM: Skip Moss will look into Square option for future workshops.

Renee Robison - Membership Coordinator

- We now have 105 current members. TWS updates every month.
- For future NCC, need to decide how to charge members vs. non-members (can they become a member at the time of registration and get the member rate?)
- Was a TWS check in the mail, went to Renee. ACTION ITEM: Renee will check what this is for, checks TWS portal.
- Chapter meeting participants agreed that we want reduced rate for Chapter members.
- Would be good to keep membership sign-ups and workshop registration separate in the future...confuses things. ACTION ITEM: Need to decide on this issue before the next workshop.
- Renee is evaluating use of the Member Planet software for tracking membership, etc. \$5/mo fee. Can have unlimited members, 1000 emails/mo total (e.g. 3 emails to 300 members). Can collect membership dues through this service, and can remind people to send in dues. Also can accept credit cards and paypal. Charge is 3% per transaction, or 2.2% for non-profits. Could help better coordinate between Registrar and Membership Coordinator. Could also share info with membership. Renee will beta test, can do for free. The \$5 membership fee would be charged 2.2%, but maybe OK for ease of joining.

Justin Sloan – Public Outreach Coordinator

- Looking into early Dec Chapter meeting at the San Luis NWR office.

Skip Moss – Conservation Affairs

- Keith Norris (TWS Conservation Chair) swung by Pomona Chapter meeting. Skip has sent an email to Keith regarding Conservation Affairs and has not heard back.
- Brian Cypher (ESRP) requesting \$ for treating mangy foxes in Bakersfield. Sent email to Keith Norris, no response. Contacted Cynthia Perrine at TWS-WS re liability, OK to proceed. ACTION ITEM: Jeff Davis will raise the issue of no response

from TWS with TWS-WS Conservation Affairs committee, and will get email from TWS conservation affairs group and will forward to Renee Robison.

- UC Davis PhD student tracking foxes treated for mange.
- Need to do some outreach to staff at wildlife refuges, Windwolves, etc. re Chapter involvement. Some discussion on how students learn about the Chapter and TWS.
- Want to add info to Chapter website on nearby areas to see wildlife and lists of public events. ACTION ITEM: Julie Vance will start and will distribute for additions. Audubon has website for this purpose.

Erica Kelly – Student Affairs

- Not Present, no report

Current Business:

1. 2016 Natural Communities Conference (NCC) Retrospective: Held at Hodel's. Actual attendance exceeded 100. Still working on specifics, Christine Van Horn Job will do summary.
2. BNLL Workshop Recap (Kris Robison): Also at Hodel's. May 5-6, 2016. Field day was postponed because minimum temps were not reached. Finished last field day on June 3, 2016 at Semitropic ER (were several field days because of conflicting schedules of participants).
3. Website and Other On-Line info: 1) NCC abstracts online: ACTION ITEM: Howard Clark will talk with Mariah (TWS) about posting them; NCC Abstracts to be resent by (Erin?) to Howard Clark (ACTION ITEM); 2) Registration for NCC with online payment option? (see other NCC topics in minutes); 3) Add 50th anniversary blurb from Jeff Davis (ACTION ITEM), was sent to Christine to add to the newsletter, Julie Vance to check with sister(graphic artist) about creating a 50th anniversary logo(ACTION ITEM); Jeff Davis will send logo specifics to Julie Vance (ACTION ITEM); and 3) Howard Clark's future role: Howard will remain as our webmaster (point for coordination with TWS), and will assume role of Newsletter Editor. Will do newsletter 4x/year and will move to eformat). Program (Member Planet) that Renee Robison is evaluating would likely assist with newsletter distribution.
4. Newsletter-How to make assembling and Distributing Easier (see notes on Agenda Item 3)
5. CDFW Sponsored workshop(s) on Policy and Implementation (CEQA/CESA/1600): Possible early November workshop on CESA, maybe Fall 2017 for LSAA. Need to evaluate possible locations that can seat at least 100. ACTION ITEM: Erin Tennant will look into possible venues. Possibility of UC Center or the State Building on the Mariposa Mall in Fresno.
6. Brown Bag-Type Seminars? Does CDFW host presentations? Julie Vance mentioned that CDFW does host statewide (via Lync or Skype for business) seminars by both CDFW staff as well as presenters from academia. ACTION ITEM: Julie Vance to pass on info re seminars to Renee Robison for distribution to Chapter Members.

7. Ongoing Social Hour? To facilitate social events with Chapter members, separate from Chapter meetings. Some will be scheduled by local members (possible events in Bakersfield and Fresno were discussed).
8. July Camping Trip (Celebrating SIVC 50th Anniversary): Courtright Reservoir, Trapper Springs Campground, first come, first served. Would need someone to go up and reserve site in advance on Fri, only 6-8 people per site allowed. ACTION ITEM: Need to nail down date, possibly Aug 6-7 (Kris Robison). Also possible to combine with botany trip to Teakettle Dome or Experimental Range (ACTION ITEM, Kris Robison will evaluate).
9. October Camping Trip with Central Coast Chapter: on back burner.
10. CSU Fresno (CSUF) Student Professional Lunch: Lori Bono reported via email prior to the meeting that she and Erin Tennant were planning to host a professional/student lunch at CSUF in September, and asked about the Chapter providing Pizza and sodas (ACTION ITEM: Need to decide on budget for this . More details to be provided as we get closer (ACTION ITEM).

At the conclusion of the meeting, Kris Robison motioned that the Chapter pay for food and drinks of the meeting participants, Erin Tennant seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 1647 (Jeff Davis motioned, Kris Robison seconded)

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