

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Chapter Meeting  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Location: TWS WS Conference, Reno, NV**

2022 Meeting called to order

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (passed)

**Board reports**

Kris Robison – President

- nothing to report

Kacy O'Malley – President-elect

- nothing to report

Erin Tennant – Past-president

- nothing to report

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- \$30,303 in our account
- Discussed doing a fundraiser to help Ayer Elementary with their buses for kids to go to Camp Edison at Shaver Lake (no action item here)

Julie Vance – Secretary (absent)

- nothing to report

Jeff Davis – Chapter Representative

- Jeff elected as WS president-elect (Congrats Jeff!)
- 2018 WS conference in Santa Rosa; 2019 at Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp
- 2020 WS annual meeting may be in Sacramento if we can arrange to meet jointly with CNPS and possibly other groups such as the Western Division of The American Fisheries Society (Sacramento no longer has a facility that can accommodate our size needs at an affordable price if we meet alone; so meeting jointly with other groups at the Sacramento Convention Center would be the only way to get the cost low enough)
- WS will likely ask Chapters to sponsor 2019 TWS annual meeting in Reno
- WS membership and annual meeting attendance have been growing
- WS has \$270K in bank
- As of 2017, all WS committees include more than one member
- WS wants to encourage Chapters to ensure that any new Chapter member hears from the Chapter soon after joining
- 118 WS members voted in favor of dues increase; 22 voted against — Will go into effect July 1
- Chapters are encouraged to gather demographic data to help inform WS's objective to promote member diversity

- Student conclave will be held at the Yosemite Field Station March 29 - April 1. This event will provide participating students from all Student Chapters in the WS with valuable hands-on training in wildlife management and conservation as well as networking opportunities with wildlife professionals. Some activities we are considering for this event include a service-oriented restoration excursion, a chemical immobilization workshop, a necropsy workshop, a scavenger hunt, a quiz bowl, a photography contest, and guest speakers who would address local research activities. We will be asking each professional Chapter in the WS to contribute \$1K to support this event and reduce student costs. (I motion that we contribute \$1K to support the student conclave in Yosemite). Motion passed.
- Kacy will need to appoint a new chapter representative for our chapter.

Renée Robison - Membership Coordinator (absent)

- 109 current dues paying members; 381 in database

Howard Clark – Newsletter Editor & Webmaster (absent)

- nothing to report

Lori Bono – Granting coordinator (absent)

- no new grants have been received

Linda Connolly - Registrar (absent)

- nothing to report

Skip Moss – Conservation Affairs Committee

- Conservation affairs committee under the WS has been more active recently but still working out the kinks
- May get more involved in advocacy, position papers in the future

Justin Sloan - Public Outreach (absent)

- nothing to report

CSUB Student Representative – Erica Kelly (absent)

- nothing to report

CSUF Student Representative – Petros Chrysafis (absent)

- nothing to report

**Current Business:**

1. Chapter bylaws revisions
  - 1) Future chapter board members – board may put forward only one candidate for a chapter board position if two cannot be found --- motion passes
  - 2) Electronic voting – allows voting electronically in chapter elections --- motion passes

3) Electronic voting part II – allows voting electronically to change chapter bylaws --- motion passes

## 2. NCC

- Scheduled for March 23 at Hodel's in Bakersfield
- Planning for regular 15 min talks, along with 5 minute lightening talks
- Abstracts can be sent to Erin Tennant
- **Action item:** Sponsorship – need to send out additional email soliciting sponsorships (no one identified to do this)
- **Action item:** Ryan will look into purchasing a square for onsite registration
- Possible social hour post NCC or chapter meeting – up to President
- Selling swag at NCC – discussed and passed around items Erin ordered on Café Press.
- Erin mentioned that we really need a swag coordinator, chapter member Adam Grimes said he would be interested in taking on this roll; **Action item:** follow up with Adam Grimes on SWAG
- Erin will likely order some more Café Press items so we can sell at NCC. Erin will email the board. **Action item:** Erin will follow up on SWAG specifically for NCC

## 3. Workshops

- Discussion with all chapter members about possible workshops.
- Discussed how BNLL workshop is always needed and a big money maker for the chapter
- some additional ideas that came up:
  - Small Mammals of the San Joaquin Desert
  - Mohave Ground Squirrel
  - Kit Fox
  - Project monitoring and techniques, similar to the CAT training provided at previous WS conference
  - Bakersfield Cactus with update on current status in the Tehachapi Range (renewable energy impacts)
- Workshops already in the works:
  - Additional tracking workshop, with Jim Lowery, possibly at River Ridge Ranch. Possible dates: Oct 27-29 or Nov 10-12. Kris is working with Jim Lowery on putting on this workshop and **Action item:** Kris will move forward with some planning.
  - CESA/CEQA workshop. CDFW is willing to host and provide presenters. Discussion of potential dates (spring or fall?). Several members suggested late July/early August, which would not conflict with BNLL survey times. If not maybe fall would be best. **Action item:** Discuss with Julie these potential dates

## 4. Field trips

- Carrizo spring trip
  - Possible spring botany field trip to Carrizo on the Friday post-NCC (March 24). Another possible date could be April 1.
  - Chris Winchell and Ellen Cypher are interesting in participating
  - **Action item:** Kris will pursue looking into the Friday post-NCC to Carrizo.

- Other suggestions/ideas:
    - trip to McKenzie table or Big Table Mountain near Fresno, possible coordination with Foothill Conservancy
5. Joint CNPS-TWS meetings
- Possible Fresno area meeting with CNPS or maybe a trip or event in the future.
  - Kris is working with Chris Winchell on possible ideas.
6. CALM donations
- Christine Van Horn Job notified the chapter board that CALM is overwhelmed dealing with kit fox mange issues and suggested several potential ways the chapter can donate to CALM
  - Many chapter members suggested that a fundraiser, started by the chapter, is needed to help CALM, and that the needs of CALM likely overwhelm the chapter budget.
  - Members discussed the idea of starting a San Joaquin Kit Fox working group/subcommittee that would spread education of this species.
  - Ryan wants to take on the organization of the group, one possible idea is to have a San Joaquin Kit Fox subcommittee under the Conservation Affairs Committee.
  - Members suggested several ideas for fundraising, like putting on a Kit Fox workshop with ESRP and having all of the proceeds from the workshop go directly to CALM
    - **Action item:** Erin will discuss with Christine and Brian whether this might be a good option
  - Members discussed a crowd funded campaign, like go fund me; however, Erin advised that mange, as a disease, is still sensitive and CDFW may want to be involved if a public media campaign is sought.
  - **Action item:** Ryan will look into starting something similar to a “Friends of the San Joaquin Kit Fox” subcommittee. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Ryan. Ryan will likely start by contacting Christine and determining how best to move forward.
7. President-elect
- Kris announced that Larry Saslaw is our new president-elect
  - Members all told their favorite Larry stories (trains, trains, trains!)
8. Champions for Wildlife
- Kris created a new award to honor chapter members for their achievements toward wildlife conservation in our region, and their commitment to the chapter
  - Awarded to Erin Tennant (THANK YOU KRIS!)
9. Transfer of Power
- Kacy O’Malley our new president

Meeting adjourned: 2145

**Yahoo listserv and Facebook page**

- We have a Facebook page: San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- We have a Yahoo groups listserv; anyone can signup to join and can post items of interest.

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