

## San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Board Meeting, October 19, 2018

Location: Sequoia Brewing Company, Visalia, CA

1. **Meeting Called to Order** (1810hrs) noted that we have a quorum
2. **Introduction of board members and other attendees**
3. **Board reports**

President (Lary Saslaw): Budget: Previous to the meeting, Ryan and Larry looked at the 2018 checking account income and expenditures. Here are the highlights: The current balance is \$46,879. The net from the NCC is \$1120 plus the \$4000 from sponsorships. The BNLL workshop net was \$12,820. So far this year, the expenditures outside of the workshops were \$2926 for grants to send students and some officers to the Western Section in Santa Rosa, a UC Davis grant of \$500, a \$1000 research grant, \$205 donation for Western Section auction items, \$60 for the chapter award, and \$193 for eats/drinks at chapter meetings. The consensus of the group was to spend more money on research, student and young profession grants, outreach to schools for SJV environmental education, and more to support the Western Section auctions.

Larry and Ryan will prepare a draft budget for Board approval. Larry would like submit for membership approval at the Western Section Annual SJV Chapter meeting.

Any feedback and action items are appreciated.

President-Elect (Erin Whitfield): Present, No report

Past President (Kacy Twist): Present, No report

Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): Not present, report by Larry Saslaw

Secretary (Julie Vance): Not present, no report

Chapter Representative (Randi McCormick): Present, Requested ideas for the Western Section "Experience" auction at the upcoming 2019 WS annual mtg. Ideas included San Joaquin kit fox trapping with the ESRP staff, a Tejon Conservancy tour, Wind Wolves tour, and a California Living Museum behind the scenes tour.

Membership Coordinator (Renee Robison): Not present, no report

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): Not present, no report

Registrar (Linda Connolly): Not present, no report

Conservation Affairs (Skip Moss): Not present, no report

Public Outreach: vacant

Student Affairs (Petros Chrysafis): Not present, resigned by way of Larry because he has completed studies at CSUF

Student Affairs Nicole Deatrage: (CSUB Master student) volunteered for CSUB student affairs and approved by the board

Grants and Student Outreach (Lori Bono): Not present, no report

## **6. Current Business**

1) SJKF rehab at CALM. The \$2000 that we raised for SJKF rehab at CALM has been held back in response to very limited support from the facility for mange rehabilitation. Brian Cypher suggests that the SJKF mange effort would be much better served by using those funds to reimburse the Veterinarians for rehab and euthanasia expenses.

2) Workshops: There was a suggestion to have an "Introduction to San Joaquin Valley Special Status Species and Habitats" workshop and a CESA ITP workshop. Perhaps, split the BNLL workshop into one for agency personnel with more of a focus on biology and conservation/recovery and one for consultant surveyors who take the workshop for survey experience credits where the primary focus is field surveys procedures and identification with an overview of BNLL biology.

3) Social; Activities: Schedule a few social hours at a local pub or game place, a day hiking trip, beach and/or mountain camping trip, and a Morro Bay paddle board and/or kayak outing. Have our grant recipients give a presentation of their research work.

## **8. New Business**

1) It was suggested we could provide more support for environmental education such as field trips to Wind Wolves or other organizations, school outreach such as prepare ambassador specimens, obtain more copies of "Hidden In Plain View", support university students to visit schools for STEM outreach, develop programs for urban wildlife, and SJV natural history.

2) Discussion included a more formal cycle and process to announce student grants and promote them at the university grant websites. It was suggested grant priorities include

- a. Species who's range is within the area covered by the Chapter by local Universities,
- b. Species who's range is within the area covered by the Chapter by non-local Universities,
- c. Grants to young professionals, non-traditional wildlife subjects.

3) Larry is asking the chapter to provide funding for lunches and refreshments for the California Condor stakeholders field trip at Bitter Creek NWR on November 7. \$300 for Sequoia sandwiches and drinks will cover the participants.

**Motion to adjourn 1910hrs**

**Meeting Attendees**

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