

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**Chapter Meeting, March 28, 2019**

**Location: Rusty's Pizza, Bakersfield, CA (following NCC)**

1. **Meeting Called to Order** (1709)
2. **Introduction of board members and other attendees**
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes from 2/7/19 meeting** (Saslaw, Bono second)
4. **Motion for Chapter to Spend \$100 on pizza and beverages for meeting attendees** (Westall, McCormick second)
5. **Board reports**

President (Erin Whitfield):

- talked to Bill Vanherweg about a potential small mammal workshop
- Linda Connolly volunteered to chair NCC committee for next year, to help with planning. Will coordinate with Larry Saslaw and Brian Cypher. Brian sent out guide to NCC. Ryan Lopez will handle payments, Kacy Twist will do sponsorships

President-Elect (Tory Westall): No report

Past President (Larry Saslaw): passed annual budget last meeting. If need a budget change, ask board.

Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): \$49,927.30 in bank, including NCC payments to date, but does not include Hodel's expenses or all sponsorships

Secretary (Julie Vance): currently a nominee for Western Section Rep (TWS)

Chapter Representative (Randi McCormick):

- Will use Champion of Wildlife Award to send to Western Section; is a continuing highlight of a Chapter member
- TWS is requesting donations for the Reno meeting in October. **ACTION ITEM:** Randi will check to see what
- A lot of Western Section workshops coming up, check Western Section Google calendar. We can add items too. **ACTION ITEM:** Randi will find out how to add items to the calendar

Membership Coordinator (Renee Robison): 241 members as of 3/27/19, not including NCC walkups

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): Newsletter published, NCC abstracts posted to web

Registrar (Linda Connolly): Not present, no report

### Conservation Affairs (Skip Moss):

- Kris Robison attended Conservation Affairs committee mtg: 1) Need for congressional support for travel WL grants, for listing avoidance. Kelly Holland will send out info; 2) TWS lobbying for Saving America's WL Act; 3) March for Science on May 4. Sac Shasta leaving a march that day. Any other efforts? Up to indiv chapters; 4) Waters of US changes discussed; more info forthcoming; 5) Wild Horse and Burro video to introduce topic, could show movie at future chapter website; video available on line (discussion: might be controversial); 6) Bay Area rep drafted letters on Fisher and FHYL, to CDFW; 7) Kelly will provide info on engaging congressional members. Trying to set up in person mtgs. Info to come out; 8) Need another chair for Western Section Cons Affairs Committee, Kelly now pres elect; and 9) Prep letter on border wall, signed today

### Public Outreach: vacant

### Student Affairs (Petros Chrysafis):

- Little activity, no effective way to hook up students outside of CSU Fresno  
-Got thank you letters from students that went to TWS-WS on travel grants  
-Petros graduating this spring; **ACTION ITEM:** Board will need to find new Student Affairs rep; Nicole Deathrage (CSUB liaison?) volunteered at Visalia meeting

### Grants and Student Outreach (Lori Bono):

- single university contact helpful for grants etc; good idea to have social events at each university. Possible to set up at CSU Bakersfield red brick area, \$100/day. They also have a career day that we could join. Previously had student prof luncheon, could do it again. CSUF has monthly social hour, could join in on that effort. Should direct the professors to Lori. Should do more things like that  
-Germano retiring from CSUB, replacement conservation oriented  
-Petros: complaint that Section workshops are too expensive for students to attend; should consider when we are pricing our workshops. Maybe we could sponsor a few future attendees at Section or Chapter Workshops. **ACTION ITEM:** Tory will work with Lori on social events at CSU  
- We have grant \$, students can apply anytime. Rec applying earlier in the year while still have funds budgeted

## **6. Current Business**

### **1. Workshops Planned**

- a. *Small Mammal:* Howard was going to organize. Bill V was wanting more of a field experience, not a workshop. Will focus on small mammal trapping. **ACTION ITEM:** Howard will contact Bill about what he is willing to do. People would like more trapping experience, Bill wants the workshop to make some \$. Potentially could add other nocturnal survey techniques like spotlighting or camera stations. Greg and Bill trap in Aug/Sept.

- b. *CESA Workshop*: CDFW willing to host, but push off until 2020. Carly Summers from BLM is NEPA coord, could talk NEPA/ESA, maybe add FWS, action agency side.
- c. *BNLL WS*: 2021. Poss protocol level change. **ACTION ITEM**: Renee will assist.

## 2. Field Trips and Activities

- a. *Condor Field Trip*: was previously a stakeholders field trip for entities that own and manage habitat in condor range. Can ask to host for Chapter workshop, closer intro to condor recovery, science, etc. We can't charge for it, could be for Chapter members. Bittercreek NWR will be building a path for the public, maybe the Chapter can help. Would be Sept-Nov when processing birds. Would be limited to about 30 people.
- b. *Any field trip/social activities*: Camping field trip. Kris organized last time **ACTION ITEM**: Nominated Kris to orgnaize, Erin will do Doodle for dates.
- c. *Social Event*: **ACTION ITEM**: Ryan will organize Fresno social event (May)

- 7. **Old Business**: Need new student affairs appointee. Rainey Reedy volunteered. Rainey will work with Nicole. Lori just needs contact names and can help

## 8. New Business

- a. *Newsletter*: having a hard time getting newsletter submissions...send things straight to website? How often should we do? We get a lot of positive feedback on those. We can increase frequency of newsletters. Once a year with officer change is good. Announce NCC in it. Announcement of event during the year can go through Renee. We can send Facebook an instagram things to Howard too.
- b. **ACTION ITEM**: Ryan will get Julie new key to new mailbox.
- c. *Fisheries Committee* (Renee): fisheries biologists interested in being part of our chapter as a subgroup. AFS chapter creation a high standard, in its infancy. Renee thinks could be interesting, could serve more of bio community. We are supportive but they have to do the work. **ACTION ITEM**: Renee will let them know that they can use our infrastructure.
- d. *Membership Management Software* (Renee): Renee manages a database of 500 people on an excel spreadsheet. Found an affordable option called Member Planet, 10K emails/year, can invoice through, membership renewals, more like const contact. \$45/mo. Price per email and # of recipients. **ACTION ITEM**: Renee will put together summary/proposal. Would automate renewals, removals, etc. **ACTION ITEM**: Will also check with TWS on what they use. Can add people to help with various tasks. Board previously voted to approve but we didn't follow up, price went up since.

e. *Potential for Chapter to sponsor bird/bat station* (Larry): Make a contribution to effort. Prob about \$5000. Ways to do lower cost, "Raspberry Pie 0." Cheaper if on building rather than building tower. **ACTION ITEM:** Larry will follow up with Mary and put together presentation. Could challenge other Chapters to do the same, could help bring a CA monitoring network on-line.

f. *Western Section taxiderby* (Randi): Was a Chapter activity, was a lot of fun. It is week of May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. **ACTION ITEM:** Randi will get info to Renee and she can send out.

### **Potential Budget Change items:**

-food/beverage for Chapter meetings

-TWS Reno donation

-potential misc items

Will vote on change items individually, then consider for next year's new budget

### **Motion to adjourn 1847**

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