

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Chapter Meeting, February 8, 2018

Location: Santa Rosa Western Section Annual Conference

1. **Meeting Called to Order**
2. **Approval of 9/23/2017 meeting minutes**
3. **Introduction of board members and other attendees**
4. **Board reports:**

Kacy O'Malley (Twist) – President

- Won 2017 Chapter of the Year

Larry Saslaw – President-elect

- Will work on budget for next meeting (March)

Kris Robison – Past-president

- Champions for Wildlife Award. Erin was first recipient. Would like to do again, need contributions. Scott Frazer suggested Steve Juarez. Will present award at next NCC (will invite Steve and present there).

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- \$29,659.36 in Chapter accounts. Had \$32,306.30 in beginning of 2017, \$22,216.27 in 2016

Julie Vance – Secretary

- No report

Randi McCormick – Chapter Representative

- Western Section doing new strategic plan, current plan on website
13 WS workshops planned, shooting for 18
- Randi helping with the “plants for wildlife biologists” workshop, which will be 3-4 days in the middle of the state with variable elevations, probably in 2019
- WS is a “March for Science” partner again this year
- Jeff Davis will focus on community science as WS president
- WS was proposing to divest from Wells Fargo b/c of DAPL and bad business practices. Committee evaluated. However, almost every major bank has same issues so decided not to proceed. WF will write letter to Wells Fargo re our thoughts
- 2019 WS mtg at Tenaya Lodge. Reserve rooms ASAP
- Fall 2019 TWS-WS will be hosting TWS Annual mtg in Reno
- ESRP won conservationist of the year. Very competitive and great accomplishment
- UC Davis hosting student conclave 3/27-4/1 (Wed-Sun) at Quail Ridge Ranch

Renée Robison - Membership Coordinator

- 169 current members, a record number
- BNLL workshop being planned May 2019

Howard Clark – Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

- Newsletter looks great, has been posted on the website
- Been helping Erin with Facebook page
- Want to create an Instagram account, where people can share wildlife photos. Randi motioned, Kris seconded
- Need minutes for all of 2017 to post online (ACTION ITEM)
- Need next newsletter items by 3/5. Will include pres elect bio, conference announcement, etc.
- Should add “stories from the field” to newsletter

Lori Bono – Granting coordinator

- provided \$5100 in grant funds. \$1500 to Petros, \$3600 for 6 travel grants to students
- now on website with link, can apply year round

Linda Connolly (Registrar)

- quitting due to professional obligations

Skip Moss – Conservation Affairs Committee

- Conservation affairs now more active, being like advocacy group but not doing a lot of work. Resisting opening up National Monuments to mining/oil and gas was an example. Also weighed in on a few initiatives. If there are issues that you want the group to tackle, let Skip know
- Mentioned proposed changes to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)

- Really need committee, not just Skip

Public Outreach (Justin Sloan)

- Not present, no report
- Need to ask Justin if he wants to continue in this role (ACTION ITEM)

Student Affairs (Erica Kelly and Petros Chrysafis)

- Erica not present
- Trying to plan student mixer at CSU Fresno

5. **Current Business:**

- a) Meeting Beverages: Renee motioned that the Chapter pay for beer at the meeting, Julie seconded. Passed. Total cost \$41.37
- b) NCC March 29th, 2018:
 - Need NCC Committee, need volunteers; email Kacy if interested
 - Suggest not having it during spring break in future years
 - Silent Auction? Need someone in charge. Suggestion to blow up roadrunner print for auction
 - Suggested sponsorships: \$2500 kit fox, \$1000 BNLL, \$500 SJAS
 - Suggest Reconyx camera as prize for photo contest. Photo must have been taken in Chapter area. Larry will send out announcement
- c) Workshops Planned
 - CEQA/CESA: CDFW still interested in putting this on? Yes, possibly Oct
 - BNLL (May 2018): Randi will help, Dave Germano, Howard Clark, Mike Westphal instructors. Need to secure field site (ACTION ITEM)
 - Cuckoo WS?
 - Camera Trapping? Petros will look into this (ACTION ITEM)
 - Small Mammal Trapping: Bill Vanherweg suggested

6. **Transfer of Power**

- Larry Saslaw our new president, Erin Whitfield president-elect, Kacy Twist past-president

Meeting adjourned: 2222

Attendees:

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