



Meeting Notes San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society October 29, 2020

Meeting conducted via Zoom due to COVID 19

Call to Order (1702) & Introductions.

Executive Board and Committee Chair Reports:

President (Tory Westall): Got funding to CALM for mange treatment of SJKF. Funds raised at last (2019) NCC. Taken in 15 mangy foxes since July. Chapter previously decided to donate \$300/fox (\$4500 total). Overall surveys indicate population at low stable. A lot of new mange cases from Taft. Fewer cases likely because population so low. ACTION ITEM: Need to decide on spending cap/address as budget item. Go Fund me moneys went directly to CALM already. Winner of donated kit fox experience was past president of Central Coast Chapter, so triggered interest in helping fundraise to help with mange issue, see below.

President-Elect (Erica Kelly): Central Coast Chapter still having annual meeting via Zoom. This year's fund raiser donating money to CALM; is a T-shirt fundraiser through next week. So far raised at least \$1200 for CALM. Might be advertised in Bakersfield Californian next week, so might generate more interest.

Past President (Erin Whitfield): No Report (NR)

Treasurer (Ryan Lopez):

Current Bank Account - \$42,302.82
Bank Account as of 1/1/2020 - \$48,579.74
Account Change - \$6,276.92

Large 2020 Expenses
SJKF Donation - \$4,500
Mugs - \$582
Tote Bags - \$1,436
Travel Grants - \$3,556
Total 2020 large donations/expenses - \$10,074

2020 to date income - \$4,617.89
2020 to date expenses - \$10,894.80

ACTION ITEM: Ryan will have a 2021 budget for us to review and approve for our next meeting.

Secretary (Julie Vance): NR

Chapter Representative (Randi McCormick): Had TWS-WS Board mtg in Aug. Western Section planning committee has started planning in earnest. Feb 1-5 TWS-WS, all virtual; is a general

schedule on line, silent online auction. Still looking for posters. Learning from virtual TWS meeting, some TWS-WS board members attended. Was hard to tell how to view a paper presentation, esp if past presentation (if paid were supposed to be able to view). Questions for speakers will prob be panel at end. Still looking for plenary speakers (Dan Airola). Randi is also on Prof Dev Committee. Some chapters having a lot of social events. Upcoming TWS-WS Workshops: 1) Bat WS in Jan; 2) Drone for WL bio in April. Also going to do Bird Course. All will cost around \$100, with some limit to participants.

Granting Committee Chair (Lori Bono): NR, but should consider schedule or grants for attending TWS-WS on line. Funded \$3500 in student grants last year \$81/\$109. Tory made motion to fund up to 30 students, Randi seconded. ACTION ITEM: Lori will draft announcement, will get to Renee to distribute and will push to specific professors (incl new one at CSUB). Get any professor contacts to Lori.

Membership Coordinator (Renée Robison): Not Present (NP), submitted report to Tory: 129 members. Drop off from past years, likely because no NCC, where most people renew.

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): ACTION ITEM: upcoming newsletter, Dec. Need candidates for Pres Elect. Should review bylaws. ACTION ITEM: Randi will evaluate bylaws, Julie will too. So will Tory. This Dec might be good time to update bylaws as part of the election.

Conservation Affairs (Skip Moss): met yesterday, not a lot going on. Kelly H is President too. Discussed MBTA, Nationwide permits, and 30 x 30 (Newsom), as well as ESA regs. No action items. TWS-WS did comment on definition of habitat under ESA, specifically on narrowness.

1. **Approve the minutes for the Redding chapter meeting.** Tory motioned, Erica seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Old Business**
Membership Management Software – ACTION ITEM: Renee still investigating will update the board when information becomes available (carry to next meeting).
3. **New Business**
 - Plans for the 2021 NCC (virtual): Last Thurs in March (March 25)? Either full day or ½ day ½ day. ACTION ITEM: Tory will talk to Brian about format and length. Will need to be moderated. Cost is membership: can join or free for members, option for donation. Can still have silent auction...ACTION ITEM: maybe look into software (Erica). ESRP would host Zoom, have to cap at 300 participants.
 - Virtual social events: Might be some interest, esp if do specific game, maybe with prizes. Need theme like Bio trivia. ACTION ITEM: Julie will organize bio jeopardy for early December, Fri or Sat night. Prizes, maybe a grand prize for TWS-WS attendance. Poss mugs, totes, etc. Dec 4? Social event followed by brief meeting to discuss candidates.

- motioned to give Katie Cronin a mug since we are using her art on the mugs: Julie motioned, Ryan seconded. Unanimous. ACTION ITEM: Tory will provide mug

-year-end contributions: Ryan made a motion for up to \$2000 for CALM in 2021 budget (continuing the \$300/fox), Tory seconded. Side note: have a side pot of \$ for student research (anonymous donation). ACTION ITEM: Lori will look at amount, haven't used yet.

-CEQA/CESA WS: Don't want to do virtually but could learn from virtual NCC. Maybe could break up into smaller webinars. Keep on future agenda items.

-potential Pres Elect Krista Tomlinson (CDFW); ACTION ITEM: Tory will contact her. Nicole Deathridge is a possibility.

Motion to adjourn 1828, Tory motioned, Howard seconded.

Participants

Julie Vance
Angel Correa
Tory Westall
Howard Clark
Lori Bono
Erica Kelly
Ashley Pryor
Brian Fagundes
Erin Whitfield
Randi McCormick
Nicole Deathridge
Heather Rodriguez
Skip Moss
Becky Rozumo..
Anita Lahey