



Meeting Minutes San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society February 2, 2021

(virtual meeting during virtual 2021 TWS-WS conference)

Call to Order & Introductions

Executive Board and Committee Chair Reports:

- President (Tory Westall): slow year due to COVID, everything canceled. Brought someone from Central coast chapter member for kit fox experience that we gave to auction, did some fundraising for kit fox mange. Attended Chapter officer meeting yesterday, many Chapters with low engagement this year. Had some ideas to increase engagement. Have a subscription for Whova, interested in using; Cynthia Perrine will get back to us re using the app; it has other features that we could use. Chapter can use ESRP Zoom account as fallback, up to 300 for time limit. Western Section Zoom also available. Kit fox mug donated to artist; a lot of her students want to purchase one.
- President-elect (Erica Kelly): Central Coast had annual conf over zoom, reached out to us re: Mange rehab. Sold Chapter t-shirt with kit fox on fundraiser website, also in Bakersfield Californian, good story. Got extended twice because was doing so well. Goal was 50 t-shirts, sold 380, which raised \$4300 for mange rehab. SJV Chapter also donated \$4500 to CALM for foxes treated previous year. ACTION ITEM: Will decide later (via email) for future donation amount.
- Past President (Erin Whitfield): Not Present, No Report
- Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): Sent draft budget. Current balance \$42,375.82. Using Zelle App for payment and receiving (works like Apple Pay). Discussed mugs; almost all gone. Some discussion on ordering more and possibly shipping mugs to those interested. ACTION ITEM: Will get for NCC and will see what happens in terms of demand. Talked about which animals; interest in SJAS, bats, CTS, Bakersfield cactus. Do they do photos?
- Secretary (Julie Vance): No Report
- Chapter Representative (Randi McCormick): Section not doing any in person meetings until at least August. TWS-WS in person in Reno in Spring 2022. In Reno because need big venue but big cities more expensive. Randi not TWS-WS pres-elect (was on ballot). Don Yasuda moving up in TWS (pres-elect), will help bring TWS-WS voice to TWS. New Section Rep Kelley Stewart; from UNR. >600 attendees at the Feb 2021 TWS-WS virtual conference, full schedule. Pretty successful and lively events. Pre-recorded talks.
- Granting Committee Chair (Lori Bono): Two students that got grants to attend virtual TWS-WS. Tried to give 30. Not a lot of interest; thought would be more interest because virtual, but that was not the outcome. Both applicants from CSU Fresno. No applicants in 2020 or 2021 for grants, not limited to students. Might be because organismal biol not as active at local universities. Any ideas on contacts for Lori, please let her know. Brian Cypher says two new faculty at CSU Bakersfield; Brian will talk to them about grant opportunities.
- Membership Coordinator (Renée Robison): NP. 118 members.

- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): Website designed by TWS. Howard can contact TWS to see if can change format. Do have Facebook and Instagram (San Joaquin TWS), not Twitter. ACTION ITEM: Will get a newsletter out to announce NCC, scheduled for March 25.
- Registrar (Linda Connolly): NP/NR
- Conservation Affairs (Skip Moss): Cons Affairs Committee tracking things like changes to MBTA, 30/30 Statewide and National efforts.
- Historian (Jeff Davis): ACTION ITEM: Will update history table, will get to Howard and on website.
- Program Development (Erin Tennant): NP/NR
- Outreach Coordinator (vacant): Erica was going to talk to Nicole, then Covid shut things down, no action in 2020. ACTION ITEM: Erica will follow up.

1. **Approve Minutes** from Oct meeting. Tory motioned, Jeff seconded.

2. **Workshops Planned**

CESA/CEQA workshop:

- Maybe try virtually if the NCC goes well?
- Carly Summers from BLM is NEPA coordinator, could talk NEPA/ESA, maybe add USFWS.

Other Workshops

Suggestions for Virtual Workshops

3. **Field Trips and Activities**

Virtual Trivia could see if get volunteers etc. Maybe for after we finish planning the NCC. ACTION ITEM: Julie Vance will do late spring.

Virtual Social. Also speaker series suggestion. Maybe lengthy Q&A followed by social

Other Suggestions?

4. **Old Business**

- Membership Management Software – ACTION ITEM: Renee, still investigating and will update the board when information becomes available.
- Natural Communities Conference update, conference set for March 25th, 2021. ACTION ITEM: Need to do call for papers. Need team to decide format: live talks, panel Q and A, etc. Tory will schedule planning meeting. Possible lightning talks. Will have moderator to control interruptions, etc. Auction might be too complicated, maybe easy with Whoava. Free to members, maybe \$5 to join for non members. Some people paid last year and rolled to

2021. Might need to roll to 2022 since NCC 2021 will be free. Would be good to just refund to square things up. When we rolled it over we still thought might have NCC in fall.
ACTION ITEM: Lori will talk to Linda re issuing refunds.

5. New Business

- Don Yasuda popped in. A few meet ups with TWS council members scheduled in the coming days at the virtual TWS-WS conference. Can chat with Don Yasuda or Chapter Rep to Council. Don hopes that as TWS president he can showcase the Chapters and Sections, which is really the heart of TWS.
- Charitable Donations: Given no funds pulled in this year will hold off unless there is a specific proposal by members for something specific.
- 2020 Budget. Reviewed. ACTION ITEM: Some changes needed: Lost Hodels deposit \$500 because no conf in 2020. Remove 2021 Hodels item since NCC virtual. Remove auction items/coffee mugs (will vote separately when comes up). Will keep camera and supplies items. All other items fine. Will find out cost of Whova app, can vote separately if needed. Tory made motion to approve amended budget, Julie seconded.
- Chapter President: Rainey Reedy volunteered, will have an election. Rainey will get bio to Howard. Randi and Julie will look at bylaws.
- Erica Kelly now president, Tory past president. Erica made motion to adjourn, Randi seconded.

Participants

Skip Moss, Natural Resources Group
Julie Vance, CDFW
Ryan Lopez, Nat Res Group
Tory Westall, ESRP
Brian Cypher, ESRP
Erica Kelly, ESRP
Ellen Cypher, ESRP, retired
Jeff Davis, Colibri Ecological Consulting
Randi McCormick, McCormick Biological
Quinton Jameson, McCormick Biological
Kaley Allenworth, McCormick Biological
Ashley Prior, McCormick Biological
Meagan McCormick, McCormick Biological
Christine Van Horn Job, ESRP
Rainey Davis, McCormick Biological
Kacy Twist, Chevron
Catie Mong, Point Blue
Howard Clark, Colibri Ecological Consulting
Anita Lahey, Southern California Edison
Aimee Braddock, CDFW
Erin Duprey, CDFW
Lori Bono, CDFW