



**Meeting Minutes**  
**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**February 9, 2023**  
**8:00 pm – 9:30 pm**  
**TWS Annual Conference, Room MR 1**

Call to Order & Introductions 8:08 PM

**Executive Board and Committee Chair Reports:**

- President (Rainey Davis): Not Present (NP), see agenda items
- President-elect (Kiersten Abarca): NR
- Past President (Erica Kelly): See agenda items
- Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): NP, sent report via email: Balance as of 2/9/23: \$46,434.32. Balance as of 1/1/23: \$46,794.32. Income in 2022: \$18,695.63, Debits in 2022: \$13,058.17. Notable numbers in 2022: BNLL WS income \$9,057.23; Rattlesnake WS, income \$1805.79; Grants given (-\$1,117); membership fee income: \$860; Donation income \$1000; Donations made (-\$3000) to CALM.
- Secretary (Julie Vance): NR
- Chapter Representative (Vacant, though technically still Randi McCormick): Randi still filling in as both because we need to have a Chapter Rep. She votes twice in Western Section business. New Chapter Rep appointed by President at end of meeting: Howard Clark.
- Granting Committee Chair (Lori Bono): need people to send her grant applications. Send Lori email if interested. Grants avail for non-students as well.
- Membership Coordinator (Vacant): Erica Kelly filling in for now after Renee stepped down. 108 active members with membership up to date Jan 31. During meeting Mitchell Coleman (Tejon Conservancy) volunteered to be membership coordinator (and as of this meeting he is in this role). He has or does similar work for CNPS volunteer. We now have a membership coordinator email rather than personal email addresses being used for Chapter business.
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): Chapter webpage recently updated at TWS, they are behind on updating our page. **ACTION ITEM:** Will need bios from new officers for webpage. **ACTION ITEM:** Need info for newsletter. Been keeping up Instagram and Facebook (FB). Erin Tennant also FB admin for our FB page. People can send photos to Howard or tag chapter. Howard reposts Friends of SJKF posts, though can't always cross share which is a settings issue. NCC got on FB.
- Conservation Affairs (Skip Moss): looking for people to join Conservation Affairs committee. If have Conservation issue to bring the Cons Affairs, this committee can address. Chapter signed America's Recovery Act thank you letter to electeds. Current Issue: BLM Solar Document, comments due March 15. Looking for input. Would possibly revise DRECP. **ACTION ITEM:** Send any comments on BLM Doc to [SkipMoss@gmail.com](mailto:SkipMoss@gmail.com)
- Historian (Jeff Davis): NP. Uploaded updated report to website; once TWS updates webpage
- Program Development (Ashleigh Pryor):
  1. April 15-16 tracking WS with Jim Lowery at Pyramid Lake, camping.
    - a. Not yet announced. Really want to have a SJKF WS for our chapter. Possibly 2023. Maybe urban setting in Bakersfield. Central Coast does in October; OK with SJ Chapter doing also.
  2. Possible small mammal WS in fall.
    - a. Rattlesnake WS was easy, filled up in a week. Emily Taylor from SLO instructor. Good canned program, was easy to set up. Last year partnered with BLM, let Chapter use conf room. Snake was fat and lazy; **ACTION ITEM:** if interest in Fresno area class let Ashleigh know (some interest indicated). Rory: possibly could hold at SJ Experimental Range (USFS), where there is a building to use. **ACTION ITEM:** Rory Telemeco will check on building use at SJ Experimental Range. Fresno will be first for rattlesnake WS, possibly send out poll to members re training. **ACTION ITEM:** Kirsten will send out survey.
    - b. Plant blooming day in Carrizo; could see jewelflower. Possible to do day after NCC, which is a State Holiday. Available to all members. No organizer specified.
    - c. Possibly do virtual lecture series, webinars. Botanical Society does monthly lecture series. First 3-4 a bust but keep trying.

- d. Café Scientifique group in Fresno, small talks to the General Public. Rory Telemeco leads and wants to get going again. Also hosts a radio show "Science as a candle in the dark." Goes out on Pacifica station. Suggested to merge event with a Chapter event. Need to have place for the Café event; Tioga Brewing possible location. Chapter could be a supporting partner. **ACTION TAKEN:** Randi motioned that the SJV Chapter be a supporting partner of Cafe Scientifique, partnering specifically identified as no more than 6 per year, spending up to \$500 per event; Chapter President decides re specifics within those parameters, no subsequent vote needed. Kirsten seconded, motion passed unanimously. **ACTION ITEM:** Need committee formed. Rory can be outreach coordinator for this project. Kacy Twist, Denver-Rose Harmon, Francesca Cannizzo, Carly Haywood, Michelle Harris, and Amy Feters volunteered to assist.
- Outreach Coordinator (Vacant)

Other: Tori Westall pointed out that Erica did great job with BNLL WS in 2022, as well as filling in for the membership coordinator.

#### Workshops in 2022 (Review)

- BNLL Workshop: May 19-20, 2022, very successful, people already asking when we will do again. BNLL in 2024 (alternating years). Workshop helpers get to attend.
- Rattlesnake Handling Workshop: August 14, 2022 in Bakersfield. Both filled up quickly and were well received

#### Workshops in 2023

- Rattlesnake Handling Workshop in 2023? Next one would be planned for Fresno, Bakersfield as well if enough interest for two (see above Program Development notes)
- Tracking Workshop with Jim Lowry: time: April 15-16, 22-23, or 29-30. Location: Pyramid Lake/Los Alamos site. **ACTION ITEM:** Save the date for tracking WS needs to go out; Ashleigh will send out save the date. Anyone to help: Ashleigh to help. Tory, Suzie and Amy will assist with planning. PDD option, fees should just cover costs. Suggestion to give grants for camping gear rental. **ACTION TAKEN:** Kirsten made motion for a student price, and PDD price. Three slots for student pricing 30% of cost (70% off). May only be 15 attendees. Lori: Grants complicated for equipment because need receipts; would be better to do \$ for food, gas for students. Can decide later; don't have to specify grant specifics in announcement. Randi made motion following Kiersten's recommendation minus the equipment \$, Kiersten seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Natural Communities Conference (NCC): In person on March 30, 2023. Abstracts going to Erica. Brian makes selection. Erica will MC. Save The Date has been sent out, **ACTION ITEM:** Registration Announcement will be sent out next week. Abstract deadline: March 17<sup>th</sup>. Need 13-14 full presentations and 4-5 quick-talks; already have 2 full presentations, 2 quick-talks, and a poster. **ACTION ITEM:** Should be call for presentations that says doesn't have to be completed research. Formal announcement out next week. Have to register through Whova. In person only. Photo contest through Whova. Will use it for networking. Hodels and Whova paid for (Hodel's \$4,291.41, Whova \$1,439.00). Kacy volunteering to run check in desk, Tory is AV. Alex Welch also volunteered. Totes are for early bird reg.
  - Need followup re mugs. Not picked up? **ACTION ITEM** (unclear to whom assigned): Let's get some this year if we can. People paid for mugs and didn't get them.
  - Can create café press with Chapter stuff. Or can create stickers. **ACTION ITEM:** Tory will look into conf codes and possible QR code; maybe for next year. Existing Café Press account is Erin Tennant's account. Can add proceeds to Chapter
  - Need help with NCC auction. Silent Auction. Need help people to staff. Request for donations on form. Ryan will be POC. Sapphos and Bancroft already reached out re how to donate. Try to cover costs with donations.

#### Field Trips and Activities

- Camping @ Camp Wishon. **ACTION ITEM:** Let's still pick a date. Camp Wishon open.
- After hours tour of the Fresno Zoo? Sunset tour, tour of BNLL rearing facility (after built and open). If we pay it is straightforward. We could donate to BNLL project. **ACTION ITEM:** Julie will follow up after facility constructed.

#### Other Business

- Pres elect candidates needed. If anyone interested in Pres Elect contact Erica.
- We are in search of a Membership Coordinator (Mitchell Coleman volunteered) and an Outreach Coordinator

#### Next meeting/social?

After the NCC on March 30<sup>th</sup>

Usually at Rusty's pizza next to Hodel's

### **Transfer Presidency to Kiersten Abarca**

**ACTION ITEM:** Kiersten requested list of what officers doing from each Chapter officer, including goals and responsibilities.

Motion to end mtg, Kiersten motioned, Howard seconded, motion passed unanimously. 1000 PM ended meeting.

### **Attendees**

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