



Meeting Agenda
San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
March 30, 2023
After NCC
Rusty's Private Room

Call to Order & Introductions

Executive Board and Committee Chair Reports:

President (Kiersten Abarca): No report other than we need pres elect, even if just for this year. See agenda for remaining topics.

President-elect (Vacant)

Past President (Rainey Davis)

Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): No report, not present

Secretary (Julie Vance): No report

Chapter Representative (Howard Clark): Per Kiersten, we are still waiting for TWS to make the needed website changes, which must happen before our content is updated.

Membership Coordinator (Mitchell Coleman): has info from Erica. Will be talking to Renee. Still trying to fig out how Chapter, Western Section, and TWS managing list.

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark)

Historian (Jeff Davis): No report, not present

Outreach Coordinator (Vacant)

Program Development Committee Chair (Ashleigh Pryor): Carrizo Plain field trip (Chris Winchell lead). 3 spots left, were 20 spots. Have (snake handling) workshop in two weeks and no announcement. Need to decide on price point today, later on agenda. One in Fresno, possible second in Bakersfield. Brian Cypher reached out re kit fox workshop possibly Spring 2024, more urban focus. Possible small mammal workshop in fall.

Conservation Affairs Committee Chair (Skip Moss): No report, not present

Granting Committee Chair (Lori Bono): No report, not present

Bylaws Committee Chair(s) (Kiersten Abarca/Randi McCormick): Bylaw committee update: $\frac{3}{4}$ through, been reaching out to national re guidance on elected positions. Some items not defined, will present sent edits to Board, then to membership and TWS. We do have to vote on after TWS review. Then TWS approval needed.

Nominating and elections committee. Looking for members

Nominating and Elections Committee Chair (Vacant)

Audit Committee Chair (Vacant)

Café Scientific Committee Chair (Rory Telemeco): Not Present, no report. Created small Café Scientifique committee in Feb. Meeting in planning by committee.

- **Workshops in 2023/2024**

- Tracking Workshop with Jim Lowry:

- Time: April 15-16, 8:15 am Saturday to 2:30 pm Sunday, Location: Pyramid Lake Los Alamos group campground

More of a development workshop, not a fundraiser. Up to 15 total participants, with 3 students. Bring own food. Motion: Julie Vance made motion; Randi McCormick seconded. Motion: Proposed to cover 3 students with grant. \$102 cost for regular attendees. Workshop cost will cover campsite, coffee tea, and workbook. Motion passed unanimously. **ACTION ITEM: Need to email flyer out to membership.** Jim Lowery amazing and has a great book. Julie Vance made motion; Rainey Davis seconded. Motion: Include book in student award. Motion passed unanimously.

- Rattlesnake Handling Workshop: In Fresno, date dependent on Dr Taylor's availability. Possibility for additional Bakersfield workshop. First part learning about rattlesnakes, then safe handling. Haven't heard back re the possible use of SJ exp range. **ACTION ITEM: Kiersten to check in with Rory.** Squioa Riverlands Trust office is also as a possibility, as well as UC Merced extension in Fresno. **ACTION ITEM: Francesca will follow up about SRT and UC Merced possibilities.**
- Small mammal trapping workshop, Fall 2023?
- Urban kit fox workshop, April 2024? Brian Cypher willing to lead, location: CSUB with a focus on urban foxes

- **Field Trips and Activities**

- Bioblitz: In winter? Goal is to get more involvement with other chapter members. Kiersten wants assistance. Want platform for coordination and need guidelines on how to do. Robert uses iNaturalist, use in bay area. Prize suggestions: REI gift card, binocs, American the Beautiful passes etc. We need to decide on budget and team max sizes.
- Carrizo Plain: Another trip, maybe for birding?
- Herping trips: Maybe people can organize. Through membership email since can't make quick changes to website.
- Camping: fall. Mitchell Coleman mentioned that Tejon Conservancy easement lands are a potential (Sebastian Camp at old HQ and Caliente Creek).

- **Other Business**

- Alex Welch new chair of student affair committee. Maybe include Dr Halls (CSUB) group. Chapter boundaries do cover UC Merced. **ACTION ITEM: Francesca will help with UC Merced.** No student chapters in Chapter boundaries.

Also want to focus on community colleges, possibly webinar series in the field, also publishing workshop. Randi: Goals for next year; maybe field Workshop for non-majors, to know about field. Julie: possible webinar on how to get job with state and potential careers.

- Meagan Means: Hart Park asking for people to come and talk about area wildlife associated with nature center adobe house. Anyone willing to donate time? Possible cross pollination opportunity with Audubon.
- State Bat bill: Sponsored by CA bat working bill, SB732 for CA Pallid Bat. Looking for calls or letters of support to bill sponsor, Caroline Menjibar. Have letter templates, incl from ag industry reps. **ACTION ITEM: Erica Noel will email info if interested.**
- Kacey Twist agreed to be pres elect (for full 3 year term).

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Attendees

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