



Meeting Agenda
San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
February 8, 2024; 8:00PM
The Western Section Conference

I. Call to Order & Introductions 812 PM

II. Executive Board and Committee Chair Reports:

- President (Kiersten Abarca): Activated mail chimp and event site (Whoova) for reg for NCC. No Exec board votes yet.
- President-Elect (Kacy Twist): No report (NR)
- Past President (Rainey Davis): NR, not present (NP)
- Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): B of A account balance: \$51,428.64
- Secretary (Julie Vance): Put together Chapter sponsored Western Section WS auction basket; had approval from Chapter board to spend \$300 at REI
- Chapter Representative (Howard Clark): TWS-WS board mtg happened on Monday. Proposal to introduce wolverine in state of CA. Also discussing redesign of TWS-WS logo, might try to include Guam and Pacific Islands in logo; want to rep whole Section area
- Membership Coordinator (Mitchell Coleman): NP, Current Membership: 294 members
- Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): Need to get newsletter out, ideally with outgoing letter from past president and new message from new president (ACTION ITEM). Also would announce NCC and any field trip or workshop planning. Could draft short blurb, such as a report out on sm mammal workshop. ACTION ITEM: Kiersten needs to send Howard workshop rattlesnake photos. Howard needs newsletter items by end of next week. While at TWS-WS mtg posting on Instagram, chapters competing. Also posting a little on Facebook
- Historian (Jeff Davis): NP, per Howard his 2023 report posted on line
- Program Development Committee Chair (Ashleigh Pryor): Will talk about workshops later on in meeting. Had mtg today about PDC stuff. A lot of TWS-WS and other Chapter workshops scheduled for 2024.
- Bylaws committee: Kiersten hasn't fully completed new draft of bylaws. ACTION ITEM: Revised draft bylaws will be sent out soon.

III. Workshop review 2023

a. Tracking

Went well. If done in future should send out save the dates a couple months in advance. Was a little tougher to fill due to it being a camping event.

b. Snake

Easily filled. Was difficult to find facilities due to insurance of having venomous snakes on site. BLM Bakersfield happy to host next time.

c. Small Mammal

Good turn out. There was interest in both the lecture only portion and the trapping portion. If done in the future, we may wish to keep the possibility to register as lecture only student. Sold several lecture only seats and didn't have room for all interested.

IV. Workshops in 2024/2025

- a. Urban SJKF Workshop: Spring 2024 second week April. ACTION ITEM: Ashleigh/Mitchell need to get save the date out. Will be a 3 day workshop, more details to follow. Deciding on weekday vs weekend. Trying for CSUF campus, which would be quieter on the weekend. Likely fewer students on campus on Fri. Likely Fri-Sun. ACTION ITEM: Ashleigh will send emails out next week to instructors.
- b. Legless Lizard Workshop: so much up in the air. Will hold off until next year, only one person with handling permits, which is an issue. Final listing may be July 2024; range is western side of SJV,

Coalinga to below Taft, all oilfields. Status review behind. Ted wants an hour for NCC but need to discuss (ACTION ITEM).

- c. Rattlesnake Handling Workshop – Summer (Bakersfield) 2024
- d. CESA Workshop. Working with Craig Bailey. Focus on SJV
- e. BNLL Workshop – Spring 2025

V. NCC – March 21st

- a. Implemented Eventbrite. Can register now. At Hodels. \$35, includes bfast and lunch
- b. ACTION ITEM: Need abstracts ASAP. Have 10 that said turning in soon. 3/8 is deadline. Will have chapter mtg afterwards at Rusty's Pizza.

VI. Updates

- a. Mailchimp now active
- b. Snake shirt and sticker merchandise – in progress of being ordered
- c. Merchandise store set up through bonfire – in progress
 - i. Potentially reaching out to artists within membership – proceeds could go to a cause of their choice or some other enticement

VII. Need to get some happy hours set up. Need to get some Fresno ones set up. Julie Vance volunteered to get set up (ACTION ITEM). Visalia mentioned as an option.

VIII. Change of Office

- a. Kiersten → Past President
- b. Kacy → President
- c. No current president elect. Alex Welsh volunteered. Took a vote of all in person and online participants. Alex was selected unanimously. (Alex Welsh now Pres Elect)

Meeting Adjourned 926 PM

Meeting Participants

Kacy Twist, Chevron
Howard Clark, Colibri
Ryan Lopez and Joey, NRG
Alex Welch, MBI
Meagan Means, MBI
Suzanna Garcia, MBI, artist
Colton Rudy
Denver Rose Harmon
Amy Fetters
Daniel Hall, MBI
Randy McCormick, MBI
Pedro Garcia, Dudek
Mario Gaitan,
Sofia Merkow, Defenders of Wildlife
Samantha, Colibri
Natali, Colibri
Cameron Reed, Colibri
Catherine Phillips
Calos Cervantes, LSA
Risi, Colibri
Carloyn Buesch
Lixi, Great Basin Institute, SEKI
Teresa Wood, SEKI
Ciona Oeton, Westerveldt
Brian Cypher, ESRP
Meagan McCormick, MBI

Ashleigh Prior, MBI

Rory Telemeco, Fresno Chaffee Zoo/CSUF

Alija Mujich, CSUF myco (may not have participated but name in mtg notes)

Michelle Harris (zoom)

Kiersten Abarca (zoom)

Missed a few others on line