

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society - Chapter Meeting
January 30, 2013**

Location: TWS Western section conference

Meeting called to order: 1945

Introductions

Board members reports:

Skip Moss – President

- Budgetary items
 - o We provided support for board members to attend WS conference
 - o We provided coverage for students to attend – but no one took us up on it
 - o We made donations of \$250 each to 4 non-profit groups
 - San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
 - Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
 - Sierra Foothill Conservancy
 - Sequoia Riverlands Trust
 - o We funded Nicole Blackhawk for her MS research study on giant kangaroo rat genetics

Jeff Davis – President elect

- Nothing to report

Curt Uptain – Past President

- Was not able to attend last meeting
- Gave a brief update on the SM workshop
 - o still need to send 90 day report to USFWS

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- Currently we have 180 members
- We have \$37,000 total in the bank
- We had \$5000 in expenses this year

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- Nothing to report

Linda Connolly – Chapter representative

- Not present but provided a summary of minutes from the WS meeting
- Sac/Shasta are considering doing a BUOW workshop.
- Insurance for the chapter – Mike Chapel has been offering insurance. Most chapters do not think that they need it.
- Dan Yasuda is checking with National about accessibility issues
- The WS may move our website off of the Joomla website
- We submitted a nomination for ourselves as chapter of the year

Howard Clark – webmaster

- SM workshop update was made to the webpage
- Any new info we want to add – let Howard know

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- We should have a newsletter soon
- Try to get it out before our NCC conference
- Anything and everything is welcome
- Let's set a March 1 deadline

Doug Bell – WS president-elect

- Suggested having a cross chapter meeting on a property in Contra Costa Co.

Current Business:

New President Elect

- Lori Bono

Workshops for 2013

- BUOW – Jeff Davis
- BNLL – Lori Bono and Erin Tennant

BUOW discussion

- There is also a BUOW consortium meeting this year, would people go to both?
- Are there other workshops folks would like to see??
- Ideas:
 - o SWHA
 - o Condor
 - o CTS – could also include all vernal pools

*Jeff: Madhu Katti does a lot of work on urban ecology

- Might be interesting to have a one day urban ecology session
- Group consensus that this would be a really interesting event
- Jeff will work on looking into the possibility/planning

BNLL workshop

- Issue with folks getting level 2 survey standard without getting a lot of survey time in (?)
- Need to think about how we want to address this

Update from Cynthia Perrine

- There will be a wildlife techniques course outside Santa Cruz from Aug 5-16.
- Looking for professionals to come help teach methods
- 2 week course
- Professionals would come out for just a few days

Other workshops:

- Do we want to have a Certified Wildlife Biologist workshop?
 - o We can have Rys put one on for our chapter
 - o Three folks at the meeting said they would be interested.

What should we do with our surplus money?

- Establish a rainy day fund?
- Don't want to go over \$50,000 in our account – taxes would get more complex
 - Jeff Davis: I think the \$50K pertains to annual earnings rather than account balances.
- Trying to make chapter budget more predictable
- Other chapters have money in CDs? But sounds like it may not be worth it
- Central coast chapter just received a living trust – they must have put some of it in CDs?
- We do have a chapter budget, but it still is not very standard

Chapter History

- Charter member Reed Sanderson contacted Jeff with some details about the early years of the Chapter.
- Jeff and Curtis will try to fill in the gaps and summarize the Chapter history. They may contact Brad Valentine, Steve Juarez, and Mike Chapel for more info.
- The chapter was started in 1966.

*If anyone is interested in Chapter History please contact Curtis and/or Jeff

Yahoo listserve and Facebook page

- We do have a facebook page
 - o San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- We have a Yahoo listserv that anyone can sign up to join. Contact Jeff for info.

Transfer of Power

- Jeff Davis is our new president elect

Jeff:

- Appoints board members
 - o Justin appointed to remain treasurer
 - o Linda appointed to remain Chapter representative

Reminders:

- NCC will be March 28, 2013 at CSUB
- Next chapter meeting will be after the NCC

Meeting adjourned: 2055

Member sign-in sheet list

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