

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**Chapter Meeting**  
**March 28, 2013**  
**Location: Lengthwise Brewery, Marketplace, Bakersfield, CA**

1844 Meeting called to order  
Introductions

**Board members reports:**

**\*\* We skipped most of the board reports in the interest of time**

Jeff Davis – President

- Nothing to report

Lori Bono – President elect

- Nothing to report

Skip Moss – Past President

- Nothing to report

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- Justin was not present; Linda reported for him
- 189 members before NCC
- We have \$35,000 total in the bank

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- Nothing to report

Linda Connolly – Chapter representative

- Planning for NCC went really well this year – we had a good variety of talks.
- Maybe we should determine what talks we want next year because we had too many folks who wanted to talk this year. Or perhaps we need two days??!! This is the first time we have had to turn away speakers from the NCC. Although we did actively recruit speakers this year. Perhaps in the future we need to establish a deadline and then we can be selective on who we choose. And, we can encourage posters.

Howard Clark – webmaster

- The yahoo group has been added to the website.
- The date of the BNLL workshop was added with more info coming soon.
- We might want to put some old minutes and newsletters on the website as well as the abstracts from the NCC.

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- We should have a newsletter soon – maybe June 1.

## **Current Business:**

### **SJKF poster contest**

- We approved to donate the prize money
- When the contest is over we will directly pay the winners
- Jeff Davis was one of the judges

### **BNLL workshop**

- We are shooting for 30-35 people to attend; in the past we had 50.
- Really the limiting factor is the number of lizards.
- Expecting 1 instructor per 5-6 people.
- We discussed whether we should limit the number a certain company can send? Perhaps no more than 5 folks from one organization.
- We discussed how much we should charge for the workshop.
  - o \$375 for general reg / member \$350.
  - o \$200 for students.
- The credit will be 25 days of survey time, but we cannot guarantee a confirmed sighting.
- We need to make sure the course is CDFW approved.

### **Other workshops:**

#### URBAN ECOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

- Madhu Katti at Fresno State will be a potential speaker and we are looking into other potential speakers
- Possible venue is Fresno State.
- One day symposium
- We need to establish date and venue
- Probably sometime in the fall

#### WILDLIFE DISEASES

- Maybe a possible workshop? What type of venue would we want?
- Katrina and Lori will look into finding folks who might be available – possibly through the UC Davis extension office in Tulare that does some wildlife work.

### **Professional Development Ideas:**

- We have talked about having a certification class
- We need to contact Rhys Evans and have maybe a minimum of 15 folks, but Rhys would know for sure.

### **Establish Chapter Rainy Day Fund**

- Justin suggested that perhaps we should have a rainy day fund.
- Perhaps we should also consolidate the bank accounts and invest some of the money?

## **Budget**

- Always need to think about where we should spend our money
- Perhaps we should give money to local land trusts every year?
- We generate tons of revenue – but we aren't spending that much of the money
- Annual income is probably around \$25,000
- Maybe we should ask our membership what we should support? And ask multiple times per year
- Community service projects?
- Road clean-up (sponsor a road in Lokern??)
- Christine Van Horn Job commented that it would be good to spend money on our chapter – perhaps we can spend money to hire Jim Lowry to give a tracking workshop for the chapter and we could then camp overnight. We should also sponsor folks to go to the BNLL workshop and other things.

**ACTION ITEM:** Christine Van Horn Job will look into a tracking workshop to offer to the membership

## **Chapter History**

- Jeff Davis did look in “the box” and “the thumb drive”
- Jeff Davis plans to talk with Brian Cypher, Christine VHJ, Marcia Wolfe, Scott Frazier, and others who have been part of the group for a long time.

**ACTION ITEM:** Jeff Davis and Curtis Uptain will contact key folks who can fill in the gaps about the chapter's history. They would like to piece together the history and write it up for the website.

## **Yahoo listserv 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.

## **Reminders:**

- Next chapter meeting will be sometime in June/July – maybe at Shaver Lake.

Meeting adjourned: 2000

## **Member sign-in sheet list**

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