

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**Chapter Meeting**  
**August 3, 2013**  
**Location: Sequoia Brewing Company, Fresno, CA**

1614 Meeting called to order

- Motion to approve for food and drinks for the meeting
- Motion passed
  
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting
- Motion passed

**Introductions**

Jeff Davis, Lori Bono and Skip – President, President-elect, Past-president

- Looking for folks interested in board positions – contact them if you are interested
- Looking for president-elect and treasurer
- JS does not want to continue to be treasurer, partly because he does not want to be a member of national
- Discussion of whether the chapter should cover the fees of TWS national for board members
  - o It could become a perk and encourage board members to join
  - o If we cover it would probably be \$500 annually
  - o We may want to say this is something we will vote on every year and the decision will be made based on the current year's budget
  
- SM: motion to allocate \$500 annually to cover board members to be part of national if they need it.
- ET: second
- Motion carries
- JS – abstained from voting

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- 215 members
- We have \$45,200 total in the bank

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- Nothing to report

**ACTION ITEM: Will contact Steve Juarez to get his current contact information**

Linda Connolly – Chapter representative

- Linda discussed she may not be able to continue to be chapter rep – the time commitment is intense. Perhaps we should be thinking of someone to

- replace her. Linda said she could potentially step into another position on the board.
- 2014 conference in Reno
  - Activities will start a day earlier this year
  - Cynthia Perrine will be the WS rep to national

#### Howard Clark – webmaster

- We migrated to the new website
  - Need bio for president-elect
- ACTION ITEM: Lori will send her bio**
- Western wildlife – HC will be layout editor

#### Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- Preference for newsletter date? Maybe before the end of the year?

### **Current Business:**

#### **SJKF poster contest review**

- JD judged posters that were submitted
- Great posters!
- Posters will be on display on campuses and various other areas

#### **BNLL workshop and donations**

- Turned away only a few folks (4-5?)
- Survey – 20 responses. Most wanted to see more lizards; otherwise very good workshop

#### **DONATIONS:**

- We may want to put up a big wood sign on the ER with some of the money.
- County may have sign fees?
- HC said a sign for Audubon costs \$2000 in the past.
- We need to figure out exactly how much revenue we generated from the workshop
- Reg fees were \$12,400
- Perhaps we should have folks volunteer to go out to the site and do annual surveys – we could think about having the chapter sponsor this.
- We know that we want to make a donation to working dogs for conservation.

**ACTION ITEMS: JS – figure out bottom line from the BNLL workshop**

**ET – will offer advice on the cost of the sign for the ER and determine the best contact for the donation for working dogs.**

#### **Urban Ecology Symposium:**

- Maybe mid Nov or early Dec?
- 1 day symposium

- JD and Dr. Katti at Fresno State came up with a list of 10-12 potentially invited speakers to present – we would target specific individuals to give presentations

### **Professional development 2014:**

- Jim Lowry – we are thinking of doing a 1 day workshop that he would give and we would pay for the student fees

**ACTION ITEM: CVHJ will contact Jim Lowry about tracking workshop**

### **Other Professional Development Ideas:**

- Botanical class
  - o Early spring with 5 special status plants – maybe in vernal pools
  - o Talk to Reagan at CDFW
- CTS workshop?
- Identifying the habitats that support wildlife?
- CWB training with Rhys?
- Red-legged frog/Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog/Yosemite toad – potential for some permitting issues here
- MGS?

### **Other ideas:**

- Perhaps Tim Khun can lead a field trip for us to the Hetch Hetchy restoration area
- San Luis wildlife refuge outing
- CALM Christmas lights? And/or holiday party???

### **Chapter History**

- JD put together a spreadsheet
- 2007 has some gaps
- Goal is to provide a history on the website

**ACTION ITEM: all of us can look at the chapter history spreadsheet and fill in the gaps**

### **Appointment of Curtis Uptain as Chapter representative to the WS professional development committee**

### **Yahoo listserv and Facebook page**

- We do have a facebook page
  - o San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- We have a Yahoo groups listserv that anyone can sign up to join and can post items of interest.

### **Next chapter board meeting:**

- Nov-Dec

- Following meeting in Jan at TWS conference in Reno

Meeting adjourned: 1832

**Member sign-in sheet list**

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