

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
March 26, 2015

Location: Rusty's Pizza, Bakersfield, CA

2015 Meeting called to order

- Motion to approve minutes from 1/29/15 meeting (passed; Larry Saslaw motioned, Lori Bono seconded)

Board Reports

Erin Tennant – President

- nothing to report

Kris Robinson – President elect

- nothing to report

Lori Bono – Past-president

- nothing to report

Julie Vance – Secretary

- nothing to report

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer (absent)

- We currently have \$30,326.36 in our accounts

Jeff Davis –Chapter Representative (absent)

- nothing to report

Committee Chair Reports

Christine Van Horn Job - newsletter editor

- nothing to report

Howard Clark – webmaster (absent)

- nothing to report

Linda Connolly – Registrar (absent)

- nothing to report

Renee Robison - Membership Coordinator

- gained several new members at today's Natural Communities Conference. Do not know exact numbers.

Justin Sloan – Public Outreach Coordinator (absent)

- nothing to report

Skip Moss (tentative) – Conservation Affairs (absent)

- nothing to report

(vacant) – Student Affairs

Current Business:

1. Congratulations to Howard Clark- Western Section Professional of the Year
2. Donation to Ayer Elementary for transportation to attend Ranger Week with US Forest Service
 - Is an intercity school, go to Camp Edison
 - Also requesting someone to attend on April 30, 2015 8-4
 - ACTION ITEM: ?
3. Contribution towards Chapter of the Year Trophy ("Jackaloupe")
 - Requesting that each Chapter contribute \$30
 - ACTION ITEM/DECISION: ?
4. Purchase of Projector, slide advance, and laser pointer for workshop conferences
 - All agreed on need
 - Concerns about where to house the equipment. Suggestion made to keep with the President's box
 - Larry Saslaw motioned to authorize \$500 for equipment purchase. Kris Robison seconded.
 - ACTION ITEM: Have Howard Clark look into pricing.
5. Workshop Updates
 - Southern SJV Plant Workshop (April 8-11): Registration open, closes on Mon. Currently low registration (4). We would break even with 20 people. A big thank you to all whom have assisted.
 - Tracking Workshop: Jim Lowery will be instructor. Tentatively scheduled at Windwolves Preserve from November 14-15, 2015. Would be one day classroom, 1 field day. Will be \$100/person with 12 person minimum. Will possibly combine with camping trip.
 - Urban Ecology Workshop. Lori tried to contact Dr. Katti in Jan, no response. Possibly 2016.
 - Future workshop ideas: BNLL (2016), TCBB (maybe after a few years), CTS, small mammals.
 - ACTION ITEM: Lori will follow-up with Dr. Katti and Dr. Constable
6. Atwell Island/Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners Outreach Day
 - Scheduled for Sat April 18 (see handout).
 - ACTION ITEM: Erin Tennant will attend, possibly bring taxidermy mounts and will look for volunteers
7. Challenge from San Francisco Chapter (one day wildlife taxa derby)
 - 24 hour period on April 19, competition between chapters
 - Chapter members will organize teams.
 - Chapter feels listed species should be worth bonus.
 - ACTION ITEM: Erin will send out info to Chapter, and will request clarification on rules and Chapter boundaries.
8. Panorama Vista Preserve BioBlitz

- Christine had the idea of doing a BioBlitz at the preserve, as there is currently a lack of any real biological data from the preserve; some areas surveyed. Note: Tejon doing bioblitz on 5/9
 - Could do Anabat, small mammal trapping
 - Would be good to do as Chapter, want to do more service projects
 - ACTION ITEM: Determine date and logistics. Christine to lead and help organize teams, possibly fall 2015 or 2016. Will call for team leaders. Will coordinate with CNPS and Audubon. Could do
9. Update on Rick Perry
- During the 1/29/15 Chapter meeting, purchasing a set of field guides as a gift for Rick was approved. Lori Bono confirmed that the field guides had been purchased and mailed.
10. Next Chapter Meeting: Summer 2015, Sequoia-Kings Canyon or Chimineas?
11. Casual Meet Up
- Can set up meet up on Facebook, costs \$80. Done for different groups, for example a hiking group. Could be way to attract more members. Anyone that has an app would see ours. Can search by area/activities. Free app but organization has to pay to post.
 - ACTION ITEM: Renee will look into meet up for the Chapter.

Meeting adjourned: 1820 (Erin motioned, Kris Robison seconded)

Member attendance list

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