

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
December 13, 2014**

Location: Sequoia Brewing, Fresno, CA

1725 Meeting called to order

- Introductions
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (passed)
- Motion to approve drink and food purchases for chapter members at the current meeting (passed)

Board reports

Jeff Davis – Past-president and Chapter Representative

- WS strategic plan is now being finalized. Should perhaps see a survey monkey about it soon
- WS is now using constant contact to keep in touch instead of the yahoo groups
- WS conference coming up soon

Lori Bono – President

- nothing to report

Rick Perry – Present-elect (absent)

- nothing to report

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- nothing to report

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- We currently have \$37,811 in our accounts and 261 members

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor

- Will combine next newsletter with elections. Need candidate statements to go in the newsletter.

Howard Clark – webmaster

- Since our host website changed a bit, had to re-link our website. Everything is fixed now.

Current Business:

1. Certification workshop
 - 18 in attendance
 - Rhys helped folks with how to tweak their application and apply for certification
 - Motion passed to reimburse Lori for the extra \$50 she went over on her budget for the CWB workshop

2. NCC planning
 - CSUB has continued to be very difficult to work with; looking into other possibilities
 - May want to try some alternative timing??
 - Thinking still best to have as a one day conference
 - ACTION ITEM: Christine will discuss with Dave, Brian, and Larry and get their feedback

3. Botany Workshop
 - Dates are set for April 9-10
 - Field trip will be to Lokern, possibly also to the Carrizo Plain
 - Might combine with CNPS, although they may have a conflict with the field trip, not sure yet

4. Urban Ecology conference
 - Erin has been unsuccessful in getting a response from Dr. Madu Katti at CSU Fresno
 - Perhaps we can coordinate with John Constable instead?
 - ACTION ITEM: Lori will try to contact John Constable

5. Board candidates
 - Julie Vance, Ryan Lopez, and Kristofer Robison have expressed interest
 - Renee Robinson would like to be involved, but is quite busy, perhaps as membership coordinator
 - Renee Robinson is appointed as membership coordinator
 - Julie might be good for Secretary, and Ryan for treasurer. Lori and Jeff will discuss with them.
 - Kris is willing to run for president
 - We also have other potential appointed positions:
 - Conservation Affairs committee
 - Program Development committee
 - Workshop committee
 - Public outreach coordinator
 - Erin is willing to take on role of program development, Justin is willing to be the public outreach coordinator

6. Panorama Vista Preserve possible BioBlitz
 - River partners is doing some reveg work at the preserve
 - Currently there is a lack of any real biological data from the preserve
 - If we organized some volunteer survey we could provide some basic biological data on the preserve and restoration effort. Surveys could include:
 - o Birds
 - o Plants
 - o Camera stations
 - o Small mammal trapping
 - ACTION ITEM: organize a bioblitz day (according to my notes we failed to appoint someone to this).
 - Do we need insurance for this?
 - ACTION ITEM: Jeff will look into how other chapters deal with liability and Christine will ask the preserve if they have an insurance policy.
7. Year-end donations
 - Voted to fund \$500 in year-end donations to the following organizations, \$3000 in total.
 - o Sierra foothill Conservancy
 - o Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
 - o San Joaquin River Conservation Trust
 - o River Partners
 - o Working Dogs for Conservation
 - o Sequoia Riverlands Trust
8. WS conference chapter meeting
 - Need to decide where to have our meeting at the WS conference
 - If meeting at the Hyatt we can only eat and drink their food
 - If meeting at the Marroitt next door we can bring our own food
 - ACTION ITEM: Jeff will send us information on the food costs
9. Travel grants for students
 - Motion passes to award \$500 in travel grants to WS conference for up to 5 students.
10. Award for Linda Connolly
 - Presented Linda with a lifetime membership to the chapter in honor of her service.
11. Other items
 - Motion passed to spend \$500 on raffle items to donate to the WS meeting

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.

Meeting adjourned: 1927

Member attendance list

Erin Tennant

Lori Bono

Howard Clark

Christine Van Horn Job

Kristofer Robison

Renee Robison

Justin Sloan

Linda Connolly

Jeff Davis