

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
February 25, 2016

Location: Western Section of the Wildlife Society Annual Conference, Pomona, CA

Meeting called to order 20:23

- Motion to approve minutes from 9/13/15 meeting (passed; Erin Tennant motioned, Lori Bono seconded).

Board Reports

Erin Tennant – President

- see agenda

Kris Robinson – President elect

- see agenda

Lori Bono – Past-president

- nothing to report

Julie Vance – Secretary

- nothing to report

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- We currently have \$22,221.27 in the Chapter bank accounts.

Jeff Davis –Chapter Representative

- The Western Section of TWS (TWS-WS) proposes to raise membership dues; been the same since 1998. TWS-WS is projected to be in the red by approximately \$30K.
- TWS-WS looking to fund contractor workshop coordinator on workshop by workshop basis.
- TWS wants to be called “TWS,” not “parent society” or “national.”
- Hundreds of people participated in the bio blitz; TWS-WS wants to develop an app to go with iNaturalist. Looking at how to fund; TWS-WS recently approved up to \$10K for web interface development.

Committee Chair Reports

Christine Van Horn Job - newsletter editor

- Not present, no report

Howard Clark – webmaster

- Not present, no report

Linda Connolly – Registrar

- Not present, no report

Renee Robison - Membership Coordinator

- We now have more than 285 members, close to 300.

Justin Sloan – Public Outreach Coordinator

- Not present, no report

Skip Moss – Conservation Affairs

- TWS-WS will plug this position into their TWS-WS conservation affairs committee.

Erica Kelly – Student Affairs

- Nothing to report

Current Business:

1. Introduction of student travel grant awardees (Erin Tennant): The Chapter supported attendance at TWS-WS for three students: Erica Kelly, Robert Kelty, and Josh Thomas.
2. Tracking Workshop Recap (Erin Tennant): Had 15 attendees, camped at the Wildlands Conservancy's Wind Wolves Preserve.
3. Student/Professional Lunch at CSUB recap (Erin Tennant): Had student professional lunch at CSUB in early November, with pizza and drinks. Talked about potential careers in wildlife. Erin would like to do this on an annual basis. ACTION ITEM: Erin and Lori will talk to CSUF about doing something similar there. Julie will get UC Merced contact information to Erin and Lori.
4. 50 Year Celebration (Jeff Davis): The Chapter started in 1966. Jeff wrote a blurb for the Chapter newsletter. Want to develop 50 year logo. ACTION ITEM: Jeff will have Peter ~~Gedde~~ ~~(sp?)~~ Gaede develop a logo, possibly in time for the BNLL workshop. Larry Saslaw suggested a camping trip to celebrate. Jeff suggested a trip to his cabin. Erin will order (regular) Chapter stuff for the NCC. Erin suggested meeting in Tehachapi around July 6.
5. Student Grant Applications (Erin Tennant): Not a lot of applications received, but have received one. ACTION ITEM: Erin will get grant applicant to resend the application and will send to board for review. Need to put grant announcement on website (Erin will revisit/check what is already on-line). Lori will talk to CSUF, and announcement will be added to the newsletter
6. Natural Communities Conference (NCC), March 17, 2016 (All): At Hodels in Bakersfield. Have approximately 25 registered to date. Need Presentations. ACTION ITEM: Julie to talk to Linda about ~~P~~pay ~~P~~pal and transferring to Ryan. Will change name to "workshop" on invoices since "conference" precludes participation by state agencies.
7. Blunt-Nosed Leopard Lizard (BNLL) Workshop, May 6-7, 2016 (All): Needed to have on Saturday for Dave Germano to help. Will ~~b~~Be at Hodels in Bakersfield on Fri, field day at Semitropic ER on Saturday. Will need field instructors. Will limit one instructor per 5 participants. Linda is registrar. Hodels can hold 125, but don't want that many in the field.

8. Visit by TWS and TWS-WS (not on Chapter Agenda):
 - Don Yasuda, Cynthia Perrine, and Keith Norris presented a 50th anniversary certificate to the Chapter (Erin Tennant received on behalf of the Chapter).
 - Conservation Affairs network: A TWS initiative, which is a way to connect to Chapters and Sections in areas of policy issues. Skip should contact the Conservation Affairs Network.
 - Don Yasuda has old TWS-WS newsletters, to help look into Chapter history.
 - TWS-WS is trying to reach out to students not represented by student chapters.
 - TWS-WS sends emails every other week through Constant Contact.

9. Potential Upcoming Workshops: Fall 2016, CESA and streambed alteration (separately). Could also be TWS-WS workshops.

10. Announcement of President-elect and transfer of President: Kacy O'Malley new president-elect. Kris Robison now president. Kris introduced himself to the group; grew up in Palmdale, went to UCD. Master's work on Clark's and Western Grebes. Did work in Ventura and on Channel Islands, moved to Fresno in 2013 and now works for Colibri Consulting in Fresno.

11. Next Chapter Meeting: NCC? Might have more informal get together since it is next month.

Meeting adjourned: 2149 (Jeff Davis motioned, Kris Robison seconded)

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