

San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
September 16, 2016

Location: Bravo Farms Smokehouse, Visalia, CA

Meeting called to order 1845

- Motion to approve minutes from 6/4/16 meeting (Kris Robison motioned, Jeff Davis seconded, motion passed).

Board Reports

Kris Robison – President

- see agenda

Kacy O'Malley – President elect

- nothing to report

Erin Tennant – Past-president

- ACTION ITEM: Erin to find two candidates for President Elect. Election can happen in Jan since Western Section meeting in Feb.

Julie Vance – Secretary

- 50th Anniversary Logo completed by Robin Phanco. Available in two colors and black and white. Have not yet worked on the list of wildlife viewing areas in Chapter boundaries or sharing CDFW brown bag seminar info (note on latter: these seemed to have ceased at CDFW; will have to check in on these). Renee can do GIS story map once the wildlife locations are identified. ACTION ITEM: Ask Linda Connolly about any outstanding NCC \$ issues.

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- We currently have \$33,016.41 in the Chapter bank accounts.

Jeff Davis –Chapter Representative

- Chapter dues should be due in fall/end of calendar year to keep in sync with TWS.
- 2015 Student Conclave at Cal Poly was first one in Western Section. In 2017 will be in Yosemite in the Spring. Jeff will help with field opportunities. Will be at the UC Reserve Center in Wawona.
- Western Section is evaluating 2019 meeting venues. Visalia or Tenaya Lodge being considered, Oakhurst 20 min away from the latter. Could be good for wildlife, and could be a smaller crowd with more outdoor options. All meals would have to be on site.
- Chapter reps need to have TWS email address now.
- Chapter of the Year will no longer be by self-nomination, will be based on submitted annual reports.
- No further word on corporate sponsorship issue with TWS.

Committee Chair Reports

Howard Clark - newsletter editor and Website Contact

- Added *Western Wildlife* Journal to tab on website, requested by TWS.
- Volunteered to be co-chair of Journal
- Will prep PDF newsletter for 50th anniversary.
- Christine Van Horn Job's brother passed away ACTION ITEM: Erin will get card and will circulate for signatures.
- *Western Wildlife* Journal is not indexed, which is affecting submissions. Howard mailed off ISSN# application today.
- Mariah, TWS website contact has been responsive.

Linda Connolly - Registrar

- not present, no report

Renee Robison - Membership Coordinator

- We now have 110 current dues paying members, 366 total.
- Slowly importing chapter member data into our Member Planet website. Goal is to have all of it entered and fully functioning by the end of 2016.
- How does everyone feel about adding a job board to the website? Feel bad about sending so many emails. After discussion, everyone OK with emails continuing.
- At the past camping trip, agreed to solicit newsletter contributions from past active members to commemorate the 50th anniversary. Not sure where to begin. Contacted Scott Frazer. ACTION ITEM: Get Renee names and contact info of other potential contributing members.
- ACTION ITEM: Renee will send out requests for newsletter solicitations. Newsletter out no later than December. Will request info to share re 50th anniversary.

Justin Sloan - Public Outreach Coordinator

- not present, no report

Skip Moss - Conservation Affairs

- not present, no report. Some discussion that we should take a stand on conservation issues affecting Chapter region. All agreed.

Erica Kelly - Student Affairs

- not present, no report

Lori Bono - Granting Committee Chair

- 2 grant submissions to date. \$500 granted to Lee Nelson, who is studying American Crow populations through CSUF. Received another submission from Petros Chrysafis focused on urban wildlife, using remote cameras in backyards.
- Need to discuss budget. \$5000 annual cap?
- Proposals will be sent to Chapter Board, will be approved with majority vote.

Current Business:

1. Courtright Camping Trip Summary: 11 participants, including 5 board members. Aug 5-7, 2016. Was a great time. Will post pictures on Chapter FB site. Will do again next year.

2. Aug/Sept Professional Lunch: CSUF on-board. Contacted Paul Crosbie. Will be at lunch hour. Chapter to provide Pizza and soda, about \$200. Will be 6-7 professionals. ACTION ITEM: Lori will discuss/firm up details soon.
3. CDFW Sponsored workshop on Policy and Implementation: CESA workshop, possibly in Nov or early Dec. Maybe at the Falls Conf Center in Fresno? ACTION ITEM: Julie to look at venues and firm up dates.
4. Website, Newsletter, and Online Info: See Howard and Renee's report summaries.
5. Ongoing Social Hours: Being proposed in Bakersfield and Fresno in general, get decent attendance. Last Fresno one on 8/26/16 at new brewery in Fresno, with taco trucks. About 10 attendees. Last one in Bakersfield on 7/20/16 at Lengthwise Brewery, McCormick Biological sponsored food and drinks, about 25 attendees. Will do more of these in the future.
6. 50th anniversary logo merchandise: Science artist is doing a painting for us. Ideas for merchandise: big canvas totes, stainless bottles, can do on Café Press. ACTION ITEM: Erin will do on Café Press; will send out estimated costs and we can decide how many, etc. T-shirts and sweatshirts also suggested. Calendars also a possibility. ACTION ITEM: Ryan will send pics of mugs made by California potter.
7. Winter Raptor Field Trip: Possible routes through Panoche Valley, in Jan/Feb. Should we rent a van, Chapter cover gas? General Agreement to do so. ACTION ITEM: Kris will plan and send out info.
8. Next Camping Trip: Courtright or Channel Islands? Kris also knows someone with Santa Rosa Island. Possibility for Feb/March.
9. San Luis NWR: ACTION ITEM: Julie will check with Justin on possible Chapter meeting at this location.

Meeting adjourned: 2118 (Julie Vance motioned, Kris Robison seconded)

Member attendance list

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