

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Wildlife Society**  
**Chapter Meeting, February 7, 2019**

**Location: Embers Restaurant, Tenaya Lodge, Western Section Annual Conference**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Introduction of board members and other attendees**
- 3. Board reports** (kept brief due to 1 hour duration of meeting)

Larry Saslaw – President

- Wanted to recap what we accomplished as a Chapter during this past year, as well as what we want to accomplish in the coming year. We are proposing a budget for the first time ever. Over the past year we held the Natural Communities Conference (NCC) in Bakersfield, with a full day of presentations and over 120 participants, followed by Chapter board meeting. This year's NCC will be held on March 28; consider this a call for papers. In May 2018 we held a blunt-nosed leopard lizard Workshop (BNLL WS), with 40 attendees at about \$400/person. This was a good money maker. The BNLL WS was classroom followed by Semitropic field session. In fall (Nov 2018), we convened a stakeholders group for condor, including USFS, CSDs, BLM, CDFW, and USFWS; this was put on by condor recovery folks. It was held at Bittercreek NWR, and had a hands on processing of birds, and a demo on lead vs non-lead bullets. A Kern County Supervisor came to visit and was interested in other Supervisors coming out. This was an opportunity for the Chapter to facilitate regional large-scale conservation. We should do more promoting the science of our profession.
- Larry specifically recognized 3 people that really helped out over the past year: Renee Robison, Lori Bono, and Ryan Lopez. They were presented with Starbucks gift cards.

Erin Whitfield – President-elect

- No report

Kacy Twist – Past-president

- No report

Ryan Lopez – Treasurer

- Helped Larry develop budget, great to have in place.

Julie Vance – Secretary

- No report

Randi McCormick – Chapter Representative

-If want things from Section level to help Chapters, like professional development, student affairs, etc., there are committee meetings this afternoon at 315. These committees help plan events.

-Western Sec has Google calendar with all Section and Chapter events on it, try to avoid conflicts with scheduling workshops, etc. The calendar is on TWS-WS website. How do we put something on it? ACTION ITEM: Randi will find out and will report back.

-Section finalized a transparency policy to share exec/board activities. Does not include staffing contracts, but budget has amount.

Renée Robison - Membership Coordinator

-219 members in 2018. Wanted to put plug in re NCC, it is a lot of work for a few people. Would be great if Bakersfield locals could help some more, like with registration, checking people in, organizing silent auction events. Larry is point of contact for NCC.

Howard Clark – Newsletter Editor & Webmaster

-asking for material for newsletter. Should be sent out before the NCC. ACTION ITEM: Renee will send out request to members. ACTION ITEM FOR NEW OFFICERS: Howard also needs bios for new officers in next month.

Lori Bono – Granting coordinator

-Student grants available, if interested contact Lori.

Skip Moss – Conservation Affairs Committee

-discussed email blast to members encouraging them to contact elected officials to end federal shutdown.

CSUB Student Representative – Erica Kelly

- No report

CSUF Student Representative – Petros Chrysafis (absent)

**4. Current Business:**

- Proposed Budget. Income: starting with \$45,783.97 this year. Income was from NCC (net income \$1000, plus auction \$1000), membership fees (n=219), sponsorships, BNLL WS was net \$4000. Expenses: \$2000 officer stipends/grants, etc. assumes \$7000 income, \$10,700 expenditures (see budget for details). If budget adopted, won't need to vote on individual expenditures (if remain within each budget item). Will report on expenditures to date at each board meeting. Renee: budget missing year end donations? Will discuss separately (not in budget). Grant should be up to \$3000 because have a \$1000 match from anonymous donation. Added separate line item for anon grant match \$2000 (\$1000 was income).

Christine suggested boosting social activity budget line item to \$300. Julie seconded. Larry called for a vote on the budget by all attendees, was approved unanimously.

- Student Outreach: Anyone interested in doing student outreach? Can work with CSUB student mentor program. ACTION ITEM: Kacy will contact CSUB program. We could sponsor a student. Linda and Reagan on committee. Randi recommends that young professionals engage, more relatable for students. Need a variety of career levels mentoring. Larry will help too.
- Small Mammal WS: Bill V asked about affiliating with SJVC because he and Greg have been training (small mammal trapping) for free. Discussed doing a small mammal WS in 2019. CDFW requires hands on experience to be a Designated Biologist for Incidental Take Permits. Details for monitoring would be good, help with mortality/oil spill ID. Propose small mammal WS late summer. Add CDFW Bio monitor requirements to curriculum. Need committee: Howard, chair. ACTION ITEM: Annee will work with Howard on CDFW requirements.
- Social Activities: Christine volunteered to be social chair for 2019.
- Elections: In even years, Secretary and Treasurer come up for election. Fall 2019 for 2020, don't have to change people if people willing to stay on and if only one candidate.
- Kit Fox Funds: Discussed potential disposition of funds previously collected for CALM mange treatment; additional monies will not assist because of limited space. The funds could go to distemper treatment (an emerging kit fox disease issue). Board will decide where previously collected and new funds will go.
- Trail Camera contest: Suggested for NCC, with a possible bird bino photo category. ACTION ITEM: Rainey Reedy will help organize.
- Champions for WL award: Should present at NCC. Award will need to be made. ACTION ITEM: Kris can help with (plaque) award. Need board decision.

## 5. Transfer of Power

- Erin Whitfield our new president, Tory Westall president-elect, Larry Saslaw past-president

Meeting adjourned:1320

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