California Native Plant Society / Mount Lassen Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes / October 19, 2011
Woody Elliott hosting

Board Meeting attendees: Janna Lathrop, John Meehan, Elizabeth Tice, Susan Bazell, Gerry Ingco, Phyllis Lindley, Nancy Schleiger, Susan Mason, Denise Devine, Jim Bishop, Woody Elliott, Cindy Weiner, Catie Bishop, Ron Coley
(Quorum requirements met.)

Call to order by Vice President John Meehan at 7:05 PM.

Old Business:
A. Approval of Sept. minutes; Motion Bazell, second Weiner; passed.
B. Treasurer’s Report/Bazell. (see hand-out)
E. Annie B’s/Lathrop. Final figure not yet known; will e-mail Board members.

New Business:
B. Chapter Membership Grant update (covered at previous meeting).
C. Proposals 2012 Budget/Bazell. Coley would like a new GPS for Rare Plants (currently uses personal unit). Elliott requests $500.00 for website development. Also proposes $500.00 for Yahi Trail signs. Could signs be covered by Special Projects? Should we request donations specifically for Yahi Trail signs? Bishop notes powerpoint projector needs updating. Bazell requests discussion of priorities for funding. Talk continues … Current spending projections equal to estimated income with one year reserve … but not if we include all the requests and new items … J. Bishop mentions CNPS State office maintains a three-year reserve. Discussion of budget turns to items E/F.
E. Sponsoring Student/C. Bishop. Letter from Gina Sideli, Chico State student requesting funds to attend 2012 CNPS conference in San Diego (see letter). Nothing in budget for Education; after discussion J. Bishop motion to donate $300.00 predicated on Ms Sideli giving a presentation at a Chapter General Meeting, second C. Bishop, passed.
Return to item C. Tice makes motion to add Scholarship Fund of at least $500.00 to budget to be used to support students in attending educational events. Weiner seconds, passed. One year budget seems inadequate since Wildflower Show is held only every other year? Should budget be based on calendar year or fiscal year? i.e. State uses End of March to start of following March for their budget. Elliott moves to adopt budget as amended (funding for scholars and signage), seconded Lathrop; passed. J. Bishop points out budget now $1200.00 over projected income. Bazell requests budget be agendized for further discussion.
D. Fremontia “fire” edition/J. Bishop: submits copy of cover letter from State. Discussion of “fire” issue: how to distribute, sell to individuals? Give to fire safety agencies? How many copies? Should organizations incl. landscapers? Would fire chiefs be receptive? Not sell until copies to be donated have been accounted for. Need focus groups to maximize use of information by proper entities. Mason volunteers to count number of fire safety councils and other agencies within the four counties that we serve and bring list to next Board Meeting.
G. Sales/Meehan. Will bring donated used books to sell at next General Meeting.
C. Bishop mentions inventory overage can be returned to State office; Meehan to consult with Copeland re: excess.

Committee Reports:
C. Education/Elliott. “Lise (Smith-Peters) and Edwards working on it.”
D. Field Trips/Ingco. Time to plan “high country” field trips. Unable to continue as leader next six months due to health concerns. Lindley reports error in Pipevine for field trip listed on Sunday 11/28. Date given is a Monday, should have been 11/27 Sunday – Can we use e-mail to notify members?
E. Membership/Lindley. Now 247 – if we gain 2 new members by 11/15 we will have increased our membership this year by 5%!
F. Programs/Bishop. Speakers: November John Whittlesey “Pollinators/macro lens photos”; December Taxonomist from Davis; Denali Ranger Hawley in spring.
G. E-mail/Mason. In progress, list should be usable in a couple of weeks.
H. Rare Plants/Coley. Plans for next spring; maybe Vina Plains on 5/5 depending on weather; plants along Feather Falls trail.
J. Conservation/Elliott. North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve needs help with inventory of native flora and fauna for justification of private land purchase by Wildlife Conservation Board. No participation at this time. Lots of plans happening with CEQA and others, Rowlison helping to keep track, should be newspaper coverage early next year.
K. Invasives/Mason. Lassen Park has requested volunteers to help pull Cheat grass. Missing one small weed wrench.

Request to put Garden Tour on agenda for next Board Meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.