Minutes of 18 January 2012 Mt. Lassen Chapter Board Meeting, taken by Jim Bishop

To order at 1900 hours at the Sierra Sunrise Meeting Room (Phyllis Lindley host)

Present (quorum count 6, in **bold**): Catie Bishop, Jim Bishop, Ron Coley, Wes Dempsey, Denise Devine, Woody Elliott, Janna Lathrop, Phyllis Lindley, Susan Mason, John Meehan, Paul Moore, Cindy Weiner

Actions taken by motion:
- Minutes approved by unanimous vote (of those who were present at last BoD meeting)
- Approved expenditure of $25 for Snowgoose Festival table fee, unanimous vote

Presentations & Discussions
- Jim B. described responses by Cal Fire folks to the Fremontia fire issue. Suggestions from BoD include: get feedback from those who get copies; Contact Res. Cons. Dist; add to cover letter a Fire Safe Council endorsement.
- Catie B. described a proposal for a Horticulture Symposium and urged that we consider hosting one in fall 2012. Many felt that it was a good idea, but that fall was too soon. Catie will send out a description and a sample program to the BoD for review and input. Willing committee members included Catie & Jim B. and possibly Anne Elliott (volunteered in absentia by her spouse)
- Woody E. reported on the CNPS Conservation Conference—good event, with many big-time presenters
- Wes D. presented a letter from PG&E and said we have cancelled two “flume hikes” to comply
- Woody E. updates CNPS Conservation Program items: renewable energy projects are happening; we may be asked for endorsements for “rooftop installations”.

Coming Events/Projects & Assignments
- Snowgoose Festival; Janna will coordinate table staffing assignments & will check on whether we can sell things at our table; Catie suggests clothing items such as aprons might be good (for the future too)
- Field trip to Pinnacles Nat’l Mon. with Altacal Audubon for end of March

Information sharing & Committee Reports
- Catie B. is awaiting a June 2012 date from John Muir Laws to come do a workshop for MLC
- Woody E. asks please provide feedback about the chapter website
- Susan M. says email lists are on hold pending a rainy day to work on them
- Pipevine deadline will be 10 Feb.
- Wes D. solicits ideas for field trips
- Phyllis L. reports overall membership is down 2 from last month (252 total in Dec. 2011), but up a net 19 since Dec. 2010. A lot of our memberships are now “limited income”.
- Ron C. says we have 6 RPTH set for 2012, including Lassen NF and some vernal pool sites
- Woody E. says N. Table Mtn trail project is moving along, Butte Co. Conservation Plan soon to go public Paragliding in Bidwell Park was denied; Disc golf in upper park is in limbo.
- Susan M. says we need to do some broom pulling, but need the ground to get wetter.
- John M. is refreshing sales inventory and looking for book suggestions
- Jim B. March program will be about Fire Safe practices and native plants; April program on NW Calif. mountain areas. May program will be May 2nd in Oroville and program suggestions include the plants of Lake Oroville area.

Miscellaneous assignments
- Catie will prepare for a discussion of Native Plant Week ideas for Feb BoD meeting
- Paul requests that everyone confirm their committee assignments
- Paul requests input from all on their volunteer hours for 2011 or items for Annual Report

Coming BoD meetings
- 15 February 2012 at Susan Bazell’s house
- 21 March 2012 at Janna’s clubhouse

Adjourned at 2058 hours.