Minutes of 21 March 2012 Mt. Lassen Chapter Board Meeting, taken by Jim Bishop

To order at 1904 hours at the common room of Janna’s Glenbrook Apartments, Chico, CA

Present (quorum count 8, in bold): Catie Bishop, Jim Bishop, Susan Bazell, Adrienne Edwards, Woody Elliott, Janna Lathrop, Phyllis Lindley, Susan Mason, Marjie McNairn, John Meehan, Paul Moore, Paula Shapiro, Cindy Weiner. Special guest: State Board Director-at-Large Brian LeNeve

Actions taken by motion:
- Minutes approved (Catie B., 2nd Paula S.) by unanimous vote (of those present at last BoD meeting)
- Approved (Susan B., 2nd Cindy W.) expenditure of $250 for the pollinator garden at the Gateway Science Museum; Unanimous
- Approved (Paula S., 2nd Susan M.) draft letter (by Woody, working with Linnea Hansen) regarding proposed trails in the Brady Camp area of Plumas NF; Unanimous

Special session with Brian LeNeve regarding relationship of Chapters to the state organization and Board of D.
- Overall CNPS organization was described, and weakness of relations with Chapters noted
- State functions essential to Chapters include: administration, insurance, volunteer recognition, major programs; Chapters value the professionalism and credibility of CNPS in their local work.
- The state BoD needs Chapter input, especially now on how to reconcile the budget with income, and how to adjust the major programs to allow sustained funding. Let your CC Delegate know what you think.
- We need to better market what CNPS does, and to have both short and long term plans for development.

Presentations & Discussions
- Jim B. was recognized for receiving the CNPS Fellow Award
- Treasurer reported current figures; Sales of “Wildflowers of Table Mountain” books were good. Currently our annual budget is projected to be about $6000.
- Ten Fire-issue Fremontias were sold to the Berry Creek Fire-Safe Council at a reduced price ($2.50)

Coming Events/Projects & Assignments
- Oroville Wildflower Festival; 7 April; We’ll staff a table; We’ll have a Table Mtn. field trip at 11am.
- Plant sale 21 April at the Nature Center; we need to bring a table and some chairs.

Information sharing & Committee Reports
- Woody: Coming trip to Pinnacles Nat’l. Mon.
- Woody: He is trying to persuade building supply outlets not to sell “sweet broom”…sterility is not assured.
- Phyllis: Membership up by 4; Total memberships at present 244.
- May program, in Oroville, will be about The Sutter Buttes, by Middle Mountain Foundation
- Susan M: Can we offer a day to pull cheatgrass in Lassen N. P. in June?
- Janna L.: Please notice and respond to the call for input on broom document by Anna Stephens and Calli-Jane of the Butte Fire-Safe Council.
- Phyllis L: Chico Museum Community Corner solicits programs from organizations, and perhaps we should offer to do one.

Miscellaneous assignments
- Adrienne will send out files of the draft Yahi Trail signs for our feedback.
- Provide feedback to Susan M. on email protocols by 29 March 2012 (questions handed out)
- Susan B., Adrienne, and Jim B. be ready next time to talk about maintaining collaborations with other groups.

Coming BoD meetings
- 18 April 2012 at Paul M.’s residence
- 16 May 2012 at Bishop’s residence

Adjourned at 21:16 hours.