Minutes of 19 September 2012 Mt. Lassen Chapter Executive Board Meeting, taken by Jim Bishop

To order at 1903 hours at the Woody and Ann Elliott residence, Chico, CA


Actions taken by motion or consensus:
- Minutes approved (Woody, 2nd Catie) by unanimous vote (of those present at last Ex. Bd. meeting).
- New Events Committee approved (Jim, 2nd Paula) by unanimous vote, with Janna as the Chairperson
- Candidates for office: President Suellen R.; Vice Pres. Angie T., Secretary Jim B.; Treasurer John M.
- Members-at-Large Catie B., Hesh K., Margo L., Marion W.
- New Committee members (incomplete list): Hospitality, KarroLynn; Membership, Marion
- Change Nov. Ex. Brd meeting to Nov. 14th (Woody; 2nd Catie), unanimous; to be at Angie’s, Club House at Sierra Sunrise Apartments.

Presentations & Discussions
- Jim B., solicited ideas for distributing extra Fremontias: general meetings; Chico Horticultural Soc.; Museum; local nurseries; photos for bulletin board.
- Woody: reported on CC Conservation Conference in Santa Cruz; urges that we offer some funds from our chapter to support the state Conservation program.
- What shall we donate to and how much?—Conservation, pest plant brochure, CIPC conference (not now), No. Calif. Botanist Conf.?
- Finance Committee (John, Susan, Jim) should assess budget impacts of potential donations. Board members please inform the committee of recommended/needed donations, both long-term and short-term.
- Shall we facilitate the placement of a bench at the CCNC in Phyllis’s name? We need to identify some potential projects that will work.
- The wording on the 8”x8” brick we bought at the CCNC will say “Mt. Lassen Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Sharing Knowledge of Native Plants & Habitats” (placed on 5 lines of 20 characters each).

Coming Events/Projects & Assignments
- Annie B. tabling event at the Farmer’s Market Sept. 20th 5pm to 9pm
- Wildflower Show 21 April 2013; still needs a coordinator (Paula might agree to be a co-chair)
- Home & Garden Show will be October 27 & 28; need table staffers (let Janna know)
- Farm City event at Bidwell mansion will be Nov. 3rd.
- Woody will survey members about their preference for Pipevine on paper vs. electronically

Information sharing & Committee reports
- John M: budget will match the period of the bank statements (month end to month end), rather than the period between Exec. Board meetings...
- Adrian: trail-sign text available soon; park folks have entertained thoughts from other stakeholders on possible alternate names for the trail (based on habitat, human history, etc.).
- Conservation current issues: Brady’s Camp NEPA assessment will need to be evaluated; we made input to Butterfly Valley Trail plan
- Susan M: Weed removal training offered for other communities; we support Bidwell Park for the Regional Treasure award; weed removal is done as part of trail maintenance.
- Susan M: Membership is at 220 (loss of one this month).
- Gerry: Wildfires will affect our field trips, and information will be made available on changes.
- Programs: Oct. will be Chico High School horticulture; Nov. will be our weed removal programs
- John M.: We’ll sell some used books at our sales table, including some from Phyllis’s library.
- Ron: Rare Plant Treasure Hunts have not found any targeted rare plants since the first RPTH, though his own outings to the same places have found some of them.

Coming meetings
- General meeting Oct. 3rd; Nov., & Dec. meetings will be on 1st Wednesdays, all at Chico Library