Minutes of 16 October 2013 CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Executive Board Meeting
Janna Lathrop, acting secretary

To order 7:02PM Shasta Room, Sierra Sunrise Terrace Lodge, (host in absentia: Hesh Kaplan).

Old Business: Will need to approve September minutes at the next board meeting. Two month treasurer’s report through September 30th was given by John Meehan. Treasurer’s report is attached. Per John, it is time to think about the budget for the fiscal year (April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015) and submit proposals to him. John contacted CNPS about credit card machine, they will facilitate setting it up. Chapter needs either iPad or laptop and WiFi access. MLC already has a chapter laptop. John will update progress. John contacted the bank on savings vs. CD choices. Low yields on either option.

2013 Annie B’s results: $2309.36 which includes 8% matching grant of $171.06 from 33 donors. Woody offered to help write some of the thank you notes. Discussed not having CNPS display at the Thursday night market next year.

No update to report on 2014 Horticulture Symposium, potential future native plant nursery site or status change of MLC business cards/bookmarks.

MLC had three members participate during the recent public radio (KCHO) pledge drive. Discussed there was a lower than anticipated turn out (22) at the last general meeting. There was an error in publicity made by Chico ER that the meeting and fieldtrips were sponsored by Sierra Club.

New Business: Northern California Botanist Conference (Jan. 13-14, 2014) financial support request received. No quorum/no action taken. John to forward the breakdown of last year’s level of support. Options discussed student sponsorship and a member to sit at MLC table during the conference. Suellen will contact CNPS to see if they plan to attend. Exhibit for the event needs to be more focused, such as the Chapter’s participation with the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt.

Suellen announced the State CNPS ballot from the chapter is due by November 15th.

Janna brought up the library’s policy of no sales in the conference room unless such sales directly benefit the library will now be enforced. MLC has library reserved for Nov. and Dec. Will need to consider other meeting options if we want to continue table sales. John notes this is an important source of revenue.

Suellen reports upcoming dinners for CCNC (Oct. 17) and BEC (Oct. 19).

Committee Reports:

Invasive plants: Review of seven potential projects outlined by Susan Mason. Discussed merits of each and prioritized which may be a chapter effort.

Rare Plants: Ron Coley reports met with Butte County and no change in spraying along Camp Creek Rd.

Membership: To have future discussion about possible incentives for chapter members.

Education: Chair still open and no report. Yahi Trails: nothing new to report.

CCNC Garden: Workday on Saturday morning scheduled by Claire Meehan. Possible hardscape and/or irrigation help from Lowes Home Improvement.

Programs: November-Lawrence Janeway. December- TBA.

Board meeting: November 20th will be hosted by Paul Moore. January 15, 2014 will be hosted by Janna Lathrop at 1550 Springfield Dr.

Meeting adjourned: 9:23PM