Minutes of November 18, 2015: Mt. Lassen Chapter - CNPS Executive Board Meeting

By: Ann Elliott, Secretary

Motions in bold (m/s/c: who moved/who seconded/vote result)  AN: Indicates Action Needed.

Called to order 7:00 PM by President Catie Bishop at the clubhouse of Janna Lathrop. Present (elected board members shown in bold, quorum of elected board needed: 5 of 9): Letha Albright, Catie Bishop, Jim Bishop, Meryl Bond, Ann Elliott, Woody Elliott, Gerry Ingco, Janna Lathrop, Marjorie McNairn, John Meehan, Paul Moore, Nancy Praizler, Suellen Rowlison, Cindy Weiner. Absent: Ron Coley, KarroLynn Yells. Quorum present.

Minutes of October 21, 2015 Mt. Lassen Chapter Executive Board Meeting Approved (m/s/c: Suellen/Paul/unanimous)

Treasurer’s Report: See attached report. Noted: more income in November. AN: John will send an email soliciting budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year between now and January Board meeting. AN: Committee chairs will submit requests.

Old Business:

• Annie B’s Drive – Divided up thank you note writing for 41 donors.
• Harvest Festival - Netted $380 in plant sales. Barbara Richmond, UC Master Gardener from Gridley donated many plants. Left over plants are with the Bishops, KarroLynn, Paula and Nancy. Nancy Schleiger of Native Springs Nursery donated $69 from her sales. The new canopy worked fine, but has similar weak points at the scissor joints as the old Chico Friends of the Library canopies.
• Student Research Grant Program – Jim looked at the form and process of the State CNPS grant program. Need to include our desire for local students or local research areas and possibly different deadlines for our chapter. AN: Woody, Jim, and Catie will talk with Dan Glusenkamp, CNPS Executive Director, at the Dec. Chapter Council meeting regarding adapting the state program to our Chapter’s needs.
• Yahi Trail Guide Reprinting. 2000 copies of the revised guide were printed. The City of Chico has the 1000 copies which it paid for. Woody has the remainder and will distribute as needed.
• Complimentary CNPS Memberships – Each chapter is allowed 5. Memberships for 4 organizations have been submitted to CNPS: City of Chico Parks Staff, Heather Hacking of Enterprise Record, California Water Service Conservation Coordinator, Chris Devine of Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG). No one from Feather River Recreation District has responded to a call for interest.
• Complimentary Pipevine Copies – some discussion of who is being mailed Pipevine newsletters – mostly libraries and nurseries. Marjorie will revise list as noted from email input.
• Northern California Botanists Symposium, January 11 – 12, 2016 - 4 students at $150 each will be sponsored. AN: contacts still being made by Jim. Woody Elliott plans to attend at his own cost and will staff a shared table with CNPS.
• Mt. Lassen Chapter tool storage – Proposal for $700 for ½ the cost of a storage shed located in a fenced City of Chico compound on Fir St. with provisions for tool labeling, check out, and use on other than City of Chico projects. Cost to be shared with Friends of Bidwell Park. (Suellen/Paul/11 for and 1 opposed) AN: Woody will continue to work with Shane Romain, City of Chico Park Volunteer Coordinator, on details.
• Chapman Elementary School request for support for environmental education – General concern that the Chapter connect with the person who requested the grant and share further CNPS information such as the nature journaling material. The board may want to include funds for future requests like this in the budget. AN: Catie will contact requester.
New Business:

- Snow Goose Festival – January 29 – 31. Janna feels she has enough money in her budget to develop some interesting information for our table.
- Chico Science Fair – Feb. 29 to March 3 – We will provide judges and prizes.
- Website issues –
  - New version of Joomla software – mostly converted successfully.
  - Password protection for bylaws and minutes was initially working, but Joomla updates caused its dysfunction. **Motion to not password protect minutes and bylaws on the website mountlassen.cnps.org.** (Nancy/Woody/unanimous) Note: any legal or personnel issues would be considered in executive session and would be included in separate minutes not on the website.
  - **Motion to discontinue use of alias email addresses for officers and chairs.**
    (Nancy/Suellen/unanimous)

Committee and Member Reports:

- Cindy Weiner reports that a new native plant garden has been installed at the Patrick Ranch. This complements the Master Gardener Mediterranean climate plant garden also at Patrick Ranch.
- Conservation – The Butte Regional Conservation Plan draft HCP, NCCP and NEPA / CEQA evaluation is out for 90-day review. **AN:** Woody and Suellen will work with Butte Environmental Council and other environmental organizations to review and comment on the portions concerning plants and habitats.
- Programs – Dec. Emily Doe, Feb. Mike Williams
- Thanks to all the outgoing officers.

Coming meetings:

- General Meetings: **December 2** - Emily Meigs Doe of the USFS, now on the Mendocino Nat. Forest.  
  - “Effects of Invasives on Natives”, **February 3** – Mike Williams
- Executive Board Meetings: **January 20** at Nancy’s house.

**Adjourned:** 8:45 PM
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
MOUNT LASSEN CHAPTER  
November 18, 2015

CHECKING ACCOUNT  
BEGINNING BALANCE: 10-1-2015  $13,062.89

INCOME

No income

| TOTAL | $ | - | + $ | - |

EXPENSES

| Invasives | $ | 41.48 |
| Ed's Printing-Oct. | $ | 153.00 |
| TOTAL | $ | 194.48 | - $ | 194.48 |

ENDING BALANCE: 10-31-2015  = $12,868.41

SAVINGS ACCOUNT  + $766.35

TOTAL ACCOUNTS  = $13,634.76

RESERVE/FIXED COSTS  - $4,676.00

FUNDS ENCUMBERED FOR ARUNDO  - $540.00

FUNDS ENCUMBERED W.M. GRANT  - $-

FUNDS ENCUMBERED FOR AV  - $576.24

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS  = $7,842.52