Minutes of May 18, 2016 CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Board Meeting  
by Jim Dempsey, Secretary

**Motions in bold** (m/s/c who moved, second, result) **AN**: indicates Action Needed.

Called to order 7 pm (Nancy Praizler home). Quorum was present (7/9): Woody Elliott WE, Jim and Catie Bishop JB/ CB, Nancy Praizler NP, Jim Dempsey JD, Cindy Weiner CW, Meryl Bond MB. John Whittlesey and Letha Albright absent. Also in attendance Marjorie McNairn MM.

**Minutes of March 16 adopted** (NP,JB, unanimous), and **Minutes of April 20 adopted** (CW, JB, unanimous).

No announcements. Agenda modifications: JW absentia request to keep meetings to 2 hours; MB will announce 8:15pm warning.

Treasurer’s Report., NP three handouts: April income/expenses, cumulative expenses and income last fiscal year, approved projected income and expenditures current fiscal year.

**Old Business**


   c. Garden Tour, WE: 280 registrants of which 30 were onsite; 250 registered online EventBright.com app which cuts $250 to $214 net. After costs, AltaCal, BEC, and MLC each earned $123. AE (absentia) comment: charge a fee, not donations – too much hard work. CB: prep hosts by identifying all plants ahead of the event. WE: a roaring success.

   d/e. Volunteer recognition at Annual Picnic, WE. Lake Oroville Visitor Center, June 11, 2-5 pm, no Costco cake.

h. 2017 WF Show, WE from JL: CARD $105/hour is the nonprofit 30% discounted rate, $500 deposit has been paid; **9 hours: 4 setup, 4 Show, 1 cleanup** (WE, CB, unanimous).

   i. Annual Activities Report, CB (handout). **Adoption** (JD, CW, unanimous).

   j. Review 16/17 Budget, JB handout ‘Viewing MLC financial trends and status, 2008 to 2016’. WE handout yellow highlight on approved projected budget offers rationale for additional allocations of $5,264.23. AnnieB fund drive is expected to carry on in some form.

   k. Bidwell Park Spanish broom control, JD inquired about possibility of a grant or joining with BEEP. Weed Management Area meeting County Ag (Rob Hill) in June with other interested parties.

**New Business**

b. Chico Creek Nature Center Board position available to MLC membership, WE.
c. Trail Days, WE. Steve Overlock, Bidwell Park Middle Trail, National Trails Day bike group volunteers, June 4th. Contact Steve Overlock.

d. CNPS signs “Native Plants Live Here”, WE: AE proposes using at Alice Hecker Garden, Patrick Ranch, Gridley Library, Gold Nugget Museum (Paradise), Gateway Museum, and for CW as OLLI outreach prop. CB: cost too high. CW: Audubon has gardeners pay fee partly towards ‘Certified Neighborhood Habitat’ sign. Motion to buy 4 more CNPS signs, 4x$36 = $144 of which $123 from Garden Tour donation less Hort Program allocation (WE, CB, unanimous).

Standing Committee Reports
  a. Alice H Garden, WE: Eagle Scout project replacing fountain.
  b. Conservation, WE: Colusa-Sacramento River St Rec Area General Plan meeting, WE efforts were acknowledged by Park Commission that resolved to avoid campground development in riparian restoration area with resident Sacramento Valley foxes.
  c. no summer events.
  d. Field Trips, MM: 10 through summer. WE: Natural Bridge was awesome.
  f. Membership, MM: 223 members, 21 lapsed, 3 new.
  h. Speakers, JB: September is members’ presentation night, October Gerry with Giant Sequoia National Monument experiences.
  j. Sales, NP: $190 total for Oroville WF Festival and General Meeting.

Next Board meeting August 17, 7 pm at KarroLynn Yells home, #6 Los Verqueros off 18th in Thermalito. September 21 Board meeting at Bishops’ in Oroville.

Adjourned 9:04pm.