Minutes of August 17, 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 (KarroLynn Yells home). Quorum was present (7/9): Woody Elliott WE, Jim and Catie Bishop JB/CB, Jim Dempsey JD, John Whittlesey JW, Cindy Weiner CW, Meryl Bond MB, Letha Albright and Nancy Praizler absent. Also in attendance: Janna Lathrop JL.

Minutes of May 18 adoption delayed per WE edits.
No announcements.

Treasurer’s Report., WE for NP three handouts: Cumulative expenses and income as of 7/31/16 plus Notes and checking account balance as of 7/31/16. $600 subvention received, Recology paid (per Susan Mason). **AN:** Next Board meeting revisit bulk mailing: permit cost went up?

**Old Business**

d. 2017 WF Show, JL: CARD is reserved paid for 10 hours, Sun. April 23. **Confirmed public hours 12-4pm; setup 8am-12, cleanup 4-5pm (WE, ?, unanimous).**

e. Broom. JB: what progress? JD treated those mapped except for a few at/below golf course, all N side of creek. WE: what to do? JD depending on scope of volunteers (Steve Overlock per S Mason), revisit previous treatments then expand the treatment frontier. WE: Susan Mason is gone; WE expects to carry through.

f. CNPS garden signs, CB: Ordered 10 small and 40 large. Question of CNPS logo on blank area of sign, WE: should make it prominent with sticker. CW: signs pending to Master Gardeners (Patrick Ranch) and Gateway Museum. JB: CB deserves credit for agendizing sign item at Chapter Council Meeting for a bulk purchase bringing cost each from $36 to $12.

**New Business**

a. WE, **complementary annual CNPS memberships add Shane Romain (City of Chico Parks – Volunteer Coordinator), Chris Devine (Butte County Assoc. Governments, Butte Regional Conservation Plan), Melinda Tevis, Natalie Carter (BEC Ex. Director), and if not the new Butte College biology professor (AN: JB will find contact) then Dan Efseaff (City of Chico Parks)** (WE, JD, unanimous).

b. Reduce General Meeting schedule. JB: Question of our capacity to deliver programs. Organizing programs needs volunteers. Venues increasingly difficult to secure. JB not sure how much longer he can continue doing so. Suggest 2 fall and 2 spring General Meetings as reduced schedule. WE: it can be worked out. JL: Library only available 6 mos. out and we can get outmaneuvered for reservations. Discussion of upcoming 2016 scheduling.

>CW 8:15 time warning...
c. Grebe Festival, WE: In Chester, a Snow Goose Festival for grebes.
d. Chapter Council, CB: Mini-reports idea resulted in no feedback from delegates.
e. Great Sierra Cleanup, Feather River in Oroville morning of Sept. 17. CB/JB.
f. Home & Garden Show, JL: Chico Fairgrounds Oct 23-24, need plants. AN: JW and JD will have some to donate.
h. California Invasive Plant Council Symposium 2017 sponsorship. AN:
$100 Chapter donation to CalIPC (MB, WE, 6 in favor, JD abstain).
J. General Meeting locations. November 02 JL: Gridley sought, program pending.

Standing Committee Reports
  a. Alice H Garden, WE: looking good.
  b. Conservation, WE: Butte County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan is paused with proposed Stonegate Development on Bruce Road in Chico a test.
  d. Field Trips, WE: 9/25 Castle and Heart Lakes.
  f. Membership, MB is taking over from Marjorie McNairn MM. WE: pending MM resignation letter and approval of MB by Board.
  i. Publicity, CW: CN&R started putting in Community Activities. MM will fill in for CW for Sept. deadlines.

Next Board meeting September 21, 7-9 pm at Bishops’ in Oroville, carpool from Chico P&R.

Adjourned 9:07 pm.