Minutes of November 16, 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 present (9/9): Woody Elliott WE, Catie and Jim Bishop CB/JB, Jim Dempsey JD, Nancy Praizler NP, Cindy Weiner CW, Meryl Bond MB, Letha Albright LA, and John Whittlesey JW. Also in attendance Janna Lathrop JL and Marjorie McNairn MM.

Agenda addition: Downsize PO Box.

Minutes of August 17, September 21, and October 19 adopted (NP, LA, unanimous).

No announcements.

Treasurer, NP. Two handouts: Checking balance and cumulative budget as of 10/31/2016. AN: NP account for $100 donation to CalIPC Symposium sponsorship. Move ‘donations’ (plant sales profits) from Harvest Festival etc. to November balancing period. Question of allocating funds between checking and savings: find out if there is minimum balance requirement for checking.

Old Business
- Student Research Grants, JB. AN: JB will send grant committee WE/JD grant announcement and checklist to evaluate the two applications just received. There was a delay in application receipt since we are going via State application process.
- Gridley Library Landscaping Project, CB - No action, lacking leadership initiative on their part.
- CNPS Garden Sign, CB. Sticker samples for empty space on sign. Stickers include “Mt Lassen Chapter, [website]”, and be transparent with oval border; purchase economical quantity <= $100 (WE, NP, unanimous). AN: NP will check if any restriction on price that Chapter sells signs.
- Annie B’s Fund, WE. $4,200 donated to Chapter includes PayPal deductions & 6.5% corporate matching. This is the last of the 10 years of the Annie B Fund Drives. AN: JL, LA, C/JB will write thank you notes to the 39 donors.
- 2017 Wildflower Show Sun. April 23. JL is saving glassware, CW publicity, WE will coordinate collectors.
- General Meetings, JB: reduce from 7 to 4 meetings annually? – No we’re ok for now. JB will pass on organizational role (lining up speakers/venues) next year.

New Business
- Agenda addition, PO Box downsizing savings, WE. Current $122/yr vs. smaller box $83/yr. WE will look into smaller PO Box (JD, NP, unanimous).
• 2017 Executive Board: WE President, JB Vice President, Christian Smit Secretary, NP Treasurer, Members at Large: CW, MB, Hesh Kaplan. Past President CB. **Chapter Council Representative will be CB** (WE, NP, unanimous).

• Nor Cal Botanists Symposium, Jan. 9-10, 2017, CSU Chico. **Sponsor up to 4 students to attend @ $150 each** (JB, CB, unanimous).

• Trail Volunteer Day, WE. Feather Falls USFS Plumas NF and Trail Works sponsorship. **AN:** List on Chapter Meetup.com site and announce at next General Meeting.

> CW 8:45 pm meeting time warning.

• Spring Garden Tour is being organized on Chapter part by Ann Elliott (AE).

• Membership Chair, MB. What records should be archived? Newsletters, JL: No need since Denise does that. Lapsed members record kept by State. Keep outgoing correspondence. **AN:** job description.

**Standing Committee Reports**

• Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Gardens, AE coordinates the work party.

• Conservation, WE. Poor implementation of mitigation measures at Peregrine Pt. Disc Golf Course. WE photographed problems not up to the promises made. Blue oaks getting scarred. Dan Efseaff (City of Chico Parks) is looking to reduce the monitoring contract costs currently $5000/year, ‘to put more into addressing impacts’.

• Events. Snow Goose Festival, last weekend January - Chapter table.

• Field Trips listed on website.

• Membership, MB: 214 current members.

• Programs, WE. December - Jeanette Alosi ‘Climate-suitable gardening’, Cindy Weiner ‘home horticulture’.

**Next Executive Board Meeting:** Jan. 18th 7 PM – Cindy Weiner home, 4191 Rio Grande Drive, Chico.

**Adjourn 9:10**