Minutes of January 18, 2017, CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Board Meeting  
By Christian Smit, Secretary

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


2. Minutes of November 16 adopted (WE, NP unanimous)

3. Treasurer’s Report: NP. Two handouts: CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Budget For Year 2016-2017 (cumulative income and expenses as of 12/31/16), and Nov. Dec. 2016 and Jan. 2017 expenses as of January 18, 2017. On the question of needing a minimum balance in checking account: No need for minimum balance as a non-profit NP. Also, it was decided that monthly financial reports do not need to be created.

AN: Meet goal to make PayPal running by April. Fraud emails coming to Treasurer. Danger reporting grant awards for students. NP will call in to Sacramento because social security numbers are potentially at risk due to hackers. Form 1099 are for awards of $600 or more. Question of changing awards amount to less than $600 so no Form 1099 required? NP: Motion to create PayPal account. AE seconded. HK questioned the need for PayPal, NP said PayPal works for charging credit cards online during Table Sales. WE: Motion to amend creation of PayPal account: Money from PayPal will be directed to Tri Counties Bank account, Unanimous except for HK abstaining.

Discussion of garden signs sales/sizes:
JB- ordered 50 stickers 3” x 2”, fit with small signs. NP unaware, Spent $50. JB will order 50 more larger stickers for large signs

NP: $12,261.80 available to spend.

AN: Need to budget more for postage (MB agreed) and outreach. Big difference with yard signs, did not anticipate buying so many. Exceeded expected income by approximately $2,000 NP.

WE: Fiscal year ends March 31st

Unanimous acceptance of financial statement.

4. Old Business:

a. 2017 Wildflower Show, Sun. April 23 – CARD Center Chico:

   WE: glassware concern. Collecting, identifying, and displaying flowers main priorities. Collecting in the field, identified and put out for display. HK: Is there point person for publicity? Yes, CW. WE confirmed we have posters from last show that can be modified for this year.

WE: No new actions, implementation methods on website, chapter needs to decide how will take place. Consensus appears to be very hard to act beyond boycott. CW has researched the issue, and an area of concern is large-scale nurseries growing infected plants for restoration. Suggests John Whittlesey lead a 15 min session at General Meeting to address concerns for backyard gardeners. AE proposes discussion / display at wildflower show.

WE: Need for outreach, brief talk at general meeting good idea; CW: shared with Master Gardeners

c. New, smaller, cheaper PO Box 4067, Chico CA 95927-4067. Woody Downsized, cheaper, Post Office across from Chico plaza. It is a key lock with two keys given to WE & NP.

d. Northern Calif. Botanist Symposium 2017: No sponsored students. WE located potential speakers, and listened to Forest Service speaker who discussed the need to thin forests to prevent fires. AW: the lack of moisture in forests means they are always stressed, so clearing forests is to reduce competition too. Note by WE: Videos of all Symposium 2017 presentations at: http://www.norcalbotanists.org/symposia/symposium2017.htm

CW: Idea to find students through Northern Calif. Botanists, which apparently gives out research grants. These are thoughts for future years (i.e. the question of how to sponsor students).

5. Membership Chair job descriptions: MB: Do we want to include mailing The Pipevine in the Membership Chair’s job description? Yes; however, MB does not want to do this job for more than another year.

How are the lapsing memberships contacted? The three notification policy doesn’t seem to be in place. Note by WE: From CNPS Chapter Resources Jan. 2017 email broadcast:

**This month’s FAQ!**

Q: How are lapsing members contacted and reminded to renew?

A: Batch renewal reminder mailings are sent out every other month from the state office. The first notice a member receives will be 1-2 months before their membership is scheduled to lapse, provided they have not opted out of receiving mailed reminders. If there is no response, they will receive a letter in each of the next two renewal mailing cycles, for a total of three mailed renewal reminders. Members with current e-mail addresses on file are also sent up to three e-mail reminders, and every 2-3 years, CNPS additionally sends a “lapsed member appeal” to all dropped members from the previous 10-15 years. Chapters are welcome to contact lapsed members as well to encourage them to renew their memberships. Membership resources and references for chapter volunteers are available under the “Chapter Membership Support” heading on the [admin page](http://adminpage) of CNPS.org
HK raised question of field trips with non-members and proposed a motion to amend Article 4 in Membership Chair Job Description Draft to include potential members. Accepted. To be voted on at next Board Meeting

**AN:** MB will revise Job Description and distribute it to Bd. Members for consideration and adoption at the February Bd. Meeting.

6. New Business:


WE. Chico Velo, Plumas National Forest are the sponsors and key partners to us.

b. Spring Native Plant Garden Tour decided April 30:

AE: Melinda Teves open to doing native garden tour. April 30 is the Wildflower Century Bike Tour. May 6th the Endangered Species Faire and St John’s Garden Faire. Idea is to ask for a fee (e.g. $5-10).

NP: Last year a couple hundred dollars from donations, successful. WE: Supported charging a fee to draw attention to the event and because there are many good uses for our money (sponsoring students, education)

WE and AE: most donations came through Eventbrite.

AE: Question to expand garden tours?

CW: Paradise could be interesting

AE: **We have decided on April 30 for the Garden Tour**

**AN:** Preparing for the April 30 Garden Tour.

7. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Gardens:

AE: Going well, still choosing plants.

b. Conservation:

WE Following Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) which is being revised after written comments and meetings with developer interests and signatory governments. A remake is occurring; however, we are not included, so we must watchdog it.

Stonegate Development at Bruce Road and Chico Airport being exempted from BRCP.

Peregrine Point, Disc Golf Course: AE described impacts of course: damaging trunks, trampling vegetation, creating erosion.

WE: Protecting the ‘Big Four’ species (Bidwell’s knotweed, Butte Co Checkerbloom, wildflower fields and blue oak) is Chico’s legal responsibility under CEQA, which they are partly failing to
do. Will continue to advocate for implementation of mitigation measures.

c. Events: Janna said she could use some help tabling at the Snow Goose Festival

d. Field Trips: MM: There are three for February:
   1. Friday trip to genetic seed orchard, Mendocino forest, 2/3
   2. UC Davis 2/11
   3. Turtle Bay 2/25


h. Programs:

   WE. Linnea Hanson is February Speaker re: wild orchids; CW March speaker on native plant gardening.

   i. Publicity:
   CW: Public service announcements for KCHO-FM: Changing procedure so need to submit announcements through public bulletin. CN&R wants online community calendar, tedious, only used for major events.

j. Table Sales: Proposed Purchases for Wildflower Show (April 23 at CARD Center)

   NP. Gone until Feb 11, won't make next General Meeting. Will check on T-Shirts and necessities for sale at Wildflower Show.

m. Invasive Plants

   **AN:** WE: Developing plan with Friends of Bidwell Park to treat Spanish broom. Currently draft contract being developed by Linda Herman - City Public Works Admin. Manager, and to be reviewed by Dan Elseauff, Parks & Natural Resources Manager and new City Attorney. It would be best to have contract in place to treat the broom when it is blooming in the spring.

   CW: Construction along the creek on CSU Chico campus in wake of the construction of the bridges- invasive plants spreading in these disturbed areas. Landscaping crew open to working with someone who would take the lead.

8. Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations:
   Woody and Ann Elliott will host the February 15 meeting at 7 PM.

   March 15 - HK and NP both volunteered. HK confirmed via email on 1/19/2017 that he will host the meeting on Wed. March 15 at 7 PM at: 2709 Sierra Sunrise Terrace, #211.

9. Adjourn
   The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM