Minutes of February 15, 2017, Mount Lassen Chapter - CNPS Board Meeting
By Christian Smit, Secretary

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


2. **Minutes of January 18 adopted** (AW, CS approved, three abstains) In the minutes ‘Note by’ denotes additional information added (e.g. 4. d., p.2)

3. Treasurer’s Report: NP. Two handouts: CNPS Mount Lassen Chapter Budget For Year 2016-17 (cumulative income and expenses as of 1/31/17), and expenses for the month of January 2017. The returned statement fee ($5) can be avoided using E-Statements. The fiscal year ends March 31, and there are $1,998.27 fixed costs remaining for this fiscal year. Overall, January was a slow month with the only activity being a membership (which will be mailed to the state CNPS), sales tax, and returned statement fee. The total expenses for January were $24.99.

   Despite the January 18 meeting’s **motion to create PayPal account**, NP explained that we cannot create a PayPal account. We can use an Intuit credit card reader.

   NP: **Motion for the Mt Lassen chapter to get a Intuit credit card reader from the state CNPS organization**, Unanimous AN

   Issues of minimum balance and monthly financial reports discussed and clarified: as a non-profit we do not need a minimum balance in the Tri Counties Bank checking account, and financial reports will continue as they are.

   NP is out of stationery and envelopes for sending checks. AN: provide NP with more envelopes.

4. Old Business:
   a. Gridley Library Landscaping Project: CB
      Unless new information arise, delete consideration in future agendas.

   JB. Idea of growing plants at Chico Seed Orchard - Mendocino National Forest (on Morrow Lane) because it is an ideal environment for growing disease free plants. WE said Chico High is another option. CW explained that the process for having clean plants is: digging up plants, removing the soil, disinfecting roots. Sterile soil is needed. These details are connected to the question of whether we should accept plants at the Wildflower Show.
   c. CNPS Native Plants Grow Here sign distribution & stickers. CB
      ‘Native Plants Live Here’ metal signs presented, and the group approves of them.
   d. Chico Science Fair – Silver Dollar Fair Grounds Feb. 28th.

   HK: Judging on Feb. 28. Fair open on Friday, Sat, Sun. JL will help with putting prizes together, and with judging.
   e. 2017 Wildflower Show, Sun. April 23 – CARD Center Chico: JL and WE AE formulated signup. WE presented the data, and the confirmed people.
f. Spring Native Plant Garden Tour April 30. AE with Melinda Tevis
   Similar to last month. Intending to charge $10 fee, have people sign up online. Question of credit card fee.
   Melinda has two yeses and lots of maybes. Mt. Lassen Chpt. and AltaCal will co-host the tour. BEC has agreed
   to be involved. AE. BEC provides good publicity coverage. NP has a tenant with a native plant garden.

g. Revised Job Description: Membership Chair: MB
   MB changed job description of Membership Chair by adding #4: ‘Mail newsletters to potential new members if
   they have expressed interest.’ AN: The Board will decide on the DRAFT at the next meeting.

5. New Business:
   a. Update on State CNPS Education program: JB
      JB underscored the need for the CNPS to develop a systematic education program that can be easily utilized by
      CNPS chapters. Background info: Josie Crawford was the last CNPA Education Director. The Nature Journaling
      Program is available free on CNPS website, and in process of being approved as California elementary school
      curriculum. The previous Chapter Council Meeting at Berkeley sparked need to further education efforts, and to
      make education a priority including:
      -education at chapter events (e.g. shows and field trips)
      -outreach presentations (especially because awareness of native plants is lacking in schools)
      -need for a forum between chapters
      Therefore, a state CNPS focal point would help. Can we make a presentation tool for CNPS (all purpose
      presentation that we/others can use on a statewide level)? We need something that tells the grand story of CNPS.
      We need people to care about our mission.
      JB raised the idea of playing a video in the Big Room.
      Liv O’Keeffe, new CNPS Marketing & Communications Director, will address Chapter Council in March. JB
      CW raised the idea of CNPS photo file.
   b. Re-subscribe Mt. Lassen Group / Meetup.Com @ $90 / 6 mos: AW
      $90 per 6 month fee; we tried meetup.com on a free trial, and the number of people is growing (now at 125
      people). About one-third of the people at recent events heard about the events through meetup.com. AW:
      **Motion to extend meetup.com membership for 6 more months.** (JB seconded, unanimous). AN: extend
      meetup.com membership for 6 more months.

6. Standing Committee Reports:
   a. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Gardens: AW
      The large cypress tree was not pruned, and the plant I.D. signs are breakable. Weeding is priority now.
   b. Chapter Council: CB
      The next Chapter Council will be held on the second weekend of March in Carpinteria. There will be a field trip
      to Santa Cruz Island. Climate change policy likely to be a big discussion point (whether it should be an
      organization statement/position). JB predicts it will be a substantial issue that may require a vote that decides
      CNPS’s way forward.
   c. Conservation: WE
      45 day comment period on Environmental Assessment for Butterfly Twain Fuel Reduction Project. Butterfly
      Valley is only Botanical Preserve/Special Interest Area in Plumas Nat. Forest. Interest in Brady’s Camp
      becoming another Botanical Special Interest Area. Want to influence forthcoming US Forest Service natural
      resource management plans.
      Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course in Bidwell Park needs protection of the Big Four (Butte Co. checkerbloom,
      Bidwell’s Knotweed, wildflower fields, and blue oak)
d. Events: JL
No events in March. But April and May are big months. Oroville Wildflower Festival (April 1st) questionable due to flooding. The event involves a full day staffing on a Sat (on which JL is unavailable). April 23 Wildflower Show & Plant Sale, April 30 Garden Tour following Sunday; May 6 the Endangered Species Faire (last year, not enough people signed up). There’s a $45 fee for the Endangered Species Faire. Applied for the Oroville Wildflower Festival (application cutoff March 3).
JB: idea of leading walks on Table Mountain, Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) isn’t doing any more field trips, so should we do it again?

e. Field Trips: MN
Stoneridge Ecological Reserve (CDFW) with Jenny Marr (near airport) March 12; Vina Plains Preserve (March 19); Richardson Springs (limited to 20 participants) April 2; Merriam Park Vernal Pools near Bruce Rd. & Hwy 32 (Holly Neilson from Calif. Open Lands, a land trust, and Elena Gregg will lead) (April 2); Big Chico Creek wildflower walk, Paul Maslin (April 7); Sutter Buttes ($10 for 30 people) tentative April 15
f. Hospitality: KarroLynn
AN: We need a County Health Dept. permit for the Wildflower show (for cookies).
g. Membership: MB
Membership constant at 214 MB.
h. Newsletter / The Pipevine: Denise
i. Programs: Jim B.
Next presentation by CW, March 1. April– Live Oak. Kathryn Kurtus state member on Vegetation Program; JB can give presentation on Wild Land fires (May).`
j. Publicity: CW
Nothing new. Look out for KCHO-FM messages.
k. Social Media: Website – WE, Facebook - Denise, Meetup.com - AE
All good/discussed
l. Table Sales: Proposed Purchases for Wildflower Show (April 23 at CARD Center): NP
NP raised the question of ordering shirts, and it was decided that she would order 24 Louisia and 24 Ribes t-shirts, which amounts to approximately $500. Aprons are $21.39 each, and 10 aprons will be ordered. 5 hats will be ordered. The following books will be ordered: 3 nature journaling kits, 5 CNPS Field Journals ($8), 3 ‘Opening the World Through Nature Journaling’ John Muir Laws, and 2 ‘California Bees and Blooms: A guide for California naturalists’. The total expenses for the proposed purchases for the Wildflower Show will be approximately $900. AN: Order these items for the Wildflower Show.
Motion to authorize $900 towards books and merchandise (JL)
Motion to amend the authorized money to $1000 (JB, NP, approved unanimously) AN: Authorize $1000 for the purchase of merchandise for the Wildflower Show.
m. Yahi Trail Maintenance: Steve, WE
Waiting on Steve’s word.
  8. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.