Minutes of April 19, 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 March 15 adopted** as amended with two abstentions.

3. Treasurer’s Report: NP.

The Proposed Budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year (FY) budgeted $11,011 in expenses and projected $8,000 income. During the meeting the Board decided to increase the amounts for ‘Volunteer Recognition’, ‘Plants for WFS’, and ‘Wildflower Show’. Item 15 (Books and Shirts for WFS) and Item 23 (Yahi Trail Signs) were removed, and an Item for the Chapter’s storage locker was budgeted. With these changes the approved FY 2017/2018 Budget provides $11,435 for expenses.

The Chapter Budget FY 2016-17 handout (as of 3/31/17) shows less spending than budgeted ($7,557.48 vs. $10,101) , and more income generated than expected ($6,302.31 vs. $4,200). Finally, the Account statement for the month of March showed that the total funds available as of 4/1/17 were $13,065. WE stated that the Chapter has money to spend and encouraged members to think about how they would like to use it.

4. Old Business:
   a. **Budget for FY 2017/2018 approved.**

NP. As stated in 3. above, several items in the Proposed 2017/2018 Budget were amended. AE noted that many of our expenses are possibilities, and JB reiterated that point when discussing ‘Meetings/Programs/Dinners’. While the Chapter used $0.00 dollars of the $400 budgeted for meeting, programs, and dinners; JB drew attention to how this money could be used to cover the costs of out of town speakers (e.g. fuel, lodging). Regarding ‘Events/Outreach’ NP expressed a preference for the Treasurer to write checks for expenses and income (e.g. Sutter Buttes permit fee) to track Chapter finances. The Board Members agreed. NP also needs hospitality related receipts to accurately determine the hospitality budget. JB inquired into book and shirt sales, Wildflower Show sales, the idea of creating separate financial summaries for events, and how this data can help make estimates. The Board supported JB’s ideas. NP will prepare reports on the Wildflower Show and the Garden Tour for the May Board meeting.

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1 Discussed in 5.a.
b. 2017 Wildflower Show, Sun. April 23 – CARD Center Chico: JL & WE

Germaine, founder of Floral Native Nursery, will be there to help with plant sales. Denise will be there at 8 a.m. with plant ID labels and posters. The table layout is based on ecological communities. Hopefully all of the plants will be delivered by 9 a.m., everything is set up at 11 a.m. because the Show starts at 12 p.m. Paula is managing the plant sales, NP has 3 cash boxes. WE said there will be an entrance fee of five dollars. HK stated that members should get free admission, and JL recognized the value of HK’s point. JL proposed a post-show review to discuss points like HK’s and analyze the pros / cons of the event. AN: Conduct a post-show meeting/review for the Wildflower Show

WE and MB stressed the need for a membership table. Regarding microscopes and education: There is a new microscope sponsor at CSU Chico and Jon Aull will do education table. There will be nature walks by JB and JA. AE will organize the native plant teas, WE will organize plant identification (ID) table, and JL will organized glassware. WE wondered about future botanical partnerships. JL needed a list of volunteers for Denise to make their name tags.

c. Spring Native Plant Garden Tour April 30: AE

Ten gardens are on the tour. The extent of plant ID labeling is still unclear and co-hosts are still needed AE. JB volunteered as a co-host.

d. California Naturalist Program – Meeting Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-8 pm – Chico Creek Nature Center – WE

WE explained the history of the program, and how it is modelled after Master Gardener Program. WE thought that JD might be interested in enrolling.

e. Butte Co Library – Summer Reading Program

CS will not represent CNPS at the June 21st Summer Reading Program (item scrapped).

5. New Business:

a. T-shirt price analysis for Table Sales. – NP

NP decided on $12 per shirt, and the Board agreed. The analysis asked: ‘what price should we charge for t-shirts now that the shirts recently purchased cost up to 33% more than previously purchased t-shirts?’ As the Chapter can profit by selling the more expensive t-shirts at $12, the price used in past sales, the Board wants to keep all shirt sales at $12. Aprons, formerly sold at $22, will now be sold at $25. Sales tax is included in the calculations presented in the handout NP.

b. Storage Locker Rental - JL

Storage Locker Rental Approved. It will cost $500 for the FY 2017-18.

c. Annual Picnic – Date & Location (Activity) - WE

Activities matter. The date and location are undetermined. Germaine’s growing ground in Cohasset was a great one WE. To everyone’s excitement HK mentioned that he has access to a Lake Oroville houseboat that fits about 60 people (HK needs to check the capacity). The Discovery Center in Red Bluff is another potential venue AE. Generally picnic is in June, and will either be held on the first or third weekend due to the Chapter Council Meeting on the 2nd June weekend WE.
6. Standing Committee Reports:
   a. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Garden: AE
      There will be weeding tomorrow morning 8 -10 a.m.
   b. Chapter Council: CB
      Chapter Council will take place on June 10. At the end of this year CB is resigning as delegate and Volunteer Recognition Chair. JB will resign from Programs Chair at the end of this year.
   c. Conservation: WE
      There will be a meeting about Butte County meadowfoam aimed to create a conservation strategy for the Butte Regional Conservation Plan (HCP & NCCP). In Butterfly Valley, the portion of the railroad grade bisecting the fen is proposed for decommissioning. WE is meeting with the City to tour the disc golf course in May to discuss environmental impacts to the ‘Big Four’ blue oak, Butte County checkerbloom, Bidwells knotweed and wildflower fields.
   d. Events: JL
      The Endangered Species Faire is on Saturday May 6, and volunteers are needed.
   e. Field Trips: MM
      Three field trips: April 29 Vina Plains Vernal Pools 1-3pm; Chico Creek Ecological Reserve May 7; Table Mountain May 15;
   f. Membership: MB
      Membership is around 229.
   g. Programs: JB.
      On May 3 JB will present about the flowers of California’s deserts.
   h. Publicity: CW
      Nothing new.
   i. Social Media: Website – Woody, Facebook - Denise, Meetup.com - AE
      All good/discussed.
   j. Table Sales: Purchases for Wildflower Show etc. NP
      Covered.
   k. Yahi Trail Maintenance: WE
      Steve Overlook is resigning, and CS will take his position. JD interested in helping too.
   l. JD will become the Education Chair
   m. Rare Plants
      A couple that is moving is interested JB.


8. Adjourn
   The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.