Minutes of November 19, 2017, Mount Lassen Chapter- CNPS Board Meeting for Executive Board

By Christian Smit, Secretary

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

1. Called to order at 7 pm (Christian’s home). Quorum present: (7/8): Nancy Praizler NP; Cindy Weiner CW; Meryl Bond MB; Woody Elliott WE; Catie Bishop CB; Jim Bishop JB; Christian Smit CS. Also in attendance: Ann Elliott AE, Janna Lathrop JL, Marjorie McNairn MM, Paul Moore PM, Tom Resk TR, and Dody Domish DD.


3. Treasurer’s Report: NP. In October, there was $752.35 in expenses. Increases in expenditures occurred in allocation for Constant Contact/Social Media, which reflected fundraising efforts.

4. Old Business:
   a. “Support Our Chapter” Fund Appeal Results: NP, WE. A handout that documented the donors and their contributions was distributed. Overall, a total of $3,310.00 was raised. Last year $4,200.00 was raised through Annie B’s fund drive. It was noted that PayPal skim’s 3% of each donation it processes.

   b. CNPS Conservation Conference, Feb. 1-3, 2018 LAX Marriott, Los Angeles (see CNPS Chapter Involvement link here)

      i. Chapter Poster: AE presented a new poster idea, which emphasized local conservation and advocacy, community involvement and outreach. AN: AE will develop poster.

      ii. Volunteer at Conference: AN: CW decided that she will stand next to the Chapter’s poster during the poster session.

      iii. CNPS Store for Chapter Merchandise: NP. Three items can be sold at the Conference. AN: Selling aprons, books (Wildflowers of Table Mountain), and t-shirts (yellow ribs if only one variety of shirt is allowed).

   c. Election Results Chapter Officers for year 2018: JB. Paul Moore- President; Cindy Weiner- Vice President; Nancy Praizler- Treasurer; Christian Smit- Secretary, Tom Resk, Meryl Bond, Dody Domish, and Paula Shapiro- Members-at-Large; Woody Elliot- Past President.

   d. Designated Complementary 1-year CNPS Memberships for 2018 year: AN: MB will send letter to renewed complementary members.

   e. CNPS - Native Landscape Planting Guide: Mount Lassen Chapter: AE. The planting guide is finalized and looks excellent.
5. New Business:

a. Vacant Committee Chairs: Programs, Chapter Council Rep., Invasive Plants, Rare Plants: There is a big hole to fill with the Programs Chair. WE is staying on as the Conservation Chair.

b. Chapter Council Meeting – Dec. 2 & 3, at SAC SPLASH - 4426 Excelsior Rd, Mather, CA 95655 - near Rancho Cordova
1. Continental Breakfast & Snack Donations with Hazel of Sacramento Chapter: CB explained that the surrounding Chapters generally share the costs. The Chapter agreed that CB should be reimbursed for her expenses.

c. Book: 50 Hikes with Kids: California: Location Suggestions: MM. Per Wendy Gordon’s book, Liv O’Keefe has asked CNPS Chapters to recommend two to three hikes. Several hikes were mentioned, including Colby Meadows, Table Mountain, Lassen National Park, Bidwell Park, and Heart Lake. AN: MM will forward suggested hikes to Liv O’Keefe.

6. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Garden: AE. Native Flora Nursery donated three plants. The irrigation needs filters. AN: AE leads a monthly volunteer work day.

b. Conservation: Peregrine Pt. Disc Golf Course: Mitigation & Monitoring: WE. The City of Chico is failing to comply with its required duties, which suggests the need to state this issue in public in the event that a lawsuit needs to be filed. A walk along the South Rim Trail is scheduled.

c. Education: AN: CW is going to follow-up on Justine Devoe’s book, Swallow Trail, with the idea marketing the book to teachers.

d. Events: JL. There was good help at both the Home & Garden Show and at the Farm City Celebration. The issue of selling plants (donated by nurseries) without knowing exactly how the sales will be split was raised.

e. Field Trips: MM. 23 people attended to Teichert Ponds field trip, which was featured in the Chico N&R.

f. Membership: MB. Membership is at approximately 237. The database is going to be upgraded.

g. Programs: In December, JB will present on fire in California’s landscapes.

h. Table Sales: NP will look into “girly shirts”, which sell well. There are two new tubs of books.

i. Invasive Plants: CS expressed his interest in reducing the amount of starthistle in Upper Bidwell Park.

7. Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations: NP will host the Wed., Jan 17, 2018 meeting, and DD may host the Feb. 21, 2018 meeting.