Minutes of January 17, 2018, 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 (Nancy’s home). Quorum present: (8/8): Nancy Praizler NP; Cindy Weiner CW; Meryl Bond MB; Woody Elliott WE; Paul Moore PM; Dody Domish DD; Paula Shapiro PS; Tom Resk TR; Christian Smit CS. Also in attendance: Anne Elliott AE, Janna Lathrop JL, Marjorie McNairn MM.


3. Treasurer’s Report: NP. Two handouts: “Cumulative Income and Expenses FY 2017/18” and “Account statement for the months of Nov. & Dec. 2017”. The total funds as of 12/31/17 were $17,822.38. WE conducted an audit (checking the bank statement) to promote transparent financial practices.

   A. CCNC garden budget: AE. **Motion to spend up to $600.00 on aluminum plant label signs for use at the Ann Hecker Native Plant Garden, and to increase the Ann Hecker Garden’s budget to $700.00 for the next financial year.** (AE & NP m/ PS s/ unanimous)

5. New Business:

   a. Vacant Committee Chairs: While many of the upcoming programs are already arranged, the Chapter needs to address the long-term issue of how Programs will be conducted. PM named WE the new Chapter Council Representative.

   b. **Chapter Council Meeting –** March 9-11 at Borrego Springs (San Diego)

   c. Citizen’s Climate Lobby: The Chapter decided that it would be worth it to allow the Citizen’s Climate Lobby to give a brief presentation at an Ex. Board Meeting. If the Chapter finds their presentation relevant, it may consider directing the Climate Lobby to CNPS Chapter Council.

   d. Garden Tour Ideas: AE. State CNPS is encouraging local chapters to use social media (e.g., by posting video tours on Facebook and youtube).

   e. CALfire Issue Statewide: WE. The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection has drafted an environmental impact report (EIR) for its Vegetation Treatment Program. There are many errors with the report, and if implemented, the program could have seriously negative consequences throughout California. Frank Landes (San Diego CNPS Chapter) and the Endangered Habitat League are leading efforts to oppose the EIR. Their efforts need financial support. **Motion to write a $500.00 check to the Endangered Habitat League to assist its efforts in opposing the EIR.** (TR m/ CS s/ approved) AN: NP is to write a $500.00 check to the Endangered Habitat League.
f. Contract Arrangement with the Nature Conservancy: MM. The Nature Conservancy contacted MM, and expressed interest in formalizing a relationship (regarding field trips). **AN:** MM is to talk to the Nature Conservancy.

6. Standing Committee Reports:
   a. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Garden: AE. As discussed, AE raised a motion to direct funds towards creating etched aluminum signs for the garden. Each sign is $11.50, and 42 new signs would be ideal.

   b. Conservation: WE distributed a handout outlining two issues: 1. “Butte County Department of Development Services is Crafting an Oak Woodland Mitigation Ordinance.” This ordinance is significant because oaks are currently less regulated than conifers. 2. “Bidwell Park’s Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course in Peril”. The City of Chico is failing to comply with its duties of monitoring the efficacy of mitigation measures quantitatively. The City’s belated annual report is still unreleased.

   c. Events: JL. The Snow Goose Festival is on 01/27/18, and help is needed with setting up.

   d. Field Trips: MM. The Ferns Cliff field trip was excellent, yet two dogs created safety issues and were disruptive. The issues with these dogs created discussion regarding an official policy on dogs and field trips.

   e. Membership: MB. Membership is at approximately 229.

   f. Programs: JL/ WE. Some programs are set-up. A speaker for April is needed. Glen Holstein, presenting on California prairie, is a possibility. **Motion to invite Jennifer Paton (from Audubon) to propose the idea of having joint programs (between CNPS and Audubon).** (NP m/ WE s/ approved)

   g. Membership: MB. Membership is at approximately 229. The database is going to be upgraded.

7. Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations: DD will host the Feb. 21 meeting, TR will host the March 20 meeting, the Elliots will host the April 18 meeting (WE’s birthday), and PM will host the May 16 meeting.