Minutes of February 21, 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 (Dody’s home). Quorum present: (8/9): Nancy Praizler NP; Cindy Weiner CW; Meryl Bond MB; Woody Elliott WE; Paul Moore PM; Dody Domish DD; Tom Resk TR; Christian Smit CS. Also in attendance: Janna Lathrop JL, Marjorie McNairn MM.

2. Minutes of January 17, 2017 adopted (NP m/ PM s/ unanimous).

3. Treasurer’s Report, 2018-19 draft budget: NP. Three handouts: “Cumulative Income and Expenses FY 2017/18”, “Account statement for the month of Jan. 2018”, and “Proposed budget for 2018/2019 FY”. The total funds as of 1/31/18 were $17,410.00. NP explained the proposed budget, and encouraged members to help finalize the budget. Regarding budgeted expenses, WE drew attention to decreasing “Constant Contact/social media” (#6) to $600, potentially unencumbering the “AV Fund”, $576 encumbered (#19), increasing “conservation committee” (#21) to $1,000, and decreasing “storage locker fees” (#24) to $120. **AN**: NP is to redraft the budget for 2018/19 FY, which will be voted on at the March board meeting.

4. Old Business:
   a. Nature Conservancy Field Trips: MM. Andrea Craig of the The Nature Conservancy (TNC) proposed forming a contract where the Mt. Lassen CNPS Chapter takes over local field trips. In addition to leading tours, the agreement would require the Chapter to fulfill administrative duties, including planning, advertising, waiver signing, and registration efforts. The expectation would be to coordinate and lead 2-5 hikes in the spring. The positives (e.g., exposure and outreach) and concerns (e.g., the responsibilities) were discussed. WE raised the idea of finding docents. MM stated she would train docents, and that she is open to the administrative aspects. PM concluded that there was general approval among the board. **Motion to pursue contract for tours of Vina Plains Preserve with TNC so that MM handles the administrative duties and the Chapter recruit docents and pay administrators (MM and staff) from TNC funds.** (NP m/ WE s/ approved) **AN**: MM is to pursue contract with TNC, and the Chapter is to assist MM with finding docents if a contract is reached.

5. New Business:
   a. Vacant Committee Chairs: CW raised the question of how the Chapter can fill the vacant chairs. PM stated that he dedicated a paragraph in the new Pipevine newsletter to recruiting chairs. JL explained how the Events Chair could be absorbed back into the body of the Executive Board.

   b. Citizen’s Climate Lobby: A representative from Citizen’s Climate Lobby gave a brief presentation to the Chapter explaining their work to garner the Chapter’s support. WE clarified that as a CNPS Chapter, the Mt. Lassen Chapter is tied to the state organization’s policies. However, he stated that Citizen’s Climate Lobby could be relevant to Chapter Council discussions.

6. Standing Committee Chairs
a. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Garden: WE (on behalf of Ann Elliott - AE). There is a garden work session tomorrow. AE is going to order six plant label signs, see how they look, and decide if it is worth ordering more.

b. Conservation: WE made a complaint to the City of Chico’s Assistant Manager regarding the Park Division’s failure to follow its legal duties required by CEQA of implementing mitigation and monitoring efforts at the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course. The Chico News & Review is interested in the facts of this story. WE is considering legal proceedings. Further, the Butte County Dept. of Development Services released a revised draft of its oak woodland mitigation ordinance. WE attended a stakeholder meeting that included the Northern California Regional Land Trust and the Butte Environmental Council.

c. Events: JL. The science fair judging is on Tuesday, February 27 from 1-4 pm. Hesh (HK) is the only member currently scheduled. Another person serving as a judge with HK would be ideal. The Environmental Community Gathering is on March 16. There is a $20 table fee. Motion to allocate $25 for the Environmental Community Gathering to reserve a table and cover additional costs (JL m/ TR s/ approved).

d. Field Trips: MM. Upcoming field trips include the upper Yahi Trail (March 10), Table Mountain (March 18), Vina Plains, Magalia serpentine area, and Sutter Buttes (April 21). Regarding the Table Mountain trip, people are now supposed to have a one-day Lands Pass from Fish & Wildlife, or an annual Lands Pass, to gain access to the ecological reserve.

e. Membership: MB. Membership is at 233. WE is to raise membership management efficiency at Chapter Council.

f. Programs: JL has scheduled Endangered Species Fair and the Chico Branch Library’s conference room through the summer for general meetings. CW volunteered to be the new scheduler for the general meetings. AN: DD is to invite Jennifer Patton (Audubon) to a future board meeting to discuss the idea of holding joint programs.

g. Yahi Trail Maintenance: CS. WE stated that CS was accused of digging a trench on the Yahi Trail above Bear Hole, which he did not do. AN: CS is to talk to Shane Romain regarding training and getting the key to the gates.

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