Minutes of March 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 (Tom’s home). Quorum present: (9/9): Paul Moore PM; Nancy Praizler NP; Dody Domish DD; Meryl Bond MB; Woody Elliott WE; Cindy Weiner CW; Tom Resk TR; Paula Shapiro PS; Christian Smit CS. Also in attendance: Janna Lathrop JL, Justine Devoe JD, Marjorie McNairn MM, and Ann Elliott AE.

2. **Minutes of February 21, 2018 adopted** (NP m/ MB s/ unanimous).


4. New Business:
   a. Altacal, Jennifer Patten: Jennifer Patten promoted the idea of Altacal Audubon and the Mt. Lassen Chapter - CNPS participating in joint general meetings to share presentations / programs, and potentially combining newsletters. **Motion to explore having joint programs with Altacal Audubon and other like-minded groups beginning in 2018.** (NP m/ TR s/ WE amended/ approved). **AN:** WE will meet with Jennifer to plan potential joint meetings.
   
   b. DFW purchase, WE: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to purchase 20 acres between Fern Falls and Phantom Falls at the North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve. Bruce Forman asked for an endorsement on letterhead for the purchase. **Motion for WE to draft a letter (for PM to sign) endorsing DFW’s 20 acre purchase between Fern Falls and Phantom Falls.** (AE m/ PS s/ approved)
   
   c. Recap of Chapter Council Meeting, WE: A manual for chapters, outlining best management practices, is to be released in June. **AN:** NP is to attend a training in Sacramento on best management practices for treasurers. WE mentioned State CNPS’s promotion of Illuminate, a multi-media platform available to Chapters. **Motion to elect NP as the Chapter Council alternate delegate.** (JL m/ PS s/ approved)
   
   d. Plants for Chico Cemetery, CW: CW recommended more bird-friendly plants and improving the irrigation schedules (e.g., not watering at midday during the summer).
   
   e. Bidwell Park Trails Map, WE: Thad Walker of Chico Velo and Butte Co Resource Conservation District, Jason Manly (a cartographer), and WE are collaborating to develop a map of sanctioned trails in middle and upper Bidwell Park. The map will note trail difficulty.
   
   f. Vernal Pool Conference, WE: On April 11 and 12, 2018, AquaAlliance is hosting a vernal pool conference, and seeks sponsors. **Motion to allocate $500.00 towards sponsoring AquaAlliance’s vernal pool conference.** (WE m/ TR s/ approved).

5. Standing Committee Reports:
   a. Conservation, WE: (i) The City of Chico is conducting an Upper Bidwell Park road survey that asks individuals their preferences for how open/accessible the road should be, and how much they would be willing to pay for their preferences. (ii) WE is to be interviewed by Chico News & Review regarding
the City of Chico’s mismanagement of the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course. The city is not using the resources available to it, and it is not contracting responsibility to outside sources. This complaint is going to a City auditor for review.

b. Education, JD: (i) JD is working with Hesh Kaplan (HK) creating a native plant garden at The Terraces senior living community. JD’s overall goal is to install one to two native plant gardens per year. (ii) The Chico Nature Center reached out to JD regarding an Earth Day event at the mall. (iii) Swallowtail, JD’s book was discussed. AN: JD is to send a copy of Swallowtail to the Executive Board for review and editing. Motion fund Swallowtail if it is reviewed and approved by an ad hoc editing committee. (NP m/ PM s/ WE amended/approved) AE, PS, CW and CS formed the editing committee.

c. Events, JL: (i) The Home & Garden Show is on April 21-22. While a representative is not needed at an organization’s table, free admission is granted if a representative signs up. A decision was made to sign up. (ii) The Endangered Species Faire is on May 05, 2018, and volunteers are needed. (iii) It is time to put down a deposit with CARD for the 2019 Wildflower Show.

d. Field Trips, MM: There will be three field trips to Vina Plains in April & May 2018. Additional upcoming field trips include Shasta Lake (home to a rare maidenhair fern) on May 06 and to Hog Lake Plateau on April 08. For the fiscal year of 2017-2018, there were 32 field trips and over 300 participants (with two more field trips to go). Regarding partnering with The Nature Conservancy (TNC), MM stated that she is willing to do the administrative duties that could be compensated through a TNC stipend. Finally, WE will request a check to State Parks for the Sutter Buttes field trip.

e. Membership, MB: Membership is at approximately 227.

f. “Social Media”, WE: WE opened discussion into how much to promote the general meeting. JL and NP agreed that using Constant Contact could be a good idea.

g. Yahi Trail Maintenance, CS: AN: CS is to attend the PALS (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) meeting on March 22, 2018, in order to become a formally affiliated volunteer.

6. Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations: AE and WE will host the April 18 meeting, PM will host the May 16 meeting, and CW will host the August 15 meeting.