Minutes of May 16, 2018: Mount Lassen Chapter- CNPS Meeting of 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 (Cindy Weiner’s home). Quorum (8/9): Present: Cindy Weiner CW; Nancy Praizler NP; Paula Shapiro PS; Paul Moore (PM), Dody Domish (DD), Woody Elliott (WE), Meryl Bond (MB); Christian Smit (CS). Also in attendance: Janna Lathrop (JL), Justine Devoe (JD), Marjorie McNairn (MM), Ann Elliott (AE), Nancy Groshong (NG).

2. Minutes of April 18, 2018 adopted (AE m/ CS s/ unanimous)

3. **Treasurer’s Report,** two handouts: “Account statement for the month of April 2018”, and “Cumulative Income and Expenses FY 2018/19”. The latter was the first handout of the new fiscal year. Regarding April’s income from J. Trizzino’s donation, JD expressed interest in writing a thank you letter. **AN:** Write J. Trizzino a thank you letter.

4. **Old Business:**
   a. Bidwell Park Trails Map, WE: WE is attending monthly meetings regarding the Bidwell Park Trails Map. The estimated cost of printing the (waterproof) maps is $4,000.00. The draft map has empty “white space” outside of the Park boundary. WE intends to fill some of this empty space with a 100-200 word statement from CNPS. AE opened up the opportunity of anyone in the Chapter to write/contribute to this statement.

   b. Chapter Activities Report, NP: The Chapter must submit the standardized activities report to CNPS in order to receive a $600.00 subvention.

5. **New Business:**
   a. Wildflower Show, CW: CW explained a proposal made to Friends of the Herbarium, wherein Friends of the Herbarium and the Chapter would co-head the Wildflower Show. Discussed were the ideas of having meetings (for the Wildflower Show) beforehand and designating a chairperson of the show. **AN:** Find a chairperson for the Wildflower Show.

   b. First Annual Herb Faire, JL: The first Annual Herb Faire, organized by the Herbalist Collective, will be held on June 02, 2018. JD is interested in volunteering.

6. **Standing Committee Reports:**
   a. CCNC Garden, AE: AE made the plant signs, which are not glued to signs and can slide out and replace, allowing for flexibility if plants die. The plants common names are listed first. Approximately 40 signs were ordered.

   b. Conservation, WE: (i) Stonegate development proposal: WE attended and spoke at the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) public comment meeting. He will draft a letter on behalf of CNPS. The current proposal directly affects 95% onsite cover of Butte County meadowfoam. WE will call for an alternative that avoids damaging/endangering the meadowfoam so severely, one that includes more avoidance.

   (ii) Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course, WE: Woodchips are being spread to protect vegetation, prevent erosion, and re-establish clear walking-paths. A biological monitoring study is being commissioned by the City of Chico.

   c. Education, JD: Forbestown Plant Sale; JD participated in a plant sale in Forbestown, and sold all of the plants she brought (and bought). She will kindly donate the profits to CNPS. JD discussed creating a
budget for events and outreach under education. The idea of creating an education fund was considered.

d. Events, JL/NG: Nancy Groshong (NG) is now the new Events Chair.

e. Field Trips, MM: It’s a busy summer with six (6) field trips, including four (4) in July. Featured is Kangaroo Lake (overnight), Castle Lake, and the Fenn Trail, Packers Bay (Lake Shasta), The Caribou Wilderness Area, Emerald Lake, and Waters Gulch Trail.

f. Membership, MB: Membership is at approximately 225 members. JD raised the idea of creating promotional landscape signs (yard signs).

g. Table Sales, NP: JD sold some books in Forbestown.

h. Yahi Trail Maintenance, CS: CS resigned as the Yahi Trail Maintenance Chair, and proposed having the position’s responsibilities absorbed into the Chapter.

7. **Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations:** PM will host the August 15 meeting.

8. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:53 PM.