Minutes of January 15, 2020: Mount Lassen Chapter- CNPS Meeting of Executive Board

By: Karen Smith, Secretary

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

1. **Called to order** at 7 pm (Nancy P. home). Present: Paul Moore; Chris Mueller; Karen Smith; Ann Elliott; Cindy Weiner; Debbie Halfpenny; Catie and Jim Bishop; Woody Elliott; Nancy Praizler, Anne Ferry; 

   **Members at Large:** Marjorie McNairn; Hesh Kaplan; David Popp 

   **Absent:** Justine Devoe; John Whittlesey.

2. Minutes of November 2019 meeting approved. M/S


4. **Old Business**
   
   A. Welcome new board members and chairs
   
   B. Thank you outgoing board members

5. **Special presentation** - Katelin Pearson from Cal Poly State U gave a presentation and asked for the assistance of CNPS in collecting data to help with the study of California wildflowers by viewing images of plant specimens and transcribing label data. Katelin referred the board to [www.notesfromnature.org](http://www.notesfromnature.org) and provided a flyer.

6. **Old Business continued**
   
   A. Pipevine in color – update from Marjorie and Chris. 200 color copies to members were printed and 100 b/w copies printed for gratis. Hope to have the completed newsletter by the end of the week. Discussed whether to have the Print Shop print 3-6 months. Would like feedback on the color newsletter from the membership. Proofing the final copy of each newsletter to avoid errors was discussed but nothing was resolved.

   B. Update on St. John’s Garden Tour from Paul on dates, specifics – no update as yet

   C. Update on helping design and build the Oroville Garden Center – Marjorie, Deb decision not to go forward with this project as it is too demanding of our limited resources.

   D. Award for Ed-status, status report - Ann, Catie. Catie ordered the award and it should arrive by Feb 20. She would like something from the board for an article for the Pipevine. Nancy will contact Ed regarding the chapter printing the Pipevine in color and using another vendor. Discussion to present the award at a general meeting inviting Ed to dinner before the meeting.

   E. General meeting ideas: Oroville at Fire Recovery Center - Jim, BCCER Tribal fire science speaker – Cindy, other ideas – Marjorie. Marjorie will make a presentation at the Feb general meeting. Other members discussed ideas, but there is nothing permanent yet. Until the chapter has a Program Chair, it will be a combined effort on part of the board members to come up with ideas and help to acquire speakers and topics going forward. Jim will email Woody and Cindy Marjorie’s program for the
February meeting for the website. Nancy will contact Wolfy Rugle who is doing restoration work in Paradise as a possible speaker.

F. Rare plant chair position – will Anna Burns chair this committee? Cindy reports that Anna was reconsidering because she didn’t want to attend meetings at night. Cindy will contact her again to let her know it is not necessary that she attend meetings and see if she’ll reconsider. David Popp discussed a rare plant treasure hunt. He will connect with Anna Burns and Cindy.

G. Modifications to Wildflower Show – Cindy – no update but this subject is still on Cindy’s mind for improving the show.

H. Program chair position See #6 E under Old Business

I. Chapter Council Delegate position – Anne F., David P., and Woody E. were nominated and approved as alternates to be chapter council reps. M/S/ all in favor

J. Critical positions that should be filled – Luminite/Website administrator – Discussed two positions that need to be filled. One handles Luminite – emails, public relations and the Pipevine; the other is a web administrator position. The position will be brought up in the general meetings and hopefully someone will step up to fill the positions. If not, Nancy P. recommended we hire someone. Woody is willing to continue in both positions for a short period (perhaps 6 months).

7. New Business

A. Resolution to authorize bank account signatory changes – Nancy P. M/S/ all in favor to place Anne F. on the checking account.

B. Nametags for new board members and new chairs- Nancy P. Nametags will be provided for the new members and chairs: Deb H., Karen S., Anne F, Chris M. and David P.

C. Business cards for board members and chairs – chapter’s website, phone #, email address-Karen. There are several boxes of outreach materials – brochures, business cards, etc. that can be used by the board when they are out such as Marjorie’s native plant hikes. Nancy G. and the Chico library have keys to the shed where materials are stored. Currently Nancy G. has boxes of materials. Nancy P. will email Nancy G. to obtain these items. Marjorie was interested in having a supply on hand for field trips.

D. Calflora donation request for $700 – previous year’s donation was $600-Nancy P. Anne F. and Nancy P. will review donations that may be left for the fiscal year and if we have the budget, then we will donate $700 to Calflora. M/S/ all in favor.

E. Possible chapter presentation and/or field trip to New Clairvaux Winery re: native plant garden – Deb Deb has not received a response from Milton Design Group after two attempts to contact the designers. New Clairvaux open to having a garden visitation and review of the design plans. Suggestion of a chapter picnic. Deb will keep us updated.

F. Spring garden tour with Altacal and landscaper event – Deb M/S/ all in favor of a Spring Garden Tour. Ann E. and Deb H. will coordinate with Melinda at Altacal. Landscaper event is still up in the air.

G. Draft CNPS Decarbonization Pledge – Woody is requesting feedback from the board on this issue. Woody distributed a listing of Mount Lassen Chapter Officers for the Year 2020, elected Nov. 6, 2019.
H. End of year picnic ideas – Ann – Due to time constraints, we will visit this next month.

8. Standing Committee Reports

A. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Garden at CCNC – Deb announced a work day January 23.

B. Chapter Council Delegate Pro Tem – Woody. See Old Business #6 I. Next chapter council meeting is March 14. David may go, but if not then Woody will attend.

C. Conservation-Woody updated the board on the Peregrine Park Disc Golf course and other issues.

D. Education-Justine – not present

E. Events-Nancy G. – not present

F. Field Trips-Marjorie has two trips scheduled: Feb 8 Fern Canyon and Feb 22 Magalia

G. Horticulture-Deb update

H. Hospitality-Roxanne – not present

I. Invasive Plants-Open

J. Membership-Chris gave an update on the newsletter. New Luminate email list is being used.

K. Newsletter/Pipevine Editor-John – not present

L. Program Chair-Open

M. Publicity-Cindy – nothing to report

N. Rare Plants-Open

O. Sales-Open

P. Volunteer Recognition-Marjorie M.

Q. Website Administrator- Woody temporarily. See Old Business #6 J

R. Yahi Trail Maintenance-Open

9. Board meeting February 19, 2020 will be held at the home of Karen Smith. Karen will email her address to the members.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.