Minutes of February 19, 2020: Mount Lassen Chapter- CNPS Meeting of Executive Board

By: Karen Smith, Secretary

1. Called to order at 7 pm (Karen S. 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

   Guest: Robert Fischer

   Absent: Justine Devoe; John Whittlesey; David Popp.

2. Minutes of January 2020 meeting approved. M/S all in favor


4. Old Business

   A. Color Pipevine – update on costs from Marjorie and Robert. First month’s printing was $663 due to the additional two pages making it a total of 10 pages. Going forward cost should be around $570 or $5,130 for 9 issues. Board recommended a motion going forward with printing 8 pages, 9 times/year, 200 color, 125 b/w. M/S all in favor Discussed organizing a subcommittee to discuss details regarding budget, donations, marketing and newsletter format.

   B. End of year picnic ideas: Action: Deb H. will contact New Clairvaux for picnic and garden tour. An alternative to hosting a picnic at New Clairvaux was Woodson Bridge State Park and then continue on to New Clairvaux for tour/wine tasting. Action: Paul M. will contact Patrick Ranch for a possible venue.

   C. General Meeting ideas in the form of a handout from Nancy P. from feedback at General Meeting. Programs were discussed. Wolfy Rougle will present “Fire- and Climate-Resilient Reforestation” in March. A program committee was formed of Nancy P., Hesh K. and Jim B. to discuss ideas for upcoming programs.

   D. Rare plant chair position. Action: Cindy W. to contact Anna Burns. David P. to connect with Cindy and Anna.

   E. Critical positions that need to be filled. Discussion on possible candidates for Website and Luminate administrators, Program Chair and Sales Chair. Action: Nancy P. said her son’s website manager may be interested in helping with website administration. Action: Nancy P. will make an announcement for volunteers at the next general meeting.

   F. Spring Garden Tour – Melinda Teves has identified 8 gardens and still needs more co-hosts. Ann E. supplied the board with flyers and handouts announcing the garden tour May 3. She said the website will be available soon for people to order tickets for the event. Kathy LaShure will have a table available with marketing handouts. Deb will work with Nancy G. Action: Nancy P. Review/approval of liability wavier form pending from the State.

   G. Nametags for new board members and new chairs- Nancy P. Nametags on order.
5. New Business

A. Encourage Chico’s Park Division to adhere to required environmental review of its project per CEQA – Woody presented a positive report that it is on the work plan to complete mitigation measures and monitor them at Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course.

B. Environmental Coalition Gathering – BEC – March 27. Deb inquired if we wanted to set up a table at the Chico Women’s Club?

C. Discussed whether CNPS will have a presence at the Wildflower Show in Oroville. **Action:** Deb will contact Nancy G. If there is interest, she will let Nancy P. know. Will need to know the number of newsletters required for the on event April 4.

D. Xerces Society looking for volunteers – **Action:** Cindy W. will ask around for volunteers.

E. Cal-IPC Symposium – Woody will contact Friends of Herbarium and City of Chico, but CNPS is not hosting.

F. Thank you letter was mailed to Robert Fischer and he was personally thanked at the meeting for gifting the first color Pipevine printing to the chapter.

G. Sales material will be stored offsite by Nancy P. until we have a Sales Chair.

6. Standing Committee Reports

A. Alice Hecker Memorial Native Plant Garden at CCNC - Deb announced a work day at the garden. She has ideas for the garden but needs to coordinate with CARD.

B. Chapter Council Delegate(s) – alternates are Anne F., David P. and Woody E. who will attend the March meeting in Tiburon

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

D. Education-Justine D.– not present

E. Events-Nancy G. – not present

F. Field Trips-Marjorie M. reported on upcoming field trips for March.

G. Horticulture-Deb H. discussed upcoming garden tour scheduled for May 3.

H. Hospitality-Roxanne – not present

I. Invasive Plants-Open

J. Membership-Chris M. gave an update on membership.

K. Newsletter/Pipevine Editor-John W. – not present

L. Program Chair-Open

M. Publicity-Cindy W. – CNPS needs to reserve a space by April for next year’s Wildflower show.

N. Rare Plants-Open
O. Sales-Open

P. Volunteer Recognition- Katie B. nothing to report

Q. Website Administrator- Woody E. temporarily.

R. Yahi Trail Maintenance-Open

7. **Board meeting March 18, 2020** will be held at the home of Paul M., hosted by Deb H.

   Cindy W. will host April’s meeting and Hesh K. may possibly host May’s.

8. **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**