Minutes of August 19, 2019: Mount Lassen Chapter- CNPS Meeting of Executive Board

By: Ann Elliott

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

1. **Called to order** soon at 7 pm (Cindy’s home). Present: Nancy Praizler NP; Paul Moore PM; Cindy Weiner CW; Dody Domish DD; Catie and Jim Bishop CB & JB, Paula Shapiro PS, Marjorie McNairn MM, Debbie Halfpenny DH; Ann Elliott AE, Woody Elliott WE, Roxane Canfield RC, Dave Popp DP

2. **Minutes** of May meeting approved.

   
   The Chapter Annual financial statement was done with the help of a new spreadsheet for financials created by Brock Wimberley (Finance and Operations Director) at State CNPS. Nancy proposed new budget categories that are consistent with the State CNPS categories. **AN:** All Look at the last handout with these categories and discuss next meeting.

4. **Old Business:**
   a) Attached find Annual Report of Activities prepared by PM with input from committee chairs.
   b) Check for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for Vina Plains field trips contract received - $2,000. **Marjorie will be reimbursed for her expenses which she will submit to Nancy.** (WE,JB, approved) and consider whether to ask for a donation toward her time spent on the project as she is not an employee.
   c) Disclaimer for Field Trips. Shasta Chapter requested a copy of the TNC disclaimer for language to their use as a disclaimer. The CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunts have a disclaimer. There is no information on the CNPS website with information for chapter disclaimer. **AN:** Woody will send out the Trailhead Safety Speech drafted by Gerry Ingco and edited by Ann Elliott. He will ask at the Chapter Council Meeting if other chapters use disclaimers.
   d) **AN:** Paul Moore Chapter Board Job Descriptions will be made available as previously sent out to the Board by Woody and discussed at General Meeting in September according to minutes of last Board Meeting.

5. **New Business:**
   a) Fall Fundraising Drive – **AN:** Catie will draft an appeal letter modified from previous years’ text for dissemination in October. Woody and Paula agreed to help with the printing and mailing process.

6. **Standing Committee Reports:**

   **CCNC Garden:** AE all well.

   Conservation: WE the **CNPS Fire Recovery Guide** is just out. Copies are available from state CNPS and downloadable from CNPS.org. Woody brought the latest version of The Trails Map of Bidwell Park to look at. He has contacted Butte Environmental Council for support on encouraging the City of Chico’s Park Division to follow CEQA procedures. The Valley Edge Development, east of the Stonegate Development is in the EIR scoping phase. The site is currently in the County but would be annexed to Chico as it is with the sphere of influence of the City. The second incarnation of Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) is still under review by regulatory agencies.

   **Education:** Justine Devoe (not in attendance)

   **Events:** Nancy G (not in attendance)
Field Trips: MM: Woody will lead a trip to S. Caribou Wilderness this Sat. In September there are two trips to Lassen National Volcanic Park: Ridge Lakes and Kings Ck. To Crumbaugh Lake lead by Marjorie.

Horticulture: DH will begin a native plant Q&A the half hour before each general meeting.

Hospitality: Roxane Canfield

Membership: Dody will get the returned newsletters to Meryl.

Newsletter: John Whittlesey (not in attendance). September Newsletter available on website; Meryl has still not received the newsletter from printer to mail.

Programs: WE/Open September meeting will be the usual summer reports from members with a short program by Jim Bishop. October will be Important Plant Areas by Sam Young of State CNPS. November will be given by photographer Ken DeCamp about the Klamath Range. Further ideas include Soil Scientist Andrew Conlin, a talk on Serpentine soils, Debbie Halfpenny on premier Native Plant Landscaping Jobs she has been involved in.

Publicity: CW

Table Sales: Open

Yahi Trail: Open

Invasive Plants: Open

CNPS Chapter Council: WE will attend meeting on September 7 Conservation Meeting and Sept. 8 Council Meeting in Santa Cruz.

Volunteer Recognition: Open

Website: WE

Wildflower Show: CW will be calling a committee to consider modifying the format of the show to make it easier, be more interesting, and draw more attendees.

7. Future Ex. Bd. Meeting locations: DD will host September 18

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.