Minutes of September 18, 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** at 7 pm (Dody’s home). Present: Nancy Praizler NP; Cindy Weiner CW; Meryl Bond MB; Dody Domish DD; Paula Shapiro PS, Marjorie McNairn MM, Ann Elliott AE, Woody Elliott WE, Dave Popp DP, Chris Mueller

   **Absent:** Paul Moore PM; Catie and Jim Bishop CB & JB, Debbie Halfpenny DH; Roxane Canfield RC

2. **Minutes** of August meeting approved with corrections regarding the order of speakers at future general meetings. (WE/NP/carried)


4. **Old Business**
   
   A. The new budget categories that Nancy proposed to be consistent with the State CNPS categories were clarified, discussed, and simplified.
   
   B. Chapter Board Job Descriptions still need to be reviewed by Board.
   
   C. Catie wrote a letter for the Fall Fundraising Drive. Woody and Ann printed it and Paula stuffed the remainder of the envelopes, so that it can be mailed tomorrow.

5. **New Business:**
   
   A. Deb Halfpenny will be the Chapter’s representative to the Environmental Coalition of Butte County. She met Wolfy Rougle of BCRCD who is interested in information on bunch grasses. BCRCD is preparing a Chico City-wide vegetation plan to come out in early 2020.
   
   B. **Mt. Lassen Chapter will be a Silver Sponsor for the CAL IPC conference** (WE, PS, carried)
   
   C. Several members are interested in having The Pipevine newsletter printed in color. Printing costs may easily double. After some discussion, Marjorie will continue investigating.
   
   D. The Chapter received 140 new CNPS Fire Recovery Guides. Distribution possibilities were brainstormed: Branch Libraries as reference copies, Plumas and Butte Fire Safe Councils. Send other suggestions to Cindy. Cindy will prepare a press release based on the materials provided by state CNPS.
   
   E. WE agreed to be on the nominating committee. Possible board members for the coming year were brainstormed.

6. **Standing Committee Reports:**

   CCNC Garden: AE all well.

   Chapter Council Rep: WE attended meeting and briefly explained the new Admin page on CNPS.org.

   Conservation: WE reported that the City of Chico will publish a trails map of Bidwell Park. He is still concerned about how to encourage the City of Chico’s Park Division to follow CEQA procedures. The Valley Edge Development and Butte Regional Conservation Plan (BRCP) is still in process.

   Education: Justine Devoe (not in attendance)

   Events: Nancy G (not in attendance) Harvest Festival coming in early November.

   Field Trips: MM reported field trips have a few enthusiastic attendees.
Horticulture: DH (not in attendance)
Hospitality: RC (not in attendance)
Invasive Plants: Open

Membership: Chris Mueller will take over membership and mailing duties from Meryl.

Newsletter: John Whittlesey (not in attendance).

Programs: Open October will be Important Plant Areas by Sam Young of State CNPS. November will be given by photographer Ken DeCamp about the Klamath Range. Other options were discussed.

Publicity: CW

Rare Plants: Open

Table Sales: Open

Volunteer Recognition: Open

Website: Open WE will work with transition to a new webadministrator.

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

Yahi Trail: Open


8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.