

Draft of Minutes from CNPS-SLO BOD meeting, 17th Mar 2016

Present: Lauren Brown, John Doyle, David Krause, June Krystoff-Jones, Marti Rutherford, Mark Skinner, Dirk Walters, Bill Waycott

1. Minutes from the BOD meeting on 21st Jan 2016 were approved 8:0
2. The Treasurer's report was approved 8:0
 - Banquet expenses were slightly more than the income from the event. The speaker has not asked for reimbursement yet.
 - There is a Carrizo Plain Fund in the report with a \$5,000 donation for a solar company.
3. Books: the book inventory is due 31st Mar 2016.
 - There are a few new books:
 - California Botanical Landscapes – A Pictorial View of the State's Vegetation
 - Wildflowers of Rock Creek
 - Flora of Kern County
4. Native Plant Week:
 - 16th Apr – two events:
 - Master Gardeners – Advice to Grow By – John Doyle will speak
 - Party for the Planet at the Atascadero Zoo.
 - 17th Apr – Field trip to Coreopsis Hill
 - Discussed the possibility of:
 - an evening meeting with a featured speaker during the week. Need to find a venue and a speaker.
 - a visit to the Leaning Pine Arboretum at Cal Poly
 - a visit to Growing Grounds Farm in Tuesday, 19th Apr, 1 to 4.
 - Cambria Wildflower Show, 23rd and 24th Apr
5. Open positions: Secretary, Hospitality, and Newsletter
 - The Invasive Plants position has been filled by Mark Skinner
 - Two Cal Poly grad students are interested in getting involved.
6. Discussed the need for a paper version of the newsletter and it was decided to continue with paper. Dirk mentioned he and Bonnie have been contributing articles and drawings to the Obispoensis for 40 Years! He said they are slowing down a bit in their output now and may need to submit their work on a reduced schedule.
7. Conservation:
 - Marti mentioned that part of the PG&E plan for new transmission wires for SLO Co. would possibly cross Edna Valley in addition to the Carrizo Plain National Monument.
 - We mentioned Holly's favorable report on tree removal at the Fiscalini Ranch.

8. Horticulture:

- Talked about the restoration project at the Mission Plaza. This is a collaboration between CNPS, the City of SLO, the Watershed Stewards Program, and the Cal Poly Landscape Architecture Club. Over two weekends, much of the Vinca and Agapantha located along the creek banks and the palm-leaved sedge located in the creek bed, has been removed by an army of volunteers, mostly Cal Poly students. As of mid-March, more than 50 native plants have been transplanted into the area.
- The SLO chapter's propagation group has been working on a seed germination project and is currently conducting an experiment with seeds of five native species.
- John Doyle will give a talk on 14th May 2016 at the Farm Supply from 10 am to 12 noon entitled "Water-Wise Landscapes".

9. Invasive species:

- Mark Skinner has proposed writing an article for the newsletter entitled "Invasive Species Watch".
- We discussed the lack of funding for invasive weed control in the county.

10. Chapter Council Meeting review: Bill reported on the recent CC Meeting, held on the Palos Verdes Peninsula from 11 to 13 March 2016.

I have attached two photos to the e-mail:

1. Shell Creek photo, taken by John Chesnut on 13 Mar 2016
2. Caliente Peak photo, taken by Bill Waycott, Apr 2015