

Minutes, CNPS San Luis Obispo Chapter
September 21, 2017 – 6- 8:30 pm
Whole Foods Meeting Room, Los Osos Valley Road
San Luis Obispo, CA

Call to Order 6 pm.

Present: Cathy Chambers, John Chesnut, David Chipping, Linda Chipping, John Doyle, Marlin Harms, June Krystoff-Jones, David Keil, Melissa Mooney, Marti Rutherford, Mark Skinner, Dirk Walters, Bill Waycott.

1. Receive and Approve Minutes from May 18, 2017 –

Motion: Linda Chipping made a motion to approve the minutes (Attachment 1); seconded; passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report – David Krause

a. September 14, 2017 Treasurer's Report FY 2017-2018 to date – David Krause

Report dated 9-14-17 emailed. **Discussion:** Chair Bill Waycott summarized David's email, with specific reference to the negative number in the "Income" column being due to an incorrect deposit (Attachment 2).

b. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Financial Report – David Krause

FY 2016-2017 financial report (Attachment 3) emailed back in July. **Discussion:** Chair summarized David's email comments. Title Noted as "Treasurer's Report 7.01.2016 to Present" (changed from 2015). Net Income was \$3,271.00.

Motion: Cathy Chambers made a motion to approve the Annual Report; seconded; passed unanimously.

3. Native Plant Sale – John Nowak

Discussion: Plant sale to be held November 4, 2017. John Nowak indicated that Native Sons is "on board," radio and newspaper advertising is being handled, and a volunteer sheet has been posted in the newsletter. There was extensive discussion of the source(s) of our plants and diseases such as Phytophthora species that could be transmitted if people are not using certain nursery protocols. Chair Waycott indicated that BMP's are on the state website for raising plants to bring to sale, and he volunteered to help with developing a protocol for growing/supplying plants. John Doyle will be assisting the Chair with this issue, and will talk to the Agricultural Commissioner. According to Dirk Walters, in the past, sale plants were inspected by the Agricultural Department. David Chipping indicated that the Agricultural Commissioner should be involved. Linda Chipping noted that our suppliers are also supplying many other entities in the county.

June won't be able to attend the plant sale and coordinate book sales; Holly Sletteland volunteered to coordinate; Lauren Brown also volunteered to help with the sales table.

4. Meeting Location – Marti Rutherford

Discussion: Marti reported that Whole Foods will no longer be an option for our meetings, as they are remodeling and will no longer have the community room. Lauren Brown suggested investigating the Copeland Health Education Pavilion, where the Land Conservancy meets. Melissa volunteered to follow up on that location asap. Chair Waycott indicated he could make a couple of additional inquiries. It was suggested that we try for the third Wednesday and/or Thursday. Mark Skinner suggested we contact Lindsey Whittaker at the Land Conservancy first.

5. Chapter Council Update – Bill and Cathy Chambers

Discussion: Chair Waycott indicated that there are serious statewide items to be aware of, namely, (1) the upcoming CNPS Conference (see discussion below); (2) the Southern California Conservation Analyst; and (3) Important Plant Areas. The following items were also discussed:

- a. State website is being updated soon
- b. CNPS finances are good
- c. CNPS wants to improve periodical quality (e.g., the Bulletin)
- d. February Statewide Conference needs Sponsors
- e. Southern California Conservation Analyst position needs support

- f. Important Plant Areas effort is being coordinated by Dan Glusencamp and Greg Suba – there have been two meetings so far – 1) So. San Joaquin Valley and 2) Modoc Plateau. Chair Waycott stresses the importance of chaparral, and that we need to keep this issue in front of other Chapters and members
- g. Bequests are increasing – general idea to be brought before the membership soon
- h. Board elections are coming up
- i. There is an OHV bill before the legislature.

6. CNPS Statewide Conference – Bill Waycott

a. Sponsors/Auction Items needed – Discussion: Chair Waycott indicated there is a “glossy brochure” to support getting local businesses to donate items for the Silent Auction for the State conference; we should all think about what we can do to help acquire Sponsors and/or Auction item providers.

b. Chapter Poster – Linda and David Chipping; Cathy Chambers

Discussion: David and Linda Chipping showed posters from past CNPS Statewide conferences. Content for poster was discussed. John Chesnut suggested we work on communicating our experience with the Oak Ordinance, and general consensus followed. The drone work done as part of that effort was critical.

c. Chapter support for students – Linda Chipping

Discussion: Linda Chipping proposed the Chapter make available \$400.00 for 3 or 4 students (\$200 for registration; \$100 for transportation; and \$100 for lodging) to attend the Conference. Dave Chipping suggests that Dave Keil talk to Matt Ritter about potential students; Melissa asks whether this is a selected group of students, or is this a “fair” general announcement for anyone who wants to attend. Dave Keil indicated that students should be applying to CNPS for the ability to attend, and should have a letter of recommendation from faculty. Dave mentioned that there are now two new members of the Cal Poly faculty: Dena Grossenbacher, Assistant Professor, and Nishanta “Nishi” Rajakaruna, Associate Professor (did I get this right? I had to go to the website to get spelling). John Chesnut suggested that students receiving the scholarship should have some “skin in the game” towards CNPS.

Motion: John Chesnut made a motion that the Chapter authorize 4 student Conference attendees, up to \$300 a student; with pre-authorization from a group of Cal Poly professors.

Motion seconded by Dave Chipping; passed unanimously.

7. Outreach – There was discussion of the Chapter’s presence at the Nipomo Native Garden Plant Sale to be held on October 7, 2017, and a general discussion of the Chapter’s outreach challenges.

8. Climate Change – David Chipping

Discussion: Prior to the meeting, David Chipping emailed a slide show to the Board (Attachment 4). David wants to use the Chapter as a “test-bed” for a new chapter program on climate change. He indicated that we need to make people aware of the science behind the issue. Suggests we look at chapter rare plants based on a Natureserve set of criteria. David indicated that resultant actions are still unknown and very controversial- is assisted migration in order? David also suggested that we look at the effects of drought on rare plants and habitats. There was a general consensus that David should give a presentation to the membership.

No specific action taken.

9. Photo Site – David Chipping, Marlin Harms

Discussion: Item attributed to Dave Chipping in the agenda, but discussion by Dave Keil, and Marlin Harms also. Dave mentioned the need for photos for the new Flora. Marlin discussed the history of the SLO Chapter “Flicker” site: CNPS organized the page to gather photographs for the Carrizo e/book, and used the “Pro” version, since it had a few more bells and whistles. After a discussion of cost (\$25.00/year, paid by Marlin), usefulness, overall need, and security issues, it was decided we have no use for the paying site any longer.

10. Publications Update – Linda Chipping; David Keil

Discussion: David Keil reported that he is almost finished with the “flora” part of the Flora. Linda Chipping reported that the Highway 58 and Carrizo plant/flower books are gone.

Action: Linda Chipping will send an email to the Board with ideas for reprinting the books and/or printing a pamphlet.

11. Master Calendar - Marti Rutherford

Discussion: Marti proposed the idea to have a master calendar looking ahead, say three months in advance, in case someone is not able to perform certain required duties and/or emergencies arise, so that the Board can meet all the “lead-in” timelines necessary for our elections, newsletter deadlines, and other activities. All Board members should be aware of upcoming deadline dates. Melissa Mooney indicated she had pursued the idea a bit further and offered up a sample calendar. Chair Waycott indicated that he had contacted Judi and had emailed a list of dates. [This list is now incorporated into the “Look-Ahead Calendar.”] Both web and paper versions are desired. Judi reported that she has added a “non-public” calendar to the Administrative page of the Chapter website. The password for the Admin site on the Chapter webpage was discussed.

12. Plant Communities: Next in-field session to be held September 30, 2017.

13. Rare Plants – John Chesnut

Discussion: John mentioned that *California macrophylla* (*Erodium macrophyllum*), currently 1B.2 on the CNPS Inventory, will be downlisted. In addition, a new *Ceanothus thyrsiflorus* subspecies has been published (see October Newsletter). David Keil reported there will also be a new *Chorizanthe* described from the Irish Hills.

Linda Chipping made a motion to adjourn. Seconded; passed unanimously.

Next Board meeting: November 16, 2017

Documents discussed and attached:

- 1 - Corrected Minutes, May 18, 2017
- 2 – FY 2017/2018 Treasurer’s Report, September 14, 2017
- 3 – CNPS SLO Chapter Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Report
- 4 – Plant Conservation and Future Climate – digital PPT file emailed in two parts