

Minutes, CNPS San Luis Obispo Chapter
January 15, 2018 – 6- 8:30 pm
Copeland Health Education Pavilion, French Hospital Campus
1911 Johnson Street
San Luis Obispo, CA

Present: Lauren Brown, John Chesnut, David Chipping, Linda Chipping, John Doyle, Marlin Harms, David Keil, David Krause, Melissa Mooney, Bill Waycott, Judi Young. Call to Order 6:00 pm.

Receive and Approve Minutes from November 15, 2017

Dave Chipping made a motion to approve the minutes (Attachment 1); motion passed unanimously.

Approve January 15, 2018 Treasurer's Report FY to date

Dave Krause emailed the financial report prior to the meeting (Attachment 2). **Lauren Brown made a motion** to approve the financial report; motion passed unanimously.

Annual Banquet

Lauren Brown reported that all is in order; Volunteers should arrive at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall on Surf Street at 5 pm if they wish to assist. Minor logistics were discussed. Bill Waycott discussed the proposed agenda, including installation of Officers for 2018, recognition of students, Hoover Award, and then the introduction of the speaker, Richard Halsey, by Dave Keil.

CNPS Statewide Conference

Brief discussion of the Statewide Conference set for February 1-3, 2018 at the LAX Marriot. John Chesnut reported that the Chapter's poster is completed, but not yet printed.

Consider Justin Luong Nipomo Lupine Proposal (Attachment 3)

John Chesnut gave an introduction to the project and the proposal to fund monitoring work at a cost to the Chapter of either \$575.36 (partial project) or \$1,075.36 (full project that includes two student stipends of \$250 each). He stated that he supports the project. The objective is to determine whether the population is increasing or decreasing, and how herbivory factors into that. There was discussion of USFWS Section 6 funding and the integration of the proposed monitoring work with other Section 6 work. John Chesnut indicates it is valuable monitoring work that gives us a third year of data to develop a demographic curve of the population at the Black Lake Ecological Area Field Site managed by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo. **Dave Keil made a motion to approve the request** with funding from the Malcolm McLeod Memorial fund, a presentation at the June Meeting of the general membership, and an "evergreen" write up with photos for the website. Seconded by Judi Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Publications

SLO Wildflowers – Linda Chipping reported on the status of the reprint of the SLO Wildflowers book that **Terri** has been working on for us. Linda reported that there may be a health issue delaying Terri's work, which was promised to be delivered us "before the wildflower season started." Dave Keil suggests contacting Terri and asking about options: e.g., what can we do to help, even if that means using someone else to complete the work.

Carrizo – Dave Keil reported that the Carrizo book fell into his December/Christmas "trap."

Species Lists – Judi reports these are on the website; Dave Keil indicates he has now standardized the format; Judi suggests that we add to each list a standard CNPS SLO Chapter contact so that the public knows where each list came from.

Dave Chipping Flora's – Dave Chipping has been working on photo floras for the coastal areas of the County, and he wants to put these on the web (Go, Dave!). He emphasizes that we cannot sell them, but asks if we could request donations. Judi indicates that this might be a gray area, and that we should check with the State CNPS to get their input, since the cost of a fine could be greater than the amount of anticipated donations.

Publicity and Webmaster Update

Judi Young reported that she is looking for an intern (volunteer) to assist with the website. There was extensive discussion about pdf file formats vs. new web formats, and how to coordinate the Newsletter production with uploading

information to the website in a timely manner. John Chesnut suggested creating an email alias for articles that both the webmaster and he could access, and that seemed to be workable in the short-term.

Photo archives

[Note from Secretary: there was some confusion over what this agenda item referred to.] Initial discussion was centered on Flickr, and whether or not the Chapter has an account. Judi Young indicated that the Chapter website has a photo page that anyone can see, but only those with a personal Flickr account can add to the SLO Group account. Marling Harms gave some background. Dave Keil indicated a desire to have a “page/account” where people could access photos of the local flora when the Flora is released. John Chesnut suggested that Judi and Marlin give a brief presentation at the October photo meeting about Flickr. Marlin Harms asked the devil’s advocate question of do we really need a local “page/account,” given the existence of CalPhotos. John Chesnut mentioned the inconsistencies between CalFlora and CalPhotos in terms of Jepson terminology, and discussion of that and other items ensued. Dave Chipping indicated that there were copyright issues that we could solve with a local “page/account.” Lastly, it was concluded that the issue needed to be discussed at another time and place. Judi suggested there were really two issues: (1) the copyright question; and (2) the SLO local page/account question.

Master Calendar

Lauren Brown indicated that there is no meeting place for the proposed March 1 (or 8th) meeting in Atascadero. Discussion ensued, and Dave Chipping offered to inquire about the AARP meeting room. Melissa Mooney reported changes to the multicolored calendar, sent out shortly before the meeting, to include the Board meeting dates. Dave Krause suggested additional dates for the Treasurer’s responsibilities, and we clarified the Nomination steps. A revised version of the Master Calendar will be distributed with the minutes (Attachment 4).

Plant Communities

Melissa reported that CNPS is holding a Rapid Assessment workshop in this area in early May. The instructors are Jennifer Buck-Diaz and Rachelle Boule. Jennifer is seeking input on areas to sample; Melissa indicated that Board members could send her ideas.

Conservation

Did anyone make a motion to adjourn? If so, I missed it.

Next Board meeting: March 12, 2018

Documents discussed and attached:

- 1 - Corrected Minutes, November 15, 2017
- 2 – Monthly Treasurer’s Report, January 15, 2018
- 3 – Justin Luong Proposal
- 4 – Revised Master Calendar