

CNPS, San Diego Chapter Executive Board
June 2, 2010 6:30 – 8:30
San Diego Audubon Society Office
4010 Morena Blvd.

Board Members Present: Cindy Burrascano, Connie di Girolamo, Wes Hudson, Frank Landis, Carolyn Martus, Bobbie Stephenson, Kay Stewart
Announced Absences of Board Members: Tom Beltran, Carrie Schneider
Unannounced Absences of Board Members: Dave Flietner (car breakdown)
Guests: Rick Halsey

Kay Stewart Chaired the meeting in Dave Flietner's absence
Frank Landis took minutes in Tom Beltram's absence

Previous Month's Minutes: Cindy Burrascano moved to approve minutes with typos corrected, Wes seconded. The motion passed unanimously (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)

Treasurer's Report: The board was presented with a financial report by Connie di Girolamo. She answered questions from the board on various issues.

Committee Reports

- Rare plants: Frank announced that the thornmint surveys are done, and that data forms are still trickling in. Volunteers surveyed previously known populations, and thornmints were still present in most of them
- Plant sale: Carolyn announced that she has fliers.
- Horticulture: Wes announced that it is time to recruit volunteers and start weeding. He discussed the native plant garden tour, proposed by Will Johnson. Will wants the tour to be free, we might want to charge. Wes will talk to Will and see if he can make a presentation to the board and get the tour organized for 2011.
- Conservation: Frank announced some of the projects being commented on by the conservation committee, including basing F35s at Miramar, the ongoing city stormwater management EIR, and the Imperial Dunes EIS.
- Book Sales: Cindy Burrascano announced that Lightner's San Diego County Native Plants is out of print, we have no more copies, and it is hard to get.
- Newsletter: Bobbie announced that as of the meeting, she is the newsletter committee, and she needs copy editors. Frank volunteered to copy edit as needed.
- Field Trips: Kay announced that both public and chapter field trips are over for the season. Both Kay and Paul had successful trips. Perhaps there should be tours in the fall?

Old Business

1. Cuyamaca Mini-Grant (Wes): Request for \$500 (\$1000 on application) to fund an intern at Cuyamaca College for propagating native plants to sell, and it would promote CNPS through newsletter and through CNPS labels on the plants. These plants will be sold by the college nursery, not the water conservation garden. The original \$1000 proposal was to propagate 1000 plants in 50 hours over 20 weeks, and this would be pro-rated to the \$500 mini-grant cap. Wes would provide oversight on the

grant. Cindy Burrascano made a motion to support this mini-grant and finalize the agreement at \$500. Wes Hudson seconded. Request passed unanimously (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).

2. Propagation Committee Co-Chair: Connie needs a co-chair, proposed Amy Huie, and the issue was discussed briefly in the May meeting. Carolyn Martus moved that Amy Huie be accepted as co-chair of the propagation committee. Frank Landis seconded. The motion passed (4 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions).

3. Reserve Fund (Kay): Kay had no news, and it was continued to July.

New Business

4. Nominating Committee: Kay Stewart announced that we need to form a nominating committee for fall 2010 elections. Carolyn Martus agreed. Kay will find one more person.

5. Manual of California Vegetation Addendum: Rick Halsey presented his objections to how various details about chaparral fire ecology were presented in the second edition of the *Manual of California Vegetation*. He is legitimately concerned that these statements could be used out of context by the County and others to support damaging vegetation management schemes.

Rick's original proposal was that the chapter draft an insert to put in all the copies of the *Manual* that we sell, especially at the meeting where Todd Keeler-Wolf (the co-author) would speak. By meeting time, Rick was backing away from this idea. As an author, he realized that it would go badly. Frank Landis volunteered to help Rick work out a better solution, to have Todd write a document for our website.

Carolyn Martus moved that our chapter supports approaching the authors of the *Manual of California Vegetation* and discussing our concerns that the book will be referenced to support fire policies that conflict with CNPS state fire policy. We will request a written statement for our website to address the issue. Wes Hudson seconded, and the motion passed (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).

6. State Logo: Kay Stewart presented the new state logo, and board members objected to it, on artistic grounds and as a waste of money. We needed to provide David Varner with guidance on how to vote on the logo at the Chapter board meeting. Frank Landis moved that the San Diego Chapter wants CNPS to keep its existing logo. Cindy Burrascano seconded, and the motion passed (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).

7. Desert Solar Resolution: Kay announced the three resolutions on desert solar development from the East Bay Chapter. Frank Landis read them aloud for the benefit of those who had not read them, and explained the Conservation committee's continuing involvement in the area. We needed to provide guidance to David Varner on this issue for the Chapter Board meeting. Wes Hudson moved to support all three proposals. SOMEONE seconded, and the motion passed unanimously (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining).