

Approved Board Meeting Minutes
San Diego Chapter of the California Native Plant Society
November 2, 2011 6:43PM to 8:22PM – Audubon Offices, 4010 Morena Blvd.

Board Members Present: Tom Beltran, Cindy Burrascano, Jonathan Dunn, Wes Hudson, Susan Krzywicki, Frank Landis, Tom Oberbauer, Bobbie Stephenson, Kay Stewart

Announced Absences: Connie di Girolamo

Unannounced Absences: None

Guests: Rick Halsey, David Varner

Kay Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:43PM.

Introduction of Guests: Rick Halsey is from the California Chaparral Institute and David Varner is the Chapter Council Representative from San Diego

Approval of Minutes: Frank Landis moved to approve the October 5, 2011 board meeting minutes as amended. Wes Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).

Treasurer's Report: Connie di Girolamo was absent. Plant sale income is good. Sales were less than last year but there were fewer buyouts so the net was about the same. Frank Landis moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom Oberbauer seconded. The motion passed unanimously (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).

Action Items:

- Bobbie Stephenson moved to change the agenda by taking agenda item C (Rick Halsey) first. Wes Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).
- Rick Halsey appealed the rejection of his article, as written, for the October newsletter to the board. Cindy Burrascano motioned to accept the new wording in Rick Halsey's article to read: "One of the papers cited to support this opinion was Keeley et al, 2004. Dr. Keeley has written to the San Diego Chapter of CNPS indicating that his work was misrepresented. Five other fire scientists have written to the County for the same reason during work on San Diego County's vegetation management report in 2008/2009." In addition, Cindy's motion would permit Bobbie Stephenson to make a footnote regarding the erratum published in the October 2011 newsletter. The motion passed (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained; Bobbie Stephenson and Tom Beltran abstained. Kay Stewart did not vote).
- Wes Hudson motioned to support Canyon Coalition by accepting their invitation to become a member, noting that no money would be involved. The motion passed (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, Kay Stewart did not vote).

Committee Reports:

- Book/Poster – October sales were \$1,523.50 per the Treasurer’s Report.
- Conservation – Frank Landis was the only person who showed for the meeting so there was no meeting.
- T-shirts – Frank Landis reported that there are 58 t-shirts left over.
- Rare Plants – Frank Landis reported that the committee held their party.
- North Park Garden – Wes Hudson reported that he needs some help because this is the busy time of the year. No one came to the last meeting.
- Council Chapter – David Varner reported that the last day of the 2012 Conservation Conference to be held in San Diego will be a “public day”, which will be free to the public. Public Day will have 5 rooms: horticulture, education, native landscapes and children, Native American, and local projects. Tom Oberbauer asked how many people had signed up, noting that the registration deadline had been extended. Jonathan Dunn replied that the extension was necessary because speakers had not been announced. There was an assessment report by Chapter Council. In addition, a letter was written to the Chapter Council President regarding the report. One of the key issues is whether “CNPS is a top-down or a bottom-up organization”. Another is the question “should CNPS have an executive director so that staff would report to Chapter Council.” David said that on the whole, the report was too strong and didn’t take into account the nature of the organization. So everyone kind of backed off from the report. David requested that the board read the assessment report and that comments be forwarded to him. CNPS San Diego recruited 45 new members at the fall plant sale. The statewide goal is to increase membership by 50% (15,000 new members statewide) by 2014.
- Elections – Tom Oberbauer reported that the general ballot will be in the November newsletter. Completed ballots must be received by the November general meeting.
- Garden Tour – Susan Krzywicki reported that the tour is a little bit behind on donations and docents. There were some problems with the website. It’s behind due to complex challenges that were not foreseen. Clayton Tschudy has delegated well and volunteers are picking up momentum. Contributions are out there so are many of the checks. Some people’s companies are interested but they have not written checks. There is a plan to get back on track. Wes Hudson was at the last meeting and his assessment is that there’s a lot of energy, that it will overcome the problems. The ETA for the website to go on line is 1-1/2 weeks (second week in November).

Discussion Items:

- Dan Silver of the Endangered Habitat League requests that CNPS sign on the Endangered Species Act letter. A model letter was provided to CNPS. Cindy Burrascano suggested that state CNPS become involved. Frank Landis will call Greg Suba about this matter.

Frank Landis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM. Wes Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously (9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained).