

Minutes for Dec. 6, 2005 meeting SCB

All officers attending

General announcements:

-Conservation Value, Berkeley: the director wants to give us a presentation. The organization's goal is to communicate science to the public and they are looking for interns. The director is a graduate of conservation biology from Duke University. Rodd suggested he give his presentation at a January meeting, the majority of members present at the meeting agreed. The director has also invited us to a San Francisco party for the organization Dec. 21

- the Union of Concerned Scientists are organizing a Campus Climate Challenge. We could potentially team up with other environmental groups on campus to help promote lower carbon emissions on campus. If interested email Rodd (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu)

Committee updates

Membership: It's an option, not a requirement, but numbers are down this year. Please spread the word to your friends and contact Pete (pnepanchin@ucdavis.edu) to become a member. It's only \$5 a year for voting privileges and a guilt-free pizza dinner once a month! Our membership has dropped significantly from the in the 30's last year to only 19 paid members thus far this year.

The national organization has grants to encourage local chapters to increase their membership. We're eligible for this grant, which is due in February. Pete is hoping to submit it over Christmas. We could use the money to broaden the membership pool and increase our membership in the international chapter. [Points raised by the group:] This would be beneficial overall, but especially for the International SCB meeting in San Jose next summer. We should keep in mind, though, that the money should be used for those who are unlikely to join otherwise, since it's only \$10 to be an international member. We could also offer other campus groups a membership, a complementary membership. There is enough money from the grant to consider several different membership projects, but perhaps part of the granting of a membership could be a commitment through activities. There are only a few applications submitted every year, so we are likely to get it.

Education

- Ingrid got the Endangered Species projects from the school class in Bolivia and gave them to the classes up here. The program was a success. She will try to get one of the posters to display and maybe get some photos for the website.

- the full schedule of speakers for the undergrad seminar is complete. EVE99 or EVE198 seminar (P/F) will be on Thursday afternoons.

WIDSI (Amy)

Worked 3x this quarter and on Dec. 13th. Topics included Invasive Species, habitat loss, nocturnal animals. Email Amy after Christmas to reschedule for next quarter.

Restoration (Jim Thorne)

Plantings w/ UC Reserve – planted 2 large areas of native oaks. Nice work done – 2 acres of native grass. Not many acorns so no acorn picking this year. 2 plantings with some leftover trees from last year on campus.

2 different programs:

Solano Co. Land Trust – integrated hardwood rangeland grant to study oak planting techniques and find most economical technique for ranchers, w/ 2 experimental blocks on 2 sites

Pleasants Valley – Solano Co. land off I80 – put in on Saturday. Jim will email with instructions.

1st is powered by SLEWS prog (HS)

2nd doesn't have enough volunteers, but is neat because you can see experimental design at the field trial level installed

Campus: 80 trees will be planted – 40 in the vet med buildings Jan 7th. Others will go in on west campus at a later date – SCB will be the primary volunteer group for this.

Sister chapter (Ingrid)

It's difficult to sell coffee on campus but we got permission. Ingrid also has crafts from Bolivia to sell which have been priced by Alejandra – the money from these sales will go to mail journals

Ingrid needs 1 person to help set-up at 3pm, 1 @5pm to clean and 1 person to sell at 4pm
Sign ups are for the following dates: Jan 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Announcement from member: Ingrid recent personal congratulations from Michael Soulé for active support. Soulé is the founder of journal Conservation Biology.

Suggestion: We could spend chapter funds on coffee and creamer – majority in favor
We can sell cookies individually wrapped as well, but for now we'll stick to coffee.
Good signage is important. Coffee will probably be \$1/cup w/ own cup, \$1.25 for paper cup

Would be cool to make own mugs too – we should enlist Jun who previously designed the mugs

We could post pictures of the Bolivian group as well.

Website

We need pictures for the website!

New site will be up soon, then we'll try to redesign some of the pages.

We need a new mascot – the burrowing owl is the current mascot. We were thinking vernal pools, other local natural wonders

New email address for the website is scbwebgeek@gmail.com

Current issues in cons meeting is upcoming – forward Rodd news items to be posted.

Rachel – please email current synopsis of committee to web address for posting. Email with ideas as well

Email will be sent when the new site is up and running.

We're also developing a WIDSI page.

SCB meeting

Erica Flieshman and Fiona Nagle, the chair of the meeting and the chapter representative respectively are excited about having volunteers for desk registration and moderation of sessions. If interested in participating in these and abstract reviews email Rodd.

Reminder: Bring Camera to events and email pictures to the website email listed above

Campus naturalist tours (Pete)

Idea is to have local campus tour or close by. Potentially Marcel Rejmanek – a local botanist with an amazing knowledge of plants from around the world

Other potentials would be Art Shapiro. Members are interested in participating. Please email Pete with other ideas of local ecologists.

Phil Ward for ants, Peter Moyle potentially.

Pete will try to start this program next quarter in January, and will email the list with updates.

Rodd: birding trip in January? Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge? Email if interested and he'll organize a trip.

Ingrid: There will potentially be a silent auction for the Bolivian crafts coming up.