



# TWS Board Meeting Minutes

## *San Francisco Bay Area Chapter*

6:30 – 7:30 PM on April 21, 2020

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President, Secretary taking Minutes

### *Attendees:*

#### Call-In

Voting Members: Natalie R. (President), Rachel (President-Elect), Ricka (Treasurer), Carli (Secretary), Kathleen (Section Rep), Halia (Student Affairs Chair), Laura (Public Outreach Chair), Patricia (Conservation Affairs Chair)

Non-voting Members: Meghan (Media Director)

#### Absent

Hailey (Diversity Chair), Natalie G. (Past President), Molly (Professional Development Co-Chair), Leslie (Professional Development Co-Chair), Joe (Newsletter Editor), Mary (Historian)

### *Agenda:*

#### Old Business

1. Motion to Vote: Approval of the March Minutes- called by **Natalie R.**
  - Seconded- Meghan
  - Aye- Rachel, Laura, Patricia, Halia, Kathleen
  - Abstain- Ricka, Carli
  - Minutes Approved
2. Last Meeting's Action Item Progress
  - Completed Action Items
    - i. Refunds for canceled events
    - ii. Events canceled on websites
    - iii. Butterfly pin added to website
    - iv. Wildlife Wednesdays/other events canceled on Facebook
    - v. Public meetings template
    - vi. Event photos added to website

## New Business

1. Socially-distanced events that SFBA TWS can organize for membership
  - Avoid video conference/Zoom events due to the amount of these events already happening at work or from other organizations
  - Instead, focus on citizen science, quizzes, outdoor activities that can be done solo
  - Each month, SFBA TWS will introduce a “monthly activity” on the President’s email. This month will be participating in the City in Nature Challenge and encouraging members to join
2. President Updates
  - Membership email will be sent out quickly so that members can participate in the City in Nature Challenge
  - President email cannot email the Board.
    - i. Secretary will attempt to fix this
  - Re-vamped 2020 Goal - Get all admin in order
    - i. Complete By-laws - **Nat R, Natalie G, Ricka**
      1. Getting started in earnest. Bylaws are in good shape currently and are being updated
      2. Bylaws will be updated before the next meeting
      3. Process for new bylaws getting approved: Board approval -> Member Approval -> HQ Approval
    - ii. Complete position SOPs - **Nat R, Natalie G**
      1. A new document with position SOP is being prepared
      2. Addition to position SOP is a list of past position members and their contact information to help new board members get their questions answered
    - iii. Membership Tracking and Updated Strategy - **Carli, Ricka, Nat R**
      1. In progress
    - iv. Try to invest in CD? - **Ricka**
      1. CD proposal dropped for the time being
  - Non-profit status - **Ricka**
    - i. New bylaws are needed before moving forward with non-profit status although everything else is in good shape
    - ii. There are some inconsistencies about what counties we serve- we are trying to get answers from the Western Section but we will continue to reach out to these counties despite their distance
3. President-Elect Updates
  - No merchandise updates
  - All other projects on hold due to Shelter-in-place order
4. Past-President Updates- **Absent**
5. Treasurer Updates - **No further updates**
6. Secretary Updates

- Working on tracking membership using MailChimp
7. Western Section Updates
- In contact with Western Section about workshops, they are waiting until 7/1/2020 to start working on future events
  - HQ is working on a survey that looks at how COVID is affecting our members
8. Workshop Updates- **Absent**
9. Conservation Affairs Updates
- Mountain Lion populations were raised to a candidate species after the last CDFW meeting
  - Mid-Peninsula Open Space is looking to update its grazing policy to address predator management. Public meetings were planned for the Spring but have been canceled. The policy may be updated due to the mountain lion listing. More details in future meetings
10. Student Affairs Updates
- Student early professional job board is in the works with coordination from Western Section
11. Diversity Chair Updates - **Absent**
12. Website Updates
- New Photos are up on the website
  - Public meeting minutes to be uploaded to the website shortly
13. Public Affairs Updates
- Laura attended the latest CDFW Meeting and prepared a short report for the board.
  - Mountain Lion Updates from CDFW Meeting:
    - i. CDFW has completed a 90-day study about mountain lions in CA and reviewed comments regarding the proposed listing of the species
    - ii. Most comments were in favor of listing, although some commenters against listing argue that listing mountain lions is illegal under Prop 117 as well as other State and federal ordinances
    - iii. There are currently 6 designated populations in CA, determined by major highways which fragment populations. There are an estimated 4-6k mountain lions in CA
    - iv. Currently Mountain Lion ESU's in Southern California and the Central Coast are now Candidate Species. The SoCal ESU's may be combined per recommendations from the Center for Biological Diversity. The Sierra Nevada population was not listed
    - v. SFBay TWS may contribute to the listing discussion by submitting a letter later this year
  - Laura is working with a local brewery to co-release a beer this summer that would raise funds for the Chapter
14. Historian Updates- **Absent**

15. Newsletter Updates - **Absent**

Meeting Adjourned by President at 7:38 PM