

MINUTES OF THE VERTEBRATE PEST COUNCIL MEETING
CDFA, Sacramento CA
March 25, 2009

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Fagerstone at 10:00 AM.

In attendance: Rex Baker, Roger Baldwin, Craig Coolahan, Kathy Fagerstone, Brian Finlayson, Paul Gorenzel, Victoria Hornbaker, John O'Brien, Dennis Orthmeyer, Terry Salmon, Dirk VanVuren.

2. Approval of Minutes of the November 4, 2008 Meeting

Motion to approve by O'Brien, second by VanVuren.; passed.

3. Business Manager's Report (Salmon)

A. Financial Status: Terry Salmon reported that at the end of 2008, cash on hand totaled \$67,767.68. Income was \$4,466.09 and Expenses were \$60,705.91. Motion to approve by VanVuren, second by Hornbaker; passed.

4. Old Business

A. Alternate-year workshops: The workshops are going well. We completed the Stanislaus (3/5/09 50 attendees) and Sacramento (3/14/09 100+ attendees) workshops. Both had good attendance. The Anaheim workshop will be held 3/31.

5. New Business

A. 2010 Sacramento Vertebrate Pest Conference: Committee updates.

1. Field Trip (Gorenzel) – Good possibilities for field trip. Potential sites include crow roost, tour Capitol grounds (squirrels), heron roost at UC Davis, cliff swallows on bridges, ground squirrel baiting/residue studies. Possible lunch site at UC Davis. No detailed planning at this time.

2. Program (Salmon) – Call for abstracts and early conference announcement has been sent. Abstracts due to Salmon June 15, 2009.
Potential workshops/symposiums (names listed to flesh out).

Urban wildlife – Mike Taber, Craig Coolahan, Bob Timm
Invasive vertebrates – Fagerstone
Vertebrate Control measures for public safety – Bonkrude,
Salmon, Coolahan

Reducing environmental risks in dealing with wildlife control - Salmon

3. Arrangements (Hornbaker) – Victoria has contacted and toured the Holiday Inn. The venue looks very good and is in a great location. We will be the only group at the hotel. We will move the Wednesday light buffet to Tuesday night. Council dinner, off-site will be Monday night.

4. Exhibitors (O'Brien)—Following discussion about the fee for exhibitors, Rex Baker moved that exhibitors be required to pay \$300 above the registration fee. Terry Salmon seconded. Motion approved.

5. Continuing Education (Salmon) - Salmon will contact PAPA to notify them that we will use their services for continuing education credits for the 2010 VPC. We need to get the program to them early so we can advertise the credits available.

6. Publicity (VanVuren) – Will use internet as primary advertisement method. Funds are available, if needed to buy advertisement space. Dirk will use the call for papers to develop a simple flyer to advertise the conference.

7. Commercial Exhibits (O'Brien) – We will require exhibitors to register individuals for the conference.

8. Registration (Jimm and Salmon) – We will most likely use the Reg-on-line system again. However, we will not use it to collect the powerpoints or abstracts. Terry will use a UC system (either email or file vault) to collect these.

9. Poster Publicity/Student Recruitment (Baldwin) – Motion to award students \$500 for participating in the conference as a poster or paper presenter; passed.

10. Editor/Proceedings (Salmon) – General discussion about providing contact information to facilitate contact with authors. We proposed that senior author contact information be made available. We will need to seek approval from the author.

Question and discussion about accepting abstracts in lieu of full paper. Decided to handle on a case-by-case basis at editor discretion.

B. Location of next (2012) conference – John O'Brien reviewed bids he received from hotels in California, Hawaii and Nevada. The council decided to concentrate on the Monterey, CA area for the 2012 conference.

C. Support for new UC IPM Vertebrate Pest Advisor - Prior to Roger Baldwin being appointed to the IPM Advisor position, the council had committed to support the position financially. Salmon confirmed with the council members present about this arrangement. We agreed to award \$10,000 as a gift to UC to support Roger Baldwin's research and extension program

6. Next Meeting - The next meeting will in Davis the last week of June or early July. Possible videoconference – Terry will explore.

7. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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