

**Minutes**  
**Vertebrate Pest Council Minutes**

CDFA, 3294 Meadowview Rd, Sacramento, CA 95832  
July 14, 2016

Attendees:

In Person: Roger Baldwin, Michelle Dennis, Ed Duarte, John Eisemann, Paul Gorenzel, Greg Hacker, Marc Kenyon, Stella McMillin, Dennis Orthmeyer, Niamh Quinn, Paula Rivadeneira, Jon Shelgren, Mike Taber, Robert Timm

On Phone: Charlie Crabb, Kathy Fagerstone

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by R. Baldwin at 10:03 am.

**2) Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the March 7, 2016 were approved by unanimous vote.  
(M. Taber motioned vote, M. Kenyon seconded)

**3) Business Manager Report**

Current balance (checking)	\$62,723.81
Current balance (savings)	\$15,467.92

The income from the conference was slightly over \$100,000 and there was slightly over \$77,000 in expenses leaving a net balance of about \$23,000. Some items have still not been paid for such as PAPA (~\$4000), 3 student awards, and layout and printing of the Proceedings. One expense charged to the conference is council overhead which is typically about \$5,600 per year (includes bank fees, business license, postage, tax preparation, business manager's time, insurance, and meals for council meeting). The non-conference income such as proceedings sales and off year workshops covers about \$4,200 of the council overhead leaving an unmet expense of \$1400 per year that must be covered by conference income. Since the conference only takes place every two years the council overhead expense is doubled and charged as an expense to the conference. In this case the charge was slightly more than \$2,800. (C. Crabb)

The business report was approved by unanimous vote. (J. Eisemann motioned vote, G. Hacker seconded)

**4) Old Business:**

**A. 2016 Conference Review**

- 1) Program: We had 88 oral presentations in 11 sessions. There were a few last minute cancellations. It may have been a good idea to have a few back-up talks prepared to take the empty spots. (S. McMillin)
- 2) Arrangements: Food was expensive but good. Breaks were a little underserved, which helped keep costs down. The equipment generally worked well. We used VPC computers, PAPA's screens and projectors, and the hotel sound system. This saved us \$6,000 to \$8,000. Rooms were generally set up well with the exception of one set of stage wash lights, which flickered when the session was being video recorded (we didn't have to pay for those lights). It would have been helpful to have access to the council workroom earlier on Sunday. For the future

J. Eisemann recommended purchasing a software package for setting up conference presentations and will work on this with C. Crabb. (C. Crabb)

- 3) Registration: Attendee registration ran okay but PAPA could have been more responsive on adjusting capacities of the online registration site (i.e. registering council members). It was suggested to see if CAPCA would be interested in running registration next time or return to in-house registration via Reg Online. There was also a problem getting the registration system up in a timely way, but we may be able to improve that by getting info to PAPA earlier. There is new leadership at PAPA. We do not believe PAPA recorded physical addresses of attendees, just email addresses. (C. Crabb)
- 4) Sponsorships: There were 4 sponsorships which brought in \$3500. Should we try to sell sponsorships for the off-year conference? There was no substantive discussion or decision on this topic. (C. Crabb)
- 5) Commercial displays: We earned \$8250 from our commercial displays. The vendors liked having posters interspersed with displays. (C. Crabb)
- 6) Field Trip: Expenses were \$4,000 and income was \$5,200. 64 people attended the field trip and it received good reviews, particularly the falconer. (N. Quinn)
- 7) Publicity: Conference publicity went well. CAPCA declined to help with publicity since we were working with PAPA. (M. Taber)
- 8) Continuing Ed: The conference sessions offered the following credits:

CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR)

Field trip	Laws (L) 0.5, Other (O) 6.5=	7 total
Day 1	Wild pig mgt/Bird mgt O 4=	4 total
Day 1	Vert. pest mgt L 1, O 4 =	5 total
Day 2	Vert mgt tools L 0.5, O 4=	4.5 total
Day 2	Urban coyotes O 2.5 =	2.5 total
Day 3	Concurrent session O 4.5 =	<u>4.5 total</u>
	TOTAL	27.5

CA Dept. of Health (CDPH)

Field trip	Category D	1 hr
Day 1	Category D	1 hr
Day 2	Category D	4 hr
Day 3	Category D	<u>1.25 hr</u>
	TOTAL	7.25

Some lessons learned: Out of state approval is fairly easy and can be done by non-council members. CDPH was easier to work with than CDPR. We may want to ask the authors for information about credits as early as the abstract stage. (E. Duarte)

- 9) Proceedings: A total of 56 manuscripts have been received, including papers from 3 posters. Thirty-six manuscripts are still missing. We will likely receive expanded abstracts for 4 to 6 of those because the information was published elsewhere. There are likely 30 papers still coming for a total of 88 to 90 papers.

Timm would like to pass of the responsibility for the Proceedings for the next conference. (R. Timm)

- B. VPC Handbook Update:** Please update the handbook by accessing the current write-ups on the website, adding recent information, and sending revision to Timm. (R. Timm)
- C. New UC Extension Positions Update:** Three new positions are being proposed, a CE specialist in avian management, an area vertebrate IPM advisor for the San Joaquin Valley (housed at Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center), and an area human-wildlife conflict advisor in the North State (dealing with depredation issues, wild pigs, bears, wild horses, etc ; housed at Hopland Research and Extension Center). Another position was suggested by San Mateo County to address livestock depredation issues. On behalf of the VP Council Eisemann sent letter of support for the 3 positions. If one or more of the positions is approved, it will likely be 1 to 2 ½ years before it is filled. The VPC will likely provide some monetary support for these new positions (R. Baldwin)
- D. Legislative action outlawing anticoagulants:** Assembly Bill 2596 outlawing most anticoagulant rodenticides was shelved during the last legislative session, but it will likely reappear (possibly in January 2017 per Quinn) in a modified form. VPC members contacted CA Waterfowl Association to help oppose the bill.

Eisemann asked if the Council had the ability to reach out to congress staff when the bill appears again. Fagerstone noted that the Council did not have the authority to lobby, but it was within their mission to provide educational information on mission related topics. It was suggested by Orthmeyer that venue that might be best suited to Council to provide educational materials was the CA Assistant Agriculture Commissioner's Meetings. We could also discuss issues with the CA Farm Bureau (Cynthia Cory). A small committee (M. Taber, E. Duarte) is forming to contact the Farm Bureau for help with this issue. (M. Taber)

## 5) New Business

### A. Membership

- 1) Paula Rivadeneira, an Extension Specialist in Food Safety and Wildlife with University of Arizona Cooperative Extension expressed an interest in joining the VPC. She brings valuable experience to the council in a variety of areas, especially food safety. Her membership was approved by unanimous vote. (C. Crabb motioned vote, D. Orthmeyer seconded)- Welcome Paula!
- 2) Kathy Fagerstone Paul Gorenzel, Bob Timm, and John O'Brien were proposed for lifetime memberships. Their lifetime memberships were approved unanimously. (D. Orthmeyer motioned vote, J. Eisemann seconded)
- 3) Ed Duarte and David Kratville were nominated for Permanent Membership and were approve unanimously. (N. Quinn motioned vote, R. Timm seconded)
- 4) Peter Bonkrude, Craig Coolahan, Victoria Hornbaker, and Duane Schnabel were dropped off the Council membership because they had not attended in 2 consecutive conferences. Baldwin notified them and informed them they could rejoin if desired.

### B. Election of Officers

- 1) John Eisemann was elected as the new Chair by a unanimous vote. (R. Timm motioned vote, M. Taber seconded)
- 2) Election of Chair Elect will be postponed until the next Council meeting.

- 3) C. Crabb agreed to serve as Business Manager and P. Rivadeneira agreed to serve as Proceeding's Editor with significant guidance from R. Timm.

**C. 2018 Conference:** The 2018 VPC will be held in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County on February 26 (field trip) to March 1. Special symposia could include vineyard management, predator management, and management of small mammals, although further discussion was tabled until the next council meeting.

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| 1) Program Chair        | TBA, Quinn and Fagerstone will assist            |
| 2) Arrangements         | Crabb  |
| 3) Registration         | TBD  |
| 4) Sponsorships         | Freeman and Crabb (Eisemann will ask Freeman)    |
| 5) Commercial Display   | Freeman and Crabb (Eisemann will ask Freeman)    |
| 6) Posters/Students     | Rivadeneira and Quinn                            |
| 7) Field Trip           | Timm and Baldwin                                 |
| 8) Publicity            | Taber  |
| 9) Continuing Education | Duarte, Kratville, and Dennis                    |
| 10) Proceedings         | Timm, Rivadeneria will assist (thank you Paula!) |

**D. 2017 Workshop Planning:** We will work with PAPA. Four locations will be recommended: Santa Rosa, Stockton, Visalia, and Rancho Cucamonga/Anaheim. We will aim for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weeks of March. C. Crabb will work with PAPA to set up dates and locations, and will negotiate our fee. A small committee will be formed to help plan these workshops (Baldwin, Eisemann, Crabb, and Quinn). Charlie will ask PAPA how quickly they need the program.

**E. 2020 Conference Site Selection:** A committee will be formed to select a site (Taber, Crabb, Baldwin, and Eisemann). Reno was mentioned as a possibility.

**F. Lifetime Achievement Award:** Baldwin suggested creation of a Lifetime Achievement Award to be awarded at each conference to a world renowned expert on Vertebrate Pest Management who has attended a certain number of conferences. It was suggested that it be named after Howdy Howard. Eisemann suggested giving it for Professionalism in Wildlife Damage Management. It was suggested that the award come with free conference registration and possibly a cash award to the winner. A committee was formed to explore this (Fagerstone, Eisemann, Baldwin, and Timm)

## 6. Additional business

**A. Urban Coyote Papers:** Mike Conover, editor of the journal *Human-Wildlife Interactions*, has agreed to delay publishing selected papers from our Urban Coyote Symposium until the Spring 2017 issue, rather than in the Fall 2016 issue as we had originally thought. Basically, the manuscripts haven't come to me in a timely manner. As per our original agreement with him, authors seeking to have their papers in that journal would be responsible for page charges estimated to be \$100 per published page (R.Timm)

**B.** Quinn offered to work on the website to improve the user experience. (N. Quinn)

**C.** CDFW has begun the slow process of establishing a dedicated Human Wildlife Conflict program. A new supervisor will be hired soon to oversee the program. The Governor's drought emergency response funding helped kick start the program by instituting new data collection protocols to determine how much state time was being spent on issues of human/wildlife conflict. (M. Kenyon)

Approved by Council 11/2/2016

**D.** USDA Wildlife Services selected Mark Ono as the new Assistant State Director. (D. Orthmeyer)

**6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place in late September or early October, 2016 in Sacramento. Eisemann will send out a Doodle Poll to select a date.

**7. Adjournment**

Chair's Quote of the Day: Go do the voodoo that you do so well!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm.

*Draft minutes compiled by Stella McMillin.*

Edited by J. Eisemann, C. Crabb, R. Baldwin, M. Dennis (7/17/2016) and Eisemann (10/25/16)

**27th VPC Conference Income and Expenses**

**Income**

Registration	84,020.00
Commercial Display	8,250.00
Sponsorships	3,050.00
Field Trip	5,200.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>100,520.00</u>

**Expenses**

PAPA Fees (Est)	1,000.00
Student Travel Awards (Est)	4,500.00
Continuing Education	270.00
Postage	2,297.83
Printing	1,490.18
Attendee Gifts	1,157.77
Council Dinner	1,795.92
Facilities Charges	
PSAV	9,601.37
Rooms	2,413.32
Catering	29,191.97
VNB Sponsorship	(2,500.00)
Room Block Credit	(1,419.55)
Facilities Charges Total	37,287.11
Computers	3,394.23
Misc	1,463.80
Speaker Travel	892.88
Video Production	1,914.38
Field Trip	4,042.73
Proceedings Layout (Est)	3,500.00
Proceedings Printing (Est)	5,000.00
Council Overhead <sup>1</sup>	2,827.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>71,833.83</u>
<b>Net</b>	<u>28,686.17</u>

<sup>1</sup> Estimated net overhead for 2016 and 2017

**Council Overhead Calculations 2016**

	2016	2015	2014
<b>Income</b>			
Off Year Conference <sup>1</sup>	3,962.50	3,962.50	2,440.50
Proceedings Sales	200.00	172.00	228.00
Interest Income	20.00	15.00	30.00
Total	4,182.50	4,149.50	2,698.50
<b>Expenses</b>			
Bank Fees	25.00	43.00	-
Business License	72.00	72.00	72.00
Tax/fees	35.00	35.00	35.00
Postage	53.00	50.00	-
Tax Prep	350.00	350.00	-
Bus. Mgr	2,500.00	1,086.00	1,500.00
Insurance	2,011.00	1,877.00	1,770.00
Council Meals	300.00	150.00	363.00
Misc.	250.00		
Total	5,596.00	3,663.00	3,740.00
<b>Net</b>	(1,413.50)	486.50	(1,041.50)

<sup>1</sup> Off Year Conference income spread over two years.