

## **Minutes Vertebrate Pest Council**

**November 2, 2016**

University of California  
Agriculture and Natural Resources Building  
Davis, CA

**Attendees:**

**In Person:** Roger Baldwin, John Eisemann, Paul Gorenzel, Greg Hacker, Stella McMillin, Brian Finlayson, Dennis Orthmeyer, Jon Shelgren, Robert Timm, Charlie Crabb, John O'Brien, Mark Ono

**On Phone:** Ed Duarte, Robert Schmidt, Niamh Quinn

### **1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by J. Eisemann at 10:03 am.

### **2) Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the July 14, 2016 were approved by unanimous vote. (C. Crabb moved, R. Timm seconded)

### **3) Business Manager Report**

The business manager would like to switch banks. The VPC currently uses first northern bank in Davis, which has become inconvenient due to location. He will start researching other banks. R. Timm suggested looking for a bank that would give low-cost registration fee collection. The council agreed that the business manager should look into changing banks. (C. Crabb)

The business report was approved by unanimous vote. (J. O'Brien motioned vote, D. Orthmeyer seconded)

### **4) Old Business:**

- A. Election of Chair Elect: S. McMillin was elected as chair elect by unanimous vote. (J. O'Brien moved, D. Orthmeyer seconded)
- B. 2016 VPC Proceedings
  - 1. Manuscript Status: R. Timm has received 67 manuscripts, a dozen still coming. Fifteen manuscripts have either been withdrawn, are not coming, or have been published elsewhere (we could still possibly be able to publish these). Forty manuscripts have already proofread. Six or seven are in authors' hands being revised. Six manuscripts are currently being reviewed. There should be approximately 85 papers when done.

In past years, students have gotten electronic versions of proceedings and everyone else has gotten hard copies. There were suggestions that we use thumb drives or that we create a drop box and give students links. Another suggestion was that we put proceedings online and make them free. We currently earn a very modest amount from selling printed copies. If we removed the expense of printing from conference, the conference fee would be reduced. Should we move to print on demand? The current cost of printing is \$5000. A subcommittee formed to explore issue and report back (C. Crabb,

R. Schmidt, G. Hacker, and R. Timm). They will inform tell R. Timm of their findings about 2016 proceedings by January.

2. Human-Wildlife Interactions – Urban Coyote Symposium Special Issue: There currently are not enough papers for the fall issue, but R. Timm hopes to pull it together for a spring issue.
  - C. VPC Handbook Update: No updates have been received yet. Each chair needs to edit the current version on the website. R. Timm will send .doc files to chairs in the next week or two. C. Crabb will write guidelines for the business manager.
  - D. New UC Extension Positions Update: R. Baldwin is waiting to hear what forty positions will be approved. N. Quinn is having trouble with utilization of an Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). This may be an issue for the new position as well. It does not impact specialist since they are housed at Davis.
  - E. Lifetime Achievement Award: No update but hope to get some work done before next meeting (R. Baldwin).
  - F. Legislative Actions: Anticoagulant Rodenticides: No new information on the subject was presented at VPCRAC. R. Baldwin presented information at Ventura County where it was thought the bill would be reintroduced. The Vector Control Association is actively opposing anticoagulant regulation. S. McMillin presented information collected by CDFW showing continued high level of exposure in non-target predators and scavengers.
- 5) New Business
- A. 2017 Workshops Planning: VPC will team with PAPA for the workshops for Feb 28 (Petaluma), Mar 2 (Stockton), Mar 7 (San Bernardino) and Mar 9 (Fresno). The earnings will be divided between VPC and PAPA 40/60. E. Duarte will lead the workshop organization. Possible topics include DFW's online reporting of wildlife issues, pig damage by UC Extension, coyote issues (N. Quinn). USEPA is starting Bulletins Live. PAPA will want agenda by December. E. Duarte announced that the new County Agricultural Commissioner of Alameda County is Umberto Izquierdo.
  - B. 2018 Conference: Feb 26-Mar 1, 2018 in Rohnert Park, CA.
    1. Registration: We are exploring CAPCA taking over registration from PAPA. Online registration process in 2016 had problems – including that it was slow to set up and conference members couldn't sign up. CAPCA's proposal: Online registration, onsite registration, etc: \$6200 (about same as PAPA). If we don't use them for exhibitor and sponsors, it is about \$5000. If we want to advertise, it would cost \$3000-7000. PAPA mailings go only to applicators. CAPCA goes to advisors and applicators. CAPCA uses Think Reg for their own registration. C. Crabb researched Think Reg (website, online, onsite). There is also Reg in a box (they send you computer with program). Less expensive to go through Think Reg, but no accreditation. PAPA will do accreditation. Continue to explore options. All options have similar cost. If we use Amber, we need to pay her an hourly wage. If we use CAPCA or PAPA, it is the Business Manager's job to coordinate. If we are using Reg Online, we will need to assign it to a committee member. By the March meeting, we will decide how to handle registration. C. Crabb will also calculate the registration fee.
    2. Program Chair: N. Quinn, K. Fagerstone, M. Kenyon, and S. McMillin will be co-chairs. Ideas for symposia are Wolves/Predator Policy, Vertebrate Control on Cannabis Grows, Swine on grapes, and other Grape vertebrate pest issues.
    3. Arrangements: We have reserved the hotel. The speaker room is available starting Sunday. There will be concurrent sessions starting Tues afternoon. If we are going to release some conference rooms, we need to let hotel know. J. Eisemann will find a software platform to make loading presentations easier? We have 3 laptops. Do we need

one more so that we have a dedicated one to load presentations? The Call for Abstracts needs to be sent out Jan or Feb s017. We need to obtain email addresses for past attendees (C. Crabb will contact PAPA). Need to both email and mail. C. Crabb has mail list and will get email list from PAPA. We also need to work with M. Taber on publicity. A reminder should be sent out 2-4 weeks before abstracts are due.

4. Sponsorships/Commercial Displays: We can have PAPA and CAPCA solicit sponsorships (for a charge). We will keep the menu the same. These tasks will be handled by A. Freeman and C. Crabb.
  5. Posters and Students: (N. Quinn and P. Rivadeneira): We will still offer \$500 scholarships to students. For international students, we used Paypal payments last time.
  6. Field Trip: (R. Timm and R. Baldwin): nothing to report.
  7. Publicity: (M. Taber): nothing to report. (M. Taber not present).
  8. Continuing Ed: nothing to report
  9. Proceedings: R. Timm with the help of P. Rivadeneira. D. Van Vuren also interested in helping. Will need to determine print vs. digital format.
- C. Site Selection 2020 Conference: Santa Barbara has been selected.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 12:55.

Attachment: Business Manager Report