

Minutes
Vertebrate Pest Council
August 20, 2015

CDFA Facility, 2800 Gateway Oaks Dr., Sacramento

Call to Order: Baldwin

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:00 am
Thanks to Sarah and Michelle for arranging new location

Minutes of March 18, 2014 meeting: Baldwin

J. Eisemann is not here to recap minutes. Motion passed to accept the minutes as written

Business manager report: Crabb

Checking Account Balance: \$28,669.44

Saving Account Balance: \$15,429.19 (Modest interest rates amounted to \$4 to \$5 in interest)

26th conference:

Income includes commercial displays: \$80,667

Expenses: include indirect cost \$63,650

Expecting to net around \$15,000

No word yet from PAPA, should be getting a check from them, but will check on it

Motion to approve: passed

Old Business: Baldwin

- a. 2014 proceedings- update: Timm
 - i. We have received all the papers we are going to receive with the exception on 1.
Manuscripts missing: 29
Manuscripts rejected: 2 (1 was voluntarily withdrawn)
 - ii. Page layout and proof done on everything else
 - iii. The proceedings will be a total of 90 papers with a page count 400 pgs.
- b. Status of ICWDM and proceeding sales: Timm
 - i. We have received a total of \$71.50 from ICWDM sales.
- c. 2015 VPC/PAPA workshops
 - i. VP Council received very positive feedback regarding the PAPA workshops. Attendance totals at the 3 PAPA workshop were as follows:
Sacramento: 304
Salinas: 210
Escondido: 341
- d. 2018 VP conference location: Crabb
 - i. Three hotels have been contacted and returned quotes in the NAPA area, Rohnert Park: Double tree, Santa Rosa, Napa. Crabb, Freeman, and Eisemann will make the final choice by October 2015.

e. New business

i. 2016 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PROGRAM: McMillin

1. Received 50 abstracts which is short of our goal. Abstracts have been grouped into topics and the program is beginning to take shape.
2. Three abstracts were submitted by same person and there was quite a bit of discussion about receiving that many abstracts from one presenter. In addition, this person appears to be pushing an agenda from an advocacy perspective. The Council agreed that this was not appropriate for a presentation. Papers should be science based. Stella agreed to speak with this person about the number of abstracts, presentation of data and the appropriate focus the talk.
3. There may not be enough papers for a symposium on humane issues in vertebrate pest management. Eight papers are needed for a half day symposium (4 talks/break/4 talks). If insufficient numbers of papers are received they could be spread out throughout whole conference. This would encourage a broader audience to understand where others are coming from and to approach people concerning these issues. These issues are growing, concerns are legitimate, maybe not founded in science but still strongly held beliefs. Some of these people are getting into pest control business to address problem in a different way.

B. Symposium:

1. Coyote: Six talks have been submitted. There appears be a lot of interest in this issue from people in So Cal so this should be a draw for the conference. The symposium should seek case history and fact based talks and invite key people in the state that have experience in this area. The symposium might need to be a day and half in length. There is a desire to produce a monograph or a peer reviewed article book from a conference and it is believed that this will be a highly sought resource.

C. Keynote speaker

a. James Sterba

- Authored the book: Nature Wars. This is used as text and presents a realistic perspective on the issue
- He is based in NYC and charges a \$5,000 speaking fee plus travel, based in New York City.
- We are waiting for his Agent to call back. We will check on a non-profit price break and

b. Larry Geist

- Noted person on mountain goat behavior but also knowledgeable of wolf issues and habituated animals.
- His speaker fee is high and probably out of the VPC range. However, if we raise the registration fees by \$10 we may be able to cover the cost.

D. Arrangements

- a. Hotel arrangements appear to be all set, however, the number of sessions and room requirements still need to be finalized.
- b. We also still need to determine if we will use the hotel AV services or provide our own. The advantage of using the hotel is that we confirm that they have latest software to accommodate all the presentations and we don't have to carry equipment or lost stolen equipment. The primary disadvantage is that hotel AV services are typically expensive. Baldwin was inclined to simply use hotel AV services if the price is reasonable.

E. Sponsorships

- a. We are offering three levels, Silver, Gold, Platinum. We currently have one sponsor signed up at the Silver level.

F. Field trip

- a. Several suggestions for stops
 - Poche Beach: coyote decoys for bird abatement; talk about water quality and bird abatement program with coyote decoys
 - 241 wildlife passes: UC Davis,
 - OCVCD- vertebrate program, concerned about space, suggest interpretive center
 - Talk on military base, camp Pendleton, wildlife program, San Clemente entrance that would work
 - Public works, ground squirrel control program, middle of Orange County
 - Landfill; 45 min demo on controlling bird abatement using falcons, wants to charge 400 dollars for 2 45 min presentation. But really great presentation, falcons are live

Regardless of the sites, Niamh should do a dry run to assess transit time between sites. It was generally felt that food should be catered and a food truck might be a good option.

MCs should be assigned to each bus. Suggestions for MCs include John Kabashima, Bill Tidwell and William Harrison

G. Publicity - No Report

H. Commercial displays

- a. Only three commercial displays have been registered. It would be nice if the vendors could pay on-line. In the meantime their reservations and payments can be manually entered

I. Posters and student presentations- Kathy

- a. Fagerstone put together a notice that we would provide travel to encourage student presentation, plus the \$500 award to give posters and/or presentation

Approved by Council 3/17/16

with manuscript. This was sent to universities using a list provided by NWRC. The deadline for student travel requests is September.

- J. Continuing education
 - a. Duarte continues to prepare for acquiring CE credits for talks. He will work closely with McMillan to prepare justifications.

- K. Registration
 - a. There was some discussion about handouts (swag) for attendees. Timm will provide options at the next meeting.

Additional business, announcements: Baldwin

None recorded

Next Meeting: Baldwin

CDFA Facility, 2800 Gateway Oaks Dr., Sacramento sometime in the middle of November 2016. Baldwin will make arrangements and solicit participation.

Adjournment to lunch: Baldwin

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 11:55 am