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1. *Attendance*

With midterms in full force, attendance dropped a little from the September meeting, to 22 people, although with some new faces present. Welcome!

2. *Dues*

We are still collecting membership dues for the 2006-2007 academic year. Your dues go toward chapter events, like free pizza & soda at meetings, and other fun things! If you still have not paid your dues, please contact Suzie or Morgan.

3. *Announcements*

Our guest speaker, Matthew Ortega, from the Defenders of Wildlife, had to cancel his visit because of responsibilities that arose in relation to information recently released that ties House Rep Pombo (R-CA) to Jack Abramoff.

Sonja, our current Treasurer, will not be available in the spring semester. Because of this, we will need a new Treasurer. If you are interested in the position, contact Sonja Schwartz (sonja@nature.berkeley.edu) or Morgan (mtingley@nature.berkeley.edu) to discuss the responsibilities.

Orien Richmond (orien.richmond@gmail.com) has graciously excepted the responsibility of the library for our East Africa Sister Chapter. Several boxes of books and journals were collected last year that we are trying to send FREE via FedEx. If you are interested in helping develop the library, you can now contact Orien directly.

4. *Volunteer Opportunities*

Lara Roman (roman@nature.berkeley.edu) asked whether our Chapter would like to sponsor an urban planting event every fall, beginning this fall. She is involved with an Oakland-based organization called Oakland ReLeaf (www.urbanreleaf.org), which focuses on urban forest restoration. Oakland ReLeaf currently hires high school students to plant trees on weekends. Your involvement will not only be an opportunity to give back to the community, but also will foster relationships between high school students and college

students. If you are interested in volunteering, the event is scheduled for October 28th, from 10am-2pm. Please RSVP to Lara at your earliest convenience.

Tim Doherty (tdoherty@nature.berkeley.edu) spoke on behalf of the Strawberry Creek Restoration Project. He is looking for someone (or a team of people) to take over the Project Coordinator position, which is an official volunteer position with the University. The restoration project received multiple grants to purchase plants, but is in dire need of a coordinator. A background in restoration is not required. For more information, contact Tim.

5. Bay Area SCB Conference

In order to facilitate the planning for the Bay Area Regional SCB Conference (scheduled for February 10th), three planning committees were created, each of which is chaired by a board member: Budget & Funding (Morgan - mtingley@nature.berkeley.edu), Speakers (Suzie - smcilroy@nature.berkeley.edu), and Paraphernalia (Erin - emeyer@berkeley.edu). For the remainder of the meeting, we broke into these committees to begin the planning process.

This conference will require input and help from everyone in the Chapter, so if you were not able to make the meeting but are willing to donate your time and energy to helping organize this conference, please email Morgan (mtingley@nature.berkeley.edu).

** END MINUTES **

Respectfully submitted,
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