

## SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY – BERKELEY CHAPTER

### Minutes for: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

#### Agenda:

1. Introductions & short blurbs
2. International SCB Conference update
3. East Africa Sister Chapter
4. Strawberry Creek restoration
5. Bay Area SCB Conference
6. September field trip
7. Secretary & Treasurer nominations
8. Dues

#### 1. Introductions

The first SCB-Berkeley chapter meeting of the year kicked off with 28 people in attendance and lots of pizza. The outgoing executive committee (Cole Burton, Mike Wasserman, and Pauline Kamath) introduced themselves and welcomed the new Co-presidents – Susan McIlroy and Morgan Tingley.

#### 2. International SCB Conference update

Cole provided a brief update on the chapter events that took place at the International SCB meeting that took place in San Jose this past July. Our chapter members were well represented at the conference, and our chapter had a poster on display at the Chapters Table all week long. Much credit should go to our ex-presidents for making this poster (Mike) and manning the table (Cole) throughout the conference. There was also a workshop on SCB chapters at the conference, and a very successful chapters-organized social event.

#### 3. East Africa Sister Chapter

Through our fundraising efforts last year we raised \$1,013 for our sister chapter in East Africa. This summer we wired the money to our sister chapter's very grateful president in Kenya, Nicholas (Kunga) Ngece. Kunga wrote back to us to let us know how the money was used. The chapter has an office in Kenya (and hopefully soon a conservation biology library) and part of the money was used to buy a computer for the office. The rest of the money was donated to help develop a tree nursery for Mount Kenya Forest (a UNESCO World Heritage site). This coming year (after the conference) we're hoping to do more fundraising for our sister chapter so we can help them send a representative to the 2007 SCB International conference to be held in South Africa.

We also have many boxes of books and journals collected last year that we are trying to send for free via Fedex to our sister chapter. **We need someone to volunteer to help make this happen.** We know what needs to be done, we just need a dedicated volunteer to keep this project alive. If you are interested in helping us develop a library for our sister chapter, please contact Suzie ([smcilroy@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:smcilroy@nature.berkeley.edu)).

#### 4. Strawberry Creek Restoration

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In the last year, this chapter has made amazing progress in the native plant community restoration of Strawberry Creek. This work has been accomplished thanks primarily to the leadership efforts of Tim Doherty. Sadly, Tim is vacating his position as restoration coordinator of Strawberry Creek this fall. This is a volunteer position, but an official one (with the University).

**Tim is looking for someone to take on the position of organizing continuing creek restoration.** If you have an interest in plant or watershed restoration and like organizing events for your community, then please email Tim ([tdoherty@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:tdoherty@nature.berkeley.edu)).

### 5. Bay Area SCB Conference

As most everyone has heard, **Berkeley is hosting the 2007 Bay Area Regional SCB Conference.** This is a fun event and something that our chapter only gets to organize once every 5 years. Over the summer we set the date and the venue, so mark your calendars for **FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>**, to be held at **International House.**

**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](mailto:mtingley@nature.berkeley.edu)).

### 6. September field trip

Our first field trip of the year will be to **Hawk Hill** in the **Marin Headlands.** We are running this trip jointly with the Bay Area chapter of The Wildlife Society. The trip date is **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and we will be car-pooling from Berkeley in the morning (~ 10:15 am). Please look for more information soon via the listserv.

### 7. Executive Board Nominations

Nominations are still open (until midnight, Tuesday) for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer on this year's Executive Board. During the meeting, Erin Meyer was nominated for Secretary, and Sonja Schwartz was nominated for Treasurer.

### 8. Dues

We are now collecting membership dues for the 2006-2007 academic year. Your dues go toward chapter events like free pizza and other fun things! To pay your dues, please find Suzie or myself, or just come to our next meeting in October.

**\*\* END MINUTES \*\***

Respectfully submitted,  
Morgan Tingley, Secretary