

SCBC MEETING NOTES

March 7, 2015

Bill Wallace opened the SCBC meeting at 9:00 am. There were no new visitors introduced. **Bob Keely** and his wife brought muffins, Bill and his wife brought coffee. Bill suggested a field trip to Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary in Modjeska Canyon on March 28th. Forty members were present. About 40 boxes were brought from the Boy Scouts and **Bob Keely**.

Steve Eldridge, on the Board for the Fullerton Arboretum, presented a Power Point presentation about the Arboretum, its history and programs offered. It was established in 1979 and is jointly run by the City Council of Fullerton and CSUF. Its web site is a wealth of information (www.fullertonarboretum.org). It has 26 acres which include 2 museums, 2 lakes, and a variety of gardens that represent different areas of the world. March activities: March 14th Composting with Worms; March 19th Visitor's Illustrated Guide to the Cactus Garden; March 20-21st Veggiepalooza; March 21 Eat the Yard #2: The Complete Summer Vegetable Garden; March 26th Hosting Brunch For Friends.

JoAnn Collier's Treasury Report: CCI income for February 2015: \$802.58, Expenses \$1609.13. Total net worth \$8,910.24. SCBC income for February 2015: \$70.00, Expenses \$146.17, Total net worth \$2,923.98.

JoAnn Collier suggested we not do the OC Fair this year because of the time, number of volunteers needed, and the fact we did not benefit financially as well as we have at other venues. The members agreed with her.

Gillian Martin's CCI report for February:

Kristin Littlefield, creator of a picture book in Vermont, wrote to ask permission to list the CCI as a resource in her book.

Gillian attended the **North American Environmental Educators' symposium in Riverside**. She was able to provide material about the CCI to the 130 attendees and gave away three nature kits. At the event Gillian learned of a 3rd grader who had studied bark beetles in the San Bernardino National Forest. Gillian sent a Wildlife Tree Warden patch and t-shirt to her as well as a free kit for her teacher.

A Science Fair at Longfellow Elementary school in Pasadena offered an opportunity to display our kit. It was a grand success for the 150 kids and 200 parents and teachers who saw it. Dessi and his mom used the contents of our teacher's kit to teach students about the value of dead trees.

Gillian did a **presentation for 35 Ranger Reserves** and made the new educational kit available to them electronically.

Gillian requests volunteers for a booth at **Arbor Day in Mission Viejo**. It is the morning of Saturday, April 25.

Gillian submitted the annual **grant report to Edison**.

The **CCI's custom flash drives arrived** and are being used to deliver the new educational kit.

A Nature Shop page was created for the CCI website with the invaluable help of **Jim Semelroth** who inserted Pay Pal buttons for each item. Gillian has been marketing the site.

LNRP has not yet committed to a date for a program in the park. Gillian reported that OC Parks want all those offering programs in their parks to first take a protracted **volunteer training** course provided by them. It is possible to complete a form to allow volunteers to provide a program for a single occasion.

Gillian joined a professor of Pitzer College in Claremont at their **Bernard Biological Field Station** in preparation for her program for his class of environmental education students. This class will be almost 3 hrs in length in which students will be introduced to issue of snags as important habitats. Following that Gillian will be offering them a workshop in which they will be developing teaching tools for 5-6th graders for whom they will be providing a program at the Field Station.

Gillian reported on the program she attended at Sea and Sage Audubon in which Tree Swallow expert, David Winkler, from Cornell, made a presentation about the status of Tree Swallows. ****Vickie Anderson** was present for this program and reported that every WEBL she receives at her center suffers from **Capillaria, a worm parasite that is commonly transmitted via earthworms and found in the crop and intestine. Its result is often emaciation.**

Susan Bolger mentioned she had found 14 dead bluebirds in her boxes recently. No one else said that they had found dead birds in their boxes.

Jim Semelroth proposed a slate for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Secretary: **Bill Wallace** for President, **JoAnn Coller** for Treasurer, and **Danette Davis** for Secretary. It was seconded by **Gillian Martin** and passed by a vote of members at the meeting.

Daisy Scouts have raised money from their cookie sales and want to donate to SCBC at our next meeting April 4th.

Trail Tales and a bird video concluded the meeting. Next meeting, April 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Danette Davis