

SCBC MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Irvine Ranch Water District

BILL WALLACE opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. There were several new attendees: Jennifer Myer (she has a BLOG for the OC Register), **Natalia Doshi** (a student from CSFU who is also interested in doing research on the BlueBirds). **Sherry Smith** invited Brian and Sarah (Girl Scout). 40 people attended this meeting.

Dick Purvis introduced our quest speaker: **Robert Siow**, a Hopi Indian. He spoke on native birds and their significance to the Hopi Indians. The BlueBird being one of special importance. The feathers are collected to be used as prayer feathers. The Bluebird represents direction. Robert is from the Butterfly Clan in New Mexico. They are the only clan that uses water as medicine in their ceremonies. The Hopi Indians are the only tribe that can legally gather and sacrifice Eagles. They use Golden Eagles. They represent messenger, as do the other birds of prey: hawks and owls. They don't use Falcons. Roadrunner feathers are given to children to make them strong. Cardinals represent the creation song. The Hopi Indians are very spiritual and have great respect for all the animals. Robert sang a song in his native language. It was very moving.

JoAnn Collier gave the Treasure Report:

The SCBC's income was \$135.00. The Expenses were \$627.13. Total Net \$3744.92.

The CCI's income was \$20.00. The Expenses were \$3373.62. Total Net \$3951.87.

Sue Bulger presented a list of possible projects for Scout projects that wouldn't involve monitoring boxes. She is open to any additional ideas. Some of the suggested ideas were: fixing boxes for monitors, create life size woodpecker nest for CCI kits, develop 15 minute talk about the woodpecker and saving dead and dying trees to educate other Scout Troops, stand to hold T-shirts that looks like a tree.

Gillian Martin's CCI report for August:

The CCI's new website has been launched. It is still the same url. <http://cavityconservation.com>. Gillian encourages members to look at it so they can share with others the information and resources that can be found there.

Gillian did a program for Shipley Nature Center program. Twenty-seven people, including kids, attended a program titled, Whacky Woodpeckers.

Gillian spent a portion of the summer working with a science teacher to align the Wildlife Tree Nature Kit to the Next Generation Science Standards. The cost to do that was \$1500.00, twice the amount expected. Apart from the fee for the science teacher, there were about \$300.00 in costs for new binders, materials and flyers for schools. Gillian sent out a mailing to 100 elementary schools to promote the new kit.

Gillian was asked to attend the Laguna Hills Audubon Society's Board meeting because of their interest in supporting the CCI. The Chapter will let her know in what way they would like to offer their support.

Grant reports to Fund for Wild Nature and Pasadena Audubon Society will be completed in September. Gillian will reapply to FWN because she does not believe she can submit a project this year that they will

support. She is unsure that she will reapply to PAS as well due to the difficulty in proposing something that they will likely fund.

Edison did not grant the CCI a community grant this year.

The Pruning for Wildlife Task force has received some excellent news. CA FIRE has agreed to meet the first year's meeting cost, \$18,000. This information arrived after Gillian had sent a funding proposal to 13 Audubon Chapters in S CA. Sea and Sage has promised \$500.00 and Pomona Valley has offered \$2000.00. It is possible that at least two other regional Audubon Chapters will donate to the project. It is yet to be determined which 501 (C) 3 will be the fiscal manager of the project. The two leading candidates are Sea and Sage and CA ReLEAF. The next meeting of the task force will be in Riverside.

NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted By **Danette Davis**