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Sierra Club Guadalupe Group Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2017

Attendees: Molly Cox - Secretary/Vice Chair, Shawn Britton - Outings Chair, Dave Poeschel - Conservation Chair (by Phone), John Cordes - Political Committee Chair, Charles Schafer - At Large Member

Meeting Started - 7:15PM

Planning for December 13th Meeting:

Speakers:

Charles will do intro if Gary not available.

John - Snow Camping Seminar starting January 20th, Ski Touring Section - with pamphlets
political issues

Shawn - upcoming hikes and 2017 hikes (ex - Coyote Ridge, Año Nuevo)

Dave - Conservation - current issues

Display Chapter Calendar

Food:

Molly - cookies and eggnog, Hot Chocolate

John - Popcorn, Marshmallows

Charles - Cheese and Chips

Other Items to bring:

Gary - speakers

John - holiday music (Pandora)

Victories for 2017

January Meeting:

New Member Postcards for January 10th Meeting

Charles - help with getting postcard together

Gary - get new member meeting into Loma Prieta Newsletter

Shawn - add meeting to calendar

Talks by Conservation and outings with posters

Charles - Contact Lisa to get outings chairs to come to meeting

- Contact Mike to get conservation chairs to come to meeting

Shawn - poster for outings

Shawn is qualifying Hike Leader for 20's-30's group

Groups to invite : GLS section, Family Explorers, ICO, 20s-30s

ExComm Meeting Recap:

- Bruce - prelim chapter budget, fundraising - working with Justyna and James
- Guardians of Nature netted about \$39K
- James cultivating major donors. Sponsorship for Guardians of Nature Benefit
- Mike - San Mateo State Parks - remove trees in coastal park to return it to state when native americans lived there - Sierra Club is against this.
- National Club - need to elevate Forestry message and how it relates to Climate Change - approved resolution
- CNRCC - promoting non-logging of dead trees and using as Biomass. Daniel Barad has studied the issue for the Sierra Club; he's willing to give a presentation at a Guadalupe Group meeting
- — Jan Butz resigned from the ExComm

Environmental Activist Training

Separate Meeting for EAT - talk about it in January

Feedback from ESP program on what graduates are involved in now.

Molly - ask Sue what graduates are doing now

Dave - Conservation Report

June 2018 Ballot

- Wealthy developers got enough signatures for ballot initiative - Evergreen Senior Homes — land is zoned for industrial; won't go through the normal city process.
- Allows a residential overlay for "underutilized" land
- There's no wealthy donors opposing this
- Committee for Green Foothills mounting a campaign
- Sierra Club Conservation Committee Opposes it
- Moore Foundation made donation to CGF and Coyote Valley preservation group

Ridge north of Laguna Seca needs protection - wildlife corridor

- Landowner's application for development is going to be denied
- Dave is urging Open Space Authority to talk to landowner to try to buy it

Sanborn Park - want to build a BMX bike park near Highway 35 and Black Road on Southwestern side of ridge - San Lorenzo watershed

- Black Road can't handle 3 times the traffic there is today.
- Objections - active use of land, extremely dense
- Sudden Oak Death may spread
- Current plan not appropriate for that area
- Melissa Hippard coordinator for the project
- Santa Cruz - Ventana group opposes this project as well

Santa Teresa County Park - former school being converted to Juvenile Rehab Center - residents would like a community meeting by the county - county isn't communicating plans. Dave is trying to get county and residents together

Los Gatos City Council Meeting: Fencing ordinance - still under discussion (Shani Kleinhaus)

Dave Weissman drafted the ordinance - may be receptive to participating in political endorsement process for Sierra Club

Webinar on "Carbon Farming" - farming to pull carbon out of the atmosphere

Dave - send link to slides and speech

Meeting adjourned - 8:41PM