

## SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY – BERKELEY CHAPTER

### Minutes for: THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006

#### Agenda:

1. Attendance
2. East Africa Benefit Concert
3. Co-president Nominations
4. Meetings & Announcements
5. Strawberry Creek Restoration Update
6. Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Coppolillo, Wildlife Conservation Society

#### 1. Attendance

Seventeen people were in attendance for our final official meeting of the academic year. Our last chapter event will be a movie night in May.

#### 2. East Africa Benefit Concert

The date is set for May 9<sup>th</sup> to hold our benefit concert for our East Africa Sister Chapter. The amazing Bay Area group Felonious has been booked and we're holding the event at Blake's on Telegraph. We're sponsoring the event with the Graduate Social Council (GSC) and they're covering the overhead, so all the ticket proceeds will go straight to our sister chapter. Tickets will be \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Please tell all your friends about this event, because not only is it going to be a great show, but it's for an important cause!

We're hoping to raise around \$1000, so we will have plenty of work to do selling tickets. To strategize, Mike ([mwasserm@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:mwasserm@nature.berkeley.edu)) is holding a planning meeting **tomorrow**, Friday, at 6:15 PM at Triple Rock. We need to figure out logistics of selling tickets, raffle prizes, and decorations.

#### 3. Co-President Nominations

The end of the academic year is nearly here, and we're taking nominations for next year's Co-Presidents (2). This is so that there can be a period of transition between each year's leadership. We will take nominations for the other board positions at the first meeting of the 2006-2007 school year.

Three nominations were made for co-president during the meeting: Susan McIlroy, Tim De Chant, and Morgan Tingley. Additional nominations will be accepted until midnight, Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please send nominations to Pauline ([pkamath@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:pkamath@nature.berkeley.edu)). All nominees are asked to send a short (less than 150 words) biographical/position blurb to Pauline by Tuesday morning, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place starting Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>, and the new co-presidents will be announced at our final meeting in May.

#### 4. Meetings & Announcements

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Berkeley is hosting the *2007 Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium* and we need to start planning. Major items to decide are: conference dates, conference location on campus, and guest speakers. We want everyone's contributions on this one, so we've set a planning meeting for **Tuesday**, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm outside Pat Brown's Café. Please join us and brainstorm ahead of time on who you want to be our invited speakers!

You can still register for the *2006 SCB San Jose Conference* in June. Details at <http://www.conbio.org/2006/>. Our chapter is involved in multiple activities: a local chapter workshop on the first Monday, a local chapter social event that evening, and co-hosting a local chapter info booth with UC Davis throughout the conference. We are looking for help in organizing the booth, so if you are planning on going and could possibly help, please email Cole ([cburton@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:cburton@nature.berkeley.edu)).

The *SF Bay Area Wildlife Society Chapter* is having a meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our own Prof. Reg Barrett will be presenting a talk on "Wild Turkeys of Sonoma County". There will be an informal dinner beforehand, upstairs at Jupiter at 6 PM. The meeting will begin at 8 PM in Mulford Hall, Room 36. If you have questions, email Tom Kucera ([kucera@nature.berkeley.edu](mailto:kucera@nature.berkeley.edu)).

### 5. Strawberry Creek Restoration Update

Tim Doherty provided an update on the Strawberry Creek restoration site. With all the rain we've had this spring, the new plants are doing terrific! Tim is currently waiting for wood chips to spread out over the area to protect the new vegetation. Tim is working with the University to put in place an educational sign at the restoration sign, and the Chapter unanimously approved the help of funding (up to \$400) of the sign.

### 6. Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Coppolillo, Wildlife Conservation Society

Dr. Pete Coppolillo provided an informative and stimulating discussion on working for an international conservation NGO – in this case, the Wildlife Conservation Society. After finishing his PhD at UC Davis, Dr. Coppolillo did a post-doc with WCS in New York City. Having done his time at headquarters, he moved to Africa and set up a permanent WCS conservation project in Tanzania ([www.rungwa-ruaha.org](http://www.rungwa-ruaha.org)). Dr. Coppolillo led a discussion with those present on the pros and cons of working for conservation NGOs, the trade-offs of NGOs versus academia, and the secret inner workings of large international conservation organizations. If you missed this one, you're out of luck!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Morgan Tingley, Secretary