

Southern California Society of American Foresters
Executive Committee Conference Call
March 12, 2007

Minutes

In Attendance: Bryant, Gubrud, Hanna, Lopez, Todd (5)

Meeting called to order at 0910

J. volunteered to Chair the SoCal SAF Planning Meeting/Conference Call.

Spring Meeting Update:

Transportation – Marty has contacted a bus company that has previously worked with Nature Friends. They would provide service in the morning and evening on Friday and Saturday. It will cost \$180 for Friday and \$120 for Saturday for a total of \$300. Consensus is that we will use personal vehicles to move people back and forth from the downtown Sierra Madre parking lot to Nature Friends.

Food – Tamara has been checking different feeding options. She has surveyed several different caterers. She also looked at purchasing food at Cost Co., Vons, and Albertson. Any use of the Nature Friends' kitchen will incur a \$75 charge per day.

Not knowing how many people will attend it seems best to purchase the food on an as needed basis from Cost Co. and local supermarkets. Seems it would be best to go ahead and pay the \$75 fee per day to use the Nature Friends kitchen which will allow us to have access to all flatware, utensils, and pans.

For lunch John Bryant suggested that we put out cold cuts and sandwich fixings so everyone can make their own sandwiches. Chips, fruit, cookies, and drinks will be provided.

Dinner will be baked ziti and lasagna from Cost Co. We may also augment that with Cost Co. pizzas. Salad, drinks, and dessert choices will be provided.

Tamara calculates total food cost for three meals for each person at \$28. Food costs rounded up to \$35. It is an additional \$15 per day per person to use the facility and an additional \$20 per night to stay at Nature Friends.

Agreed upon cost for members and non-members is \$60 for two days.
Cost for students, spouses, Golden Members is \$40 for two days.

Friday Registration is from 8:30 – 9:30 am
Transportation from Sierra Madre parking lot to Nature Friends will run from 8:00 – 9:15 am
Ron Morrow will open the meeting at 9:30 am
J. will then cover logistics for the meeting.

Raffle: Tamara is sending e-mail reminders for each Executive Committee member to bring a raffle prize. If you are a member of the EC and you cannot attend send along your raffle gift with another member who is attending or send it to Tamara. Fritz has two roles of raffle tickets and he will bring them to the meeting.

J. will work on meeting flyer. He will complete a draft version and circulate among the members of the EC for review and comment. J. will include a box on the flyer that can be checked for those that wish to stay at Nature Friends.

Deadline for registration will be Sunday, April 15, 2007.

J. will look for a restaurant to meet at on Saturday. We will have one hour EC Meeting after lunch at the end of the Spring Meeting.

Announcements:

Tamara sent an e-mail to Gary Nakamura letting him know that there will be an award presented to him at the meeting if he can attend. Tamara also has the Past-Chair award for Fritz Koepp.

If we want to adjust membership dues we will need to inform National SAF by June 30, 2007. The plan is still to include the ballot for the dues increase and the formal election of Chair-Elect Gubrud in the upcoming newsletter.

Next Meeting:

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 1:30 – 2:30 PM at a yet be determined restaurant in Sierra Madre.

Meeting adjourned at 1025 hours.

Respectfully submitted by John R. Todd
Secretary, Southern California SAF