

Society for Conservation Biology  
Kingston Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
Start Time- 2:36 PM

## **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

### **General**

- Nature Hike – April 20<sup>th</sup>, at Little Cat

### **Sustainability and Butterfly Garden**

- Two planting dates – April 5<sup>th</sup>, end of April (ready for transplanting)
- YMCA- hiking program, advertising

### **Social Committee**

- None this week.

### **Education & Programs Committee**

- YMCA – fish and frogs during the summer
- Schools – during the spring

### **Issues Committee**

- Demand for Coconut Water
  - Coconut export has increases within the last couple years.
  - Land cultivation has increased, and nutrient levels decreased in soil.
  - Low abundance of sea birds, correlated with increased palm trees versus native forest trees.

### **Photo Contest Committee**

- Touch base with everyone who needs to collect prizes from silent auction, let them know by Friday and collect on Monday-Wednesday of next week in the atrium.

### **Advertising Committee**

- Advertise for Nature Hike.

### **Feature Creature**

- Yeti Lobster
  - Decapod crustacean, South Pacific Ocean, roughly 15cm in length, characterized by blonde setae (resembles fur).
  - Should be thrilled with these types of discoveries, because they show us that there is always more to learn.

- Lobsters have pincers that have bacteria within them, bacteria. releases chemical component that detoxifies poisonous chemical that surround deep sea vents.

End of meeting- 2:58 PM