

## Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 9AM via conference call

### Attendees

Ryan Diener (past president)

Brad Jump (president)

Chuck Anderson (president elect)

Shelly Colatskie (secretary)

Jessi Tapp (board member)

Allison Leisenring (treasurer)

Brad opened the meeting at 9:17AM and took roll call. We had some issues with conference line, so we were about 17minutes behind schedule.

### Old Business:

Brad moved to approve the Executive minutes from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Ryan mentioned one correction that there was a spelling error for the new Avian Ecologist at MU. Spelled originally Mitch Weidman, but should be Mitch Weegman.

Chuck moves forward in approving the minutes as corrected. Ryan seconded it as well as Allison. Motion was approved.

Brad said same name change for Dr. Weegman in the Annual Business meeting needs to be corrected. Chuck has no additional changes. Brad moves forward in approving minutes and Jessica seconds.

**CFM Annual Convention: March 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Brad will not be there, but Ryan will be so he can also represent MOTWS. There will not be any new resolutions accepted at convention except for those that are deemed emergency resolutions.

Brad: Do we as MOTWS want to support any of these resolutions? Chuck: with these position statements, there could be potential law suits with anything commercial, etc. Brad: in his tenure with MOTWS, they have not formally sent support or non-support letters for resolutions. Chuck also does not ever remember MOTWS supporting or not supporting these officially, because we should stay out of these for liability reasons. The most we could do is send out a letter of support after the resolution has already been accepted. Shelly, Chuck and Ryan agree.

### **Conservation Day at the Capitol: April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Chuck will not be there. Ryan will be, but he will also be at other booths. Ryan has the MOTWS display board. Brad will try to be there. Shelly said she could maybe be there for part of the day. Set up starting

at 7am, officially starts at 8am and goes until 3pm. Chuck reminded everyone about metal detectors as you enter the capitol and Brad said thanks for the reminders!

MU Fellowship Scholarship: did not present at the annual business meeting in February and Ryan is working with Dr. Weegman to try to get those applications sent out so we can pick a winner this spring. We may be able to present the award at the Spring Student Workshop.

Brad is skipping the agenda a little bit to discuss the Spring Student Workshop. Ryan: at MNRC students mentioned the weekend of April 29<sup>th</sup>. Students would be able to come down afternoon/evening of the 28<sup>th</sup> and do some night activities potentially (such as bat mist netting). The workshop will be hosted at Prairie Star Restoration Farm owned by Bruce and Jan Sassman near Bland, MO (either Gasconade or Osage County-roughly 43 miles southeast of Jefferson City). On the 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a small bio-blitz and presentations. Ryan mentioned Bill White has a few speakers lined up. Shelly mentioned she could most likely be there on the 28<sup>th</sup> to do the bat mist netting, but would not be able to be there on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Brad asked about fall workshops. There normally are only spring workshops, but the attendance at the past few fall workshops has been pretty good.

James D. Chambers Scholarship raffle: 2017: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Brad will be there: From the Springfield perspective, no ticket sales except for his own. Jessi has sold some up in the Kirksville office. Most attendance will likely be from Central Missouri and Brad and Allison never received any raffle tickets, so Luke and Ryan are working on getting them more tickets.

### **Committee Chairs:**

Membership chair is vacant currently. Brad was wondering if there was anything in the bylaws regarding being on more than one committee chair? However, Tom Kulowiec is already on 3 committees. Brad was wondering if maybe we want to ask Tom to be on the membership committee since he has wrote the access database program and understands the memberships. Ryan and Chuck both stated there were no rules in the bylaws for being on more than one committee.

Chuck mentioned that if it was too much for Tom, that he could take the membership committee and give the Andy G. Runge award committee to someone else. Brad asked for the details on the Runge award: Chuck mentioned it consists of a panel of 2 or 3 people to nominate and select and then give their selection to executive board for approval. Membership committee: keeping track of current members and responsible for attempting at getting new members. As of now, Brad will take over the Runge award committee and Chuck will take over the membership committee with Tom's assistance since they are both in the Columbia office.

It has been a challenge for meshing national, regional and state memberships. So far there are 87 members for 2017 according to Tom's state MOTWS sheet. Brad and Chuck said that seemed low. Ryan mentioned that something must be wrong, because there are 150 current members on the National list. While there may be 150 +87 members to mesh, some of those 87 may also be national members; need to get a final list of current active members in MO.

## **New Business**

Brad: mentioned he had an invitation for the Master Conservationist presentation to Glenn D. Chambers at the CFM banquet. He wasn't sure if it was for just him or for MOTWS in general. Brad can't be there, but Ryan will be there so he can represent MOTWS if he needs to.

Jeff Briggler position statement on turtle regulations: Brad: do we support this? This will be regulation of commercial harvest on 3 species. A letter was sent out to all of the stakeholders and would like a position statement or letter of support. Chuck: should contact entire membership not just the board members. Chuck is in support, but we do not want to make a decision for everyone else, Jesse agrees. We should send a letter to members and ask them to respond yay or nay. Deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> so send out letter to membership and have them respond yay or nay and include comments if any by March 24th.

**MNRC Sales:** Allison: Brad: Allison what are the totals from auction items and the Chambers raffle?

Allison: Cash box profit for MNRC auction items: \$1,354.75 profit. Chambers raffle: \$345 ticket sales for the gun. Luck paid \$320 so we are making money.

**Chambers raffle tickets:** Jesse has sold \$20 in Kirksville. Ryan has a roll of tickets if anyone needs them, Brad and Allison do not have any in Springfield. Brad would like 100 tickets and will post a poster in the office. Ryan will mail out tickets to Brad and Allison today. Last year they didn't start selling tickets until the clay shoot, so we are ahead this year already.

### **Directed workshops at MNRC next year?**

We have \$1500 to hire, or pay folks to come in to speak; this includes travel, board and meals. This year, the speaker didn't want any travel reimbursement, but we could if we need to for future speakers.

Another continuing education workshop at MNRC would be nice to continue offering TWS continuing education credits.

Brad: any topic ideas? Does anyone know the overall theme for MNRC next year? Brad and Ryan did not know. We will table this for next month's meeting so we know what the topic will be. Does anyone know who is hosting MNRC? AFS is the host for next MNRC.

**News Letter:** Jessica will send student chapter information to Chuck by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Any ideas for June newsletter? Take a lot of pictures at spring workshop and other activities you all are doing. According to the bylaws, ideas for newsletter need to be out by May 1<sup>st</sup> and the letter will be out by June 1<sup>st</sup>. anything to be included in newsletter needs to be into Chuck by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Professional Development:**

Andrea Schuhmann is currently on maternity leave. Surveys at last workshop: Wetland/most soils, Elk Reintroduction, Patch/burn grazing and shorebird workshop; shorebird was on the top of the list. Brad

mentioned a late August/early September shorebird workshop would be appropriate to see shorebird migration.

Location not yet set, has been in southern Missouri past few years, but may want this in central or northern Missouri given the proximity to large wetlands. Maybe Columbia bottoms? September 9<sup>th</sup> is teal season, so we need to avoid that date.

Potential dates: August 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>-both Saturdays.

**Fall student workshop ideas?** Brad: need to get input from students to see what their preferences are, but we may just decide to move to fall workshops. Allison: MO state would be good to do in fall because it allows new students to join. CMU is pushing the ideas of fall workshops. Ryan: send out ideas on fall workshop at the end of the school year (spring) and then send out first week of school on reminders of workshop/more details. October would be a good time of year for the fall workshop. Maybe not continue spring workshops after this year if fall attendance is better. Shelly says to keep the fall one if the fall workshop is better attended.

Likely we would coordinate with AFS/Kyle to do a combined TWS and AFS workshop like we had at Columbia Bottoms. Move to Northern Missouri with access to a lake: NW or NE MO for example. Allison mentioned we did Wetstone CA one year that was successful (probably 2008 or 2009). Brad has two USDA lake boats that we could use to take up to 15 students each. Allison suggested Blind Pony CA: Lake, Camping, lots of amphibian ponds. All sorts of possibilities; Easy access for AFS. Fish hatchery, including the only pallid sturgeon hatchery (but also includes paddlefish). Ryan will pitch the idea to Kyle/AFS.

**Spring Travel Grant:** \$500 max per person per season. Brad: does not see Lora on membership list, but she told Ryan she mailed in her dues right before MNRC and the mailbox has not been checked for a while. Jennifer and Jake have been members before and are current members. We will send out rankings to everyone and rank 1, 2 or 3. Brad will add together and come to a conclusion.

Next time for conference call: Ryan: Week before spring workshop would be ideal. Finalize plans for workshop, final call for newsletter entries. Shelly cannot do April 24<sup>th</sup> due to a technical writing class. Brad: Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am? Ryan moved to approve the next meeting, shelly seconded.

**Conference line will be the same as this one: Ryan's personal conference line: 1-612-900-0516 pass-code: 6735828#.**

Brad: motion to adjourn? Ryan moved to adjourn meeting, Shelly seconded at 10:30am.