

**Post JAM Conference Call
New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society
12 March 2013**

Participants (by phone):

Jimmy Cain; Renae Held; Brian Hanson; Bob Osborne; Lee Pierce; Ginny Seamster

Chapter Website:

- Brian is still having trouble with the front page of the Chapter website.
- Lee recommended sending email to Carol Chambers.

Thoughts on the JAM:

- On the whole it went well and the Chapter turned a profit- Ken Boykin has more detailed numbers.
- Some very rough numbers from people on the call: \$23,800 for Sheraton; 350 people registered at roughly \$140; \$1,800 from raffle.
- We've gotten feedback from AZ TWS, not from AFS.
- It would be good to have at least two people who can do the computer-based part of registration so one person doesn't have to be at the table the whole time- it's a big job!
- Would be helpful to have several people signed up in advance to help with registration.
- Having two computers did seem to make registration a bit slow- having less dependence on laptops and the wireless network might be helpful.
- Having a 1 pg cheat sheet for volunteers would be helpful.
- Slide-based presentations- it would be good to have the lights on at the beginning and end of each presentation- many speakers were in the dark the whole time.
- If we have enough profit from the JAM- perhaps the Chapter can invest more in scholarships to 1 day Chapter meeting OR JAM OR for sending Bob to National TWS meeting.

1 Day NM Chapter Meeting:

- Will talk about that in detail at board meeting in a few weeks.
- Venue used for the last 1 day meeting- booked up through June- is a good price and set up.
- Can't book the venue until three months before the event.
- We should put in a request for dates for using the facility in early July- it is a popular venue.
- Probably have meeting in October- need to pick dates that are NOT in conflict with National TWS meeting.
- Not a big money maker- mostly something good for encouraging participation and involvement by NM Chapter members- ideally helps with retaining and getting new members.
- Profits from the first 1 day meeting were around \$1,000 to \$1,500.
- Doing some sort of fundraising- something SIMPLE- might help boost profits- no fundraising was done at the first 1 day meeting.

Bat Working Group Donation Request:

- Requested \$500 for a meeting they are having.
- Could support them at less than that.
- Whether the Chapter supports them will depend on the profits from the JAM- we don't want to give all our extra funds/funds that may be available for donation to one group.
- The Chapter has likely given donations to the working group in past- definitely made a donation to National TWS.
- Fewer donations have been given recently because funds have been tight.

Hosting National TWS:

- Brian, Bob, and Lee submitted to have NM Chapter on the list of potential hosts for the National TWS meeting in 2017.
- If NM got picked for that then NM Chapter would have to provide staff for registration/AV and help plan field trips.
- National TWS takes care of catering/venue.

Action Items:

- Bob email Ken Boykin- get budget numbers for JAM- to send to all board members for their records.
- Bob talk to Renae and Lee about venue for 1 day meeting.
- Bob send out doodle poll about bat working group donation request.
- Ginny send Brian a list of the new board members.
- NEW board members- Jimmy Cain, Dan Collins, Quentin Hays, Pam Herrera-Olivas, Ginny Seamster- send Brian Hanson (bhtwsnm@comcast.net) a 1-2 paragraph bio for posting on the chapter website.
- Bob will identify a time for a regular board meeting (discuss 1 day meeting, insurance for officers and directors) in a couple of weeks.