

2014 WCTWS Winter Meeting Summary

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The 2014 Wisconsin Chapter of the Wildlife Society (WCTWS) winter meeting took place March 11th – 13th at Stoney Creek Inn in Rothschild. On Tuesday, an evening reception was hosted by the 2013 Arrangements Committee for The Wildlife Society Annual Conference. A summary of the successful national conference was presented and conference volunteers acknowledged.

The plenary theme was One Health: The Wildlife-Human Connection, which included presentations from three highly accomplished individuals. Dr. Milt Friend provided perspectives on wildlife disease in a changing world. Diep “Zip” Hoang Johnson discussed Lyme Disease management in Wisconsin. Finally, Bryan Richards from USGS presented on One Health.

New this year, we partnered with the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology to co-host a special symposium on Wednesday afternoon dedicated to the latest technology in avian research and monitoring. We also continued to provide a session to student presentations.

The WCTWS business meeting took place late Wednesday afternoon and early evening and the awards banquet was held in the evening. Both had good attendance.

Sincere gratitude goes out to all presenters and session moderators for a great meeting. We would like to thank the WCTWS Executive Board: Scott Craven, Scott Hull, Travis Anderson, Amanda Kamps, Sharon Fandel, and Lesa Kardash. Special thanks to outgoing president Scott Hull for taking the lead in planning and organizing the agenda for the general and student sessions, David Drake for his lead role in the WSO special symposium, Krista McGinley for continuing to compile our program and oversee the garage sale and silent auction. Finally, a thanks to the 2013 TWS Conference Arrangements Committee co-chairs Jamie Nack and Karl Martin and President-Elect Scott Craven for planning the Tuesday evening welcome reception.