

TWS Invasive Species Working Group
Conference Call Agenda
5/29/2013
2:00 EDT

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Mark Pfof
Erin Myers
Karen Viste-Sparkman
Gary Witmer
Caleb Hickman
Jennifer Chapman

Approval of minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Financial report:

The current balance in our account is \$2221.34. We received a \$100.00 sponsorship of our symposium from Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, and paid \$86 for a TWS membership for Keeli Carlton-Carmichael for the NISAW challenge. Keeli was not a member already, so we got a new member from that. A membership check for \$124 was deposited.

Membership report: 115 members

Unfinished business:

Communications:

Social media

41 likes; 172 people were reached the week of April 29
More posts means more people are reached
Average about 1 new like/week
One post reached 109 people
Send things to Jamie if we have something to post (link)

Newsletter

Next newsletter will be election information; next newsletter out in August
Have articles in to Jennifer last week of July
We will need something about the symposium. There are two articles left from last newsletter, and Mark will write a column
Gary will write a book review
Someone will do a write-up on the award for the NISAW challenge

Web page

Bios for board members: still need bio from Robert

2013 meeting symposium

Caleb got information on the speakers in to TWS. He put himself down as one of the speakers since someone else cancelled at the last minute. One of the backups is not able to attend; another has not been contacted.

Caleb has not gotten abstracts from people yet—our symposium was not on the web site for submission, but that has been fixed. They need to submit abstracts for our symposium, not through contributed papers.

Caleb will try to get a breakout room for people to write a manuscript from the symposium. This will be the first focus group on the topic of indirect effects of invasive species. There could be 2 or 3 papers out of this.

Erin will look into reserving room for the working group meeting.

Responses to sponsor letters—we got one donation of \$100 from the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium

We had asked Mike Ielmini to possibly be a keynote speaker for our symposium and we need to let him know if we want him to do this. He isn't on our speaker's list. Possible roles for him are: backup speaker if he has anything to say on indirect effects; backup speaker to bring the talks together; moderator. Mark or Caleb could also fill the role of moderator.

Invasive species awareness week (March 3-8): Award was given to Keeli Carlton-Carmichael

Associated meeting of Working Groups at Milwaukee—

A means for communicating between WGs. Mark volunteered for the organizing committee. Working group officers get together to collaborate. They are trying to get people from all working groups to attend the meeting and come up with ideas for ways we can work together more effectively.

Elections:

Robert, Michael, Jennifer, and Karen have limited out current positions. Need to recruit members to run for board.

Jamie is interested in a board member position.

Jennifer is interested in Secretary-Treasurer position.

Several names were suggested. Erin suggested Cheryl Millett. Caleb contacted someone who hasn't responded. Michael nominated Amber Breland.

Mark will contact the people who ran last time: Bill Sparklin; Walter Dennis; Mike Avery
Karen will send email to membership.

New business

We will look into having the election on line via Survey Monkey.

Caleb is looking for job listings for invasive species jobs. Is this a possibility on Facebook? Caleb and Jamie will talk

The next conference call will be held the week of July 8-12 to get ready for newsletter deadline.
Karen will send out Doodle poll.