



# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

## STUDENT DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

### Meeting Minutes

Monthly Officer Meeting

*March 18, 2015*

### Call to Order

Present: Matt Gould, Andy Little, Auriel Fournier & Erin Saunders

Absent: Krysten Zummo & Amanda Veals

### Treasurer's Report (Auriel)

- Unchanged from last month – no transactions
- Tax forms filed – good to go with IRS

### Old Items

#### Newsletter:

- **Deadlines for next issue**
  - Next newsletter – first week of May – before students leave
  - Need articles to Amanda by last week of April
- **Remind folks who are writing articles!**
  - Due about a month from now
    - **Matt** – NMSU student articles – help minority students get into wildlife field
    - **Andy** – write up on Teaching Project at Georgia (critical thinking)
    - **Auriel** – SE conclave
    - **Amanda** - Conference, scholarship & travel deadlines
    - **Erin** –importance of AWB and CWB certification
      - Nancy Saasavage – surveyed agencies and found not many regarded certification. They are thinking in the coming year of doing an article in the Wildlife Professional, so this may be used again.

## **National Conference:**

- **Proposal Status**
  - Student Chapter Symposium (Krysten) – not accepted – was not clear if this was a workshop or symposium
  - Manuscript Review Workshop (Matt) – accepted
    - Kent offered to help with this
    - All - Come up with speakers (have 1: Lenard Brennon)
    - Matt - generate a packet to participants – things to consider, tips from experts, presentations, etc.
  - Undergrad Discussion Panel (Erin) – accepted
    - All - Need to line up speakers – hit up Canadian people
    - Matt – contact Matt’s advisor (federal rep.) and Art Rogers/Rick Baydack for suggestions

## **National Website: (Andy)**

- **Updated Page – comments?**
  - All – need photos?
  - Andy - make link for all newsletters

## **New Items**

### **Council Report: (Matt)**

- Budget
  - TWS is doing well and in the black
  - Revenue of \$200k this year
- New Personnel
  - Chuck (?) - dedicated fundraiser
  - Additional interns – help with various things
- Wildlife Professional
  - Currently only 4 issues a year
  - Now reducing page count and adding 2 more issues a year (total of 6/year) and no new cost to do this.
- Membership
  - Was declining, but now seems to be slowing

### **National Conference: (Matt)**

- **Conference Travel Packet**
  - Idea: here is what you need to do to travel internationally – what you can/can't bring across the boarder – Passport application – how to get funding
  - **Auriel** – can take a stab at this week after next
- **Upcoming events at conference in Canada**
  - Never been hunting? They will help get you a duck license and take you out waterfowl hunting, teach you how to clean it and cook it
  - Field trips to Churchill to see polar bears (air, travel, lodging, etc.)

### **IWMC: (Matt/Amanda)**

- **Generate materials**
  - **Matt/Amanda** – flyers in English/Japanese on TWS benefits
- **Other thoughts**
  - Still assessing how to increase involvement in Japan
  - Many want to come to US for graduate school
  - Council liked the idea of getting a student chapter started

### **Membership Recruitment and Participation: (All)**

- **Benefits of parent TWS**
  - Full membership – get all benefits, articles, access, etc.
  - Wildlife Partners – limited membership good for 1 year – gives taste of what TWS membership can do for you (eWildlifer, 1 TWS talk/month, some website access)
- **Other Ideas from Council:**
  - Membership Database – would allow you to search by using categories and contact folks in a certain area or locations
  - Job Board – as a student, you can post your job interests and employers can contact you as well as a place to post jobs
  - Mentoring Program – gal outside council wants to revamp and get going again Western section would be guinea pig to see if it works.

- **Recruitment of young professionals/early career**
  - Big drop at this level of membership – TWS surveyed this a number of years ago.
  - Work with ECPWG (Early Career Profession Working Group)
    - Benefits of parent TWS
    - Membership in this WG and how they can help you succeed
    - Workshop on: relationship building, securing funding, facilitating meetings
  - Need to consider all position types under this (example: permanent seasonal positions avg. 6 months employments)
    - How is ECPWG addressing this group
    - Hard to justify parent TWS membership when employment not permanent
  - Gift membership
    - Professionals can buy membership when renewing their membership – can designate a specific student or it goes in TWS fund.
  - **Matt** – contact Ed for canned flyer on memberships and ECPWG on benefits they would like advertised

### **Adjourn Meeting**

- Next meeting – week of April 13th
- **Matt** – send out Doodle

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