

**New Jersey Chapter – The Wildlife Society**  
**Spring 2013 Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10, 2013**  
**Assunpink Conservation Center**

The meeting started at 9:50 am with an introduction by Evan Madlinger, Chapter President. Evan welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and started the meeting with introductions around the room. Evan began the business portion of the meeting by introducing the one correspondence item, which was briefly discussed at the Fall 2012 meeting. The NJTWS supported the Essex County deer management program in a letter dated December 10, 2012. Sue Predl of NJDEP provided Evan with an update in regards to the program, stating that the County was able to go through with the program as proposed, with just a few tweaks.

Jim Sciascia, Chapter Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting. Mim Dunne presented the Treasurers report in his absence. The spring financial report was passed around, and is included as part of these minutes. Mim indicated that we are in good shape financially and have even improved since 2007. The scholarship fund specifically is in good shape, which is different than the standard operating funds that come from annual dues. As a result, we will continue to offer the Cookingham Scholarship award again this year.

Mim indicated that the announcement for the Russell Cookingham Scholarship award is out and the applications are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. The announcement is on the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife's website and the Chapter website. Beth Ciuzio will take care of also posting the announcement to the Facebook page.

Mim also presented information for Jim in regards to The Young Forest Project put together by the Wildlife Management Institute. Brochures were passed out and booklets were provided at the front for anyone interested. It is primarily geared towards people who work with landowners to benefit early successional wildlife habitat on private lands.

Beth Ciuzio brought up NJTWS providing funding to the Leadership Institute. She recalled that the Board discussed providing a donation to this via email correspondence and thought it agreed that we would provide \$200.00. She questioned whether this was actually sent out because it is not on the financial report. Evan stated that he would follow up with Jim Sciascia in regards to this.

Kim Gurlavich, Membership Chair, commented on all the new faces and encouraged everyone to become a Chapter member. She indicated that membership forms were up front. Beth Ciuzio gave an added incentive for new members....each person who joins will get a free Monster Buck DVD that she pilfered from her husband's closet. Many people need to join because she is not taking them home!

Evan also discussed Board elections. Evan and Amy Jones, Chapter Secretary, will serve one more two (2) year term until 2014 since there was no interest from anyone else to fill

these positions in the fall. After the 2 year term, Evan and Amy will step down. This fall (2013) the open elections will be for Vice President, Treasurer, and one Board Member. Evan asked that anyone interested please contact him or any other Board member.

Evan announced that Andrew Clapper has stepped up and filled the chair position for the Legislative Committee. Evan also brought up the open Committees that are not currently active, including the Audit, Nominating and Elections, and Education and Information Committees. Kathy Blumig asked what the Education and Information Committee does. Evan indicated that it has not been active since he has been President. He stated that if someone is interested, it can be whatever that individual makes of it.

Eric Schrading, Northeast Section Secretary, spoke about the upcoming changes in National, Section and Chapter membership of TWS. Membership for TWS is unique in that you can join National, Section and Chapter individually. The Northeast Section is looking to unify these...if you are a Chapter member, you are automatically a Section member. You will pay \$11.00 when you sign up with the Chapter (\$1.00 more than the standard \$10.00 dues). The Chapter will then write a check to the Section. Eric summarized the function of the Northeast Section, which supports student conclaves, field course funding, and creating and supporting policy, which is important because it is representative of more than one state. The Northeast Section is also accepting President elect nominations, if you are interested contact Eric.

Beth Ciuzio mentioned that the NJ Chapter has a Facebook page with chapter info, and also some humorous info.

Amy Jones passed around the sign in sheet.

Ted Nichols, Program Chair, introduced standard housekeeping items for the meeting. He stated that George Howard, prior Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, on the Fish and Game Council, and active in the previous NJ Chapter, had heart surgery recently. If you knew George or would just like to send your well wishes, there is a card at the front you can sign.

Lunch has been provided by Jim and Carol Applegate, and includes either meat or spinach lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and cookies for dessert. Whether you did or did not register, lunch is available for \$5.00. Lunch is free for presenters, and also for any undergrads, compliments of the Applegates.

Ted brought up future meeting topics and venues. He indicated that the Division of Fish & Wildlife picked up a new tract of land with a building, called Lenape Farms. This is a possible new meeting location that could also be associated with a field component. The only potential issue is that it is further south and would be a bit of a drive for anyone coming from north jersey. Ted asked for a show of hands that would be interested, and all in attendance were interested. Ted suggested that the first part of the meeting could include the standard business meeting, a discussion of the site's history, then an afternoon field visit could possibly incorporate wildlife management. It may also be possible to include recreational activities afterwards and even a stay overnight for those interested in

some camping. It was suggested that the meeting start a little bit later to accommodate those driving in from the north.

Ted went over a list of prior meeting topics that were brought up at the last meeting, including the following: forest management in response to the controversial bill (which may now not be much of an issue), invasive species, energy issues and wildlife, and climate change. Ted then opened the floor to any other meeting ideas. Beth suggested management of early successional habitat. Ted reviewed his list of prior meeting topics and it looks like that topic was associated with a meeting back in 2007. Jeremiah suggested hurricane Sandy efforts. Ted suggested we revisit after lunch to see if anyone has any other meeting topic thoughts.

Kim Korth presented an announcement in regards to a grant matching program that is available to non-profits. It is a short application, and the deadline is tomorrow. It is a \$3,500.00 match and it must be a 501C3 organization. If you have an idea, Kim is available to talk at lunch.

Presentations began at 10:15 and included the following topics and presenters:

**Vegetation Management on Transmission Line Corridors in New Jersey: Improving Conditions for Species of Greatest Conservation Need**

*Kristin Munafo, New Jersey Audubon*

**New Jersey Habitat Connectivity Plan**

*Gretchen Fowles and Brian Zarate, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife*

**Roads Crossing Stream Corridors: Considerations of Culvert Designs to Enhance Wildlife Use**

*Ellen Creveling, New Jersey Chapter of The Nature Conservancy*

**Wildlife Guardians Project: Improving Permeability of Wildlife Habitats in NJ**

*Kelly Triece\*, \*M.S. Ecology and Evolution, Montclair State University*

**Surviving Salt: Impact of Road De-icers on New Jersey Amphibian Species**

*Lisa Hazard and Kevin Jamieson, Montclair State University*

**Dams: The ultimate road block to migrating fish and how to get rid of them**

*Eric Schradung, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

**Effects of Human Infrastructure on Black Duck Habitat Use and Carrying Capacity**

*Paul Castelli, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, E.B. Forsythe NWR*

**The effect of roads on the movement of the Northern Pine Snake**

*Dane Ward, Drexel University*

**Increasing Stakeholder Support Through a Community Based Canada Goose Hazard Management Program at Teterboro Airport**

*Kimberly Gurlavich, and Andrew Clapper; USDA-APHIS-WS*

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:00 pm.

*Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by Amy Jones, NJ TWS Chapter Secretary*

**NJ Chapter TWS Financial Report  
Spring Meeting – April 10, 2013**

**Checking Account Balance as of Fall Mtg. \$849.59**

**Income**

Dues	\$480.00	
Excess lunch money	\$30.00	<b>\$510.00</b>

**Expenses**

Bank Fees	-\$12.00	<b>(\$12.00)</b>
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**Checking Account Balance (03/31/12) \$1,347.59**

**Scholarship Fund - Vanguard 500 Index Fund**

Balance 9/30/07	\$8,251.84
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Balance 12/30/07	\$7,974.93
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Balance 6/30/08	\$7,020.78
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Balance 9/30/08	\$6,434.04
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Balance as of 11/18/08	\$4,711.82
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Balance as of 6/3/09	\$5,445.84
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Balance as of 9/23/10	\$6,593.78
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Balance as of 5/11/11	\$7,806.27
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Balance as of 10/13/11	\$6,993.18
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Balance as of 3/31/12	\$6,943.62
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Balance as of 6/30/12	\$8,144.05
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Balance as of 12/31/12	\$7,626.16
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**Balance as of 3/31/13 \$8,432.21**