

## TWS – Wildlife and Habitat Restoration Working Group Meeting Notes

Conference Call, Wednesday, November 29, 2 PM Eastern Standard Time

Call line 515-739-1500, access code 281071

### Notes/Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call – Bryan (*\*Bryan can you please fill out attendance?- this is before I started taking notes*)
2. Call for new agenda items – Bryan- None
3. Meeting Minutes and Distribution – Bryan asked/Heather volunteered
4. Treasurer / Secretary report – Bryan
  - a. Bank Account update  
Bryan~\$1366.29
  - b. Current membership tally 209 (was 243 in June 2013) – see below for trend  
  
Bryan- graph below shows relatively flat trend
  - c. Symposium Financials  
-Michelle has not received donation check from WCS yet- Paul said it was mailed- Brian offered to connect WCS with Michelle, Paul will continue to coordinate for now  
-All presenters have been paid
5. 2018 Election – Bryan
  - a. Update- Have nominees for every vacant position except for Southeast (let Bryan know if anyone has suggestions)- everyone will be running unopposed  
-Bryan will send out info  
-Sandy is willing to run if no one runs for Southeast
  - b. Bryan proposed online election run by TWS headquarters  
-Historically chair has done this by e-mail  
-Bryan proposed motion, Ben seconded motion, all in favor, none opposed  
-Paul went over the historical elections and said there could be room for increased transparency, Bryan said perhaps online election may allow for this- can see how it goes and make changes as needed in the future
6. 2018 Conference – Bryan- Oct 7-11, Cleveland Ohio  
Bryan- good location from restoration point of view, asked if anyone thinks they can attend- no responses yet. Perhaps new NE rep can take lead at the conference with one of the chairs
7. Engaging with other Working Groups/Societies – Bryan/Marcia
  - a. Other TWS Working Groups – Bryan
    1. All Working Groups Meeting – Albuquerque-  
Bryan- In the future, can take advantage of free conference room to hold working group meeting at the conference  
Other groups are also looking to do more, but don't necessarily have resources to do so, also this working group has a greater size, most are in the 50-100 range

Casey represented working group at working groups table and it was appreciated- thank you Casey!

Common theme- desire to work with other working groups- should take advantage of this opportunity

b. Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) – Bryan

1. Rebecca Shoer/Bryan Kluever 11/8/17 call review

Process- post a recorded power point of about 60 minutes to their website

SER is looking for us to come in with a presentation ready in the next 6 months and let them know in the next 2 months

Bryan will not be able to trailblaze presentation on restoration- does anyone have a ready presentation ready that can be used so this can be done collaboratively?

Sandy- can help with ecological restoration presentation that can serve as a foundation- has a few presentations already done for work

Bryan- would Sandy like to take the lead? Sandy- yes

Sandy- need a team- Bryan will help facilitate conversations

Marcia and Brian- can help as well

Bryan will send out e-mail to the sub-group

2. Archived webinars can be found at:

<http://www.ser.org/news/default.asp?id=11866>

c. American Society of Service Mining Reclamation Joint Symposium/Meeting Update – Marcia  
Joint meeting in 2019 in Yellowstone

Marcia: Stewart Jennings (POC)

Want to know how many people might attend

Bryan- can't officially commit TWS to a meeting, how can we contribute to the meeting?

Paul- correct, can put in a request to TWS (Marriah Simons), but unlikely that we would get a commitment, working group can commit and could solicit sponsorship (similar to symposium), was able to get commitments for more \$ than needed for bison symposium.

Suggested Marcia contact organizations and could give advertising in return

Sandy- Her company does surface mining, has a charitable arm of the company- will look to see if there is still a grant program

Marcia- haven't yet discussed cost, room/space or timeline. Don't have an idea of how many people could commit to attending

Bryan- could send out Survey Monkey, but this is far in advance, could get in touch with POC about asking how many speakers would need and then reach out to membership- possibly have Board member give presentation (Marcia could do this)

Sandy- maybe a symposium?

\*Marcia- will get in touch with POC and see how many speakers are needed, our working group could contribute in a significant manner (not a co-hosted meeting)

Ben- asked about location and timeline- will be going to Idaho chapter meeting in March and can reach out to others while he is there- Ben asked if he could have some of the business cards

\*Bryan will reach out to Michelle to get template for cards

\*Bryan will print cards and mail to Ben

\*Paul would also like template for the Montana chapter of Wildlife Society meeting in February

\*Bryan will e-mail JPEG to Paul and the group

#### 8. Logos- Bryan

a. Logo for working group should adhere to TWS standards

b. Contest among membership to create a logo for the working group for cash prize?

Sandy- good way to get membership involved- maybe a good way to get grant money to go to Cleveland conference

Paul- good idea- out of 200 members, could find someone, like idea of tying to cash prize - maybe a gift card

Bryan- gave \$500 for travel grant and only got one submission- may limit pool by tying to conference attendance

Heather- what if the prize is paying for membership instead?

Bryan- what about up to \$150 towards TWS membership fees?

Paul- What about getting someone into the 1,000 club- \$100-200 donation into TWS to get recognition to 1,000 club (goal to get 1,000 people to donate \$100 or more to support strategic planning of the society- fundraising mechanism of parent society), donors name is mentioned in newsletter and recognized with ribbons on name badges at conference

Bryan- this may be tied into annual donations, but if not tied into recurring donation maybe a good idea

\*Bryan will follow up with TWS and will send e-mail to group putting forth vote on a proposed motion that in 2018 will send e-mail to working group for logo contest

#### 9. Bryan passing the Chair baton – Bryan and Marcia

Bryan asked Marcia how she felt about filling out annual report similar to the one he e-mailed-

Marcia didn't recall seeing e-mail, but will look in junk folder, Bryan will resend the report from both WHWG and his personal e-mail and to Marcia's personal e-mail

Will have info about access to website, etc.

Chair will host calls, manage e-mails (distribution list)

Bryan offered to have Marcia call and walk her through these items

#### 10. Next teleconference and additional items – Everyone

Terms run out Dec 31- Paul and Heather's last call

Feedback from those leaving-

Heather- agendas with items ahead of time is very helpful for productive calls

Paul- running for president of Montana chapter, offered services for future

Dates and times for next call- February- will be run by Marcia

Heather will send notes to entire group for comment then Bryan will post on TWS website in a few weeks

### WHRWG Membership Over Time

