**The Wildlife Society®**

**Wildlife and Habitat Restoration Working Group**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

**ATTENDEES**

Tracy Rosenberg Michelle Ford Heather Jensen

Ben Wishnek Paul Santavy Sandra Patrick

Rachel Williams Bryan Kluever

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1. Call to Order

Paul Santavy called the meeting to order at 13:35 MT/15:35 EST

1. Welcome and Introductions:
   1. In order of the bios sheet sent along with the agenda, each attendee provided in introduction including where they live where they work.
2. Call for new agenda items:
   1. No new agenda items. Accepted agenda as is and move along.
3. Vacant Board Seats
   1. Need to fill the North Central Board Seat.
   2. Does the Working Group (WG) want to have a Canada Board Seat? Currently the WG has the International Board Seat (held currently by Jan Schipper). The Charter notes the presence of a Canada Board Seat but not an International Board Seat. The WG discusses the matter and decides to keep Jan’s Board Seat until the term is over and to currently advertise for the Canada Board Seat. Paul will see if there are any limits on the number of Board Seats allowed. The WG shall discuss further at the end of Jan’s term.
4. National Conference
   1. 2016 attendees/presenters, etc. from the WG: Ben, Rachel, and Sandra may attend. Sanda will be attending with a Poster presentation.
      1. Presentation due 4/14
      2. Travel grants: The WG doesn’t need to decide now if we want to offer travel grants. Suggestion by Ben to pay someone’s registration fee. Paul will forward email from TWS. Rachel, Bryan, Heather, Sandy and Ben would assist with effort to provide a travel grant.
      3. Request for Associated Reception due 6/30: The WG is not interested at this time in hosting a reception. Potential to partner with another WG and any officers attending are encouraged to consider this option.
      4. Workgroup Booth: A booth is offered at a discount to the WG. Paul asked if the WG thought we may want to spend money on a booth setup and the WG generally did not think so. Suggestion to have post-card size information to hand out at the Conference with the WG’s information to generate interst. Will discuss more by next call. Need to have a well thought-out strategy and objective.
   2. 2017 ideas for symposium and representation at business meeting: Paul would like to do a wildlife-centric restoration symposium related to American Bison and Black-footed ferret conservation. Suggested the WG do more research on how broad or specific previous symposiums have been. Paul’s vision is to focus on species restoration rather than landscape restoration. There is general support of Paul’s idea by the WG. (Paul had to leave the call at this point)
5. Treasurer/Secretary Report
   1. Bank Account update: Ben made a motion to elect Michelle Ford as the WG’s Treasurer/Secretary. No Discussion. Motion passes with unanimous approval. Michelle Ford elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Michelle Ford will move forward with setting up a bank account for the WG.
   2. Tax report due 3/31: The 2015 Secretary/Treasurer will complete the form and send in to TWS.
   3. Dues changes due 4/30: Need to look back at the old minutes to see if the dues were increased.
   4. IRS e-postcard due 5/15: Bryan will ask to what this refers.
6. Website/Social medial:

* The WG currently has a Linked-In and Facebook page. Discussion on a member spotlight on the FB page. The WG had various discussion about social media and decided that each member of the WG should review the WG’s sites and think about ways to increase attention/interest.
* Bryan needs to access the WG’s facebook page.
* The WG roster can be accessed by logging into TWS; click on Working Groups; Select Sub-units and Committees and there will be a roster which is updated each month. With questions, you can email Mariah at TWS.
* Bryan will email the WG a direct link to the social media sites.
* Members should ask Rachel for Admin power for websites.
* Question regarding whether we should advertise filling the vacant positions? Rachel will send Bryan past postings for wanting to fill vacancies.

1. Ideas for other value-added projects and services for the WG: No Report
2. Additional items: No Report
3. Adjournment: All in favor of adjourning at 15:04 MT/17:04 EST