

The Wildlife Society®
Wildlife and Habitat Restoration Working Group
MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

ATTENDEES

Michelle Ford	Heather Jensen
Bryan Kluever	Brian Zinke
Paul Santavy	Casey Hendricks

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1. Welcome and roll call
 - a. Bryan calls meeting to order at 3:04 pm EST. Roll is taken.
 2. Call for new agenda items
 - a. No new items
 3. Meeting Minutes and Distribution
 - a. Michelle needs to depart call at 4:00. Bryan will complete the minutes and send to Michelle for distribution.
 4. Treasurer/Secretary Report
 - a. Bank Acct Update. The current balance for the working group is \$3,471.49 which includes the 2nd quarter 2017 dues of \$132.00.
 - b. Current membership tally is 216.
 5. Update - National conference
 - a. Updates on planned attendance:
 - i. Bryan, Paul and Casey are planning to attend. If anyone else is planning to attend, please let Bryan know.
 - b. 2017 Bison Restoration Symposium Update
 - i. General Status Update: No major updates. Had to find a replacement for one of the speakers. Glenn Plum, of the NPS, was not going to be able to attend to represent the NPS but was recently elected Chair of the IUCN for Bison and will now attend as a representative of IUCN Bison. Presentations will be turned in shortly.
 - ii. Travel Support Update: Bryan updates that Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) will donate \$2,000 to help with travel. They will send the money to Michelle and the money will be distributed to designated presenters. The symposium steering committee had a conference call and decided that WCS will donate \$2,000 and then the working grant can distribute accordingly. People that need travel support could 'pre-pay' for registration and travel and then submit receipts to the Michelle who can then reimburse the expenses. Paul is aware of two people who will ask for support. In total we will have \$4,000 to support the symposium. Michelle suggests that those requesting funding submit the dollar amount in writing ahead of time to

Michelle so that we can track how much money we will have to disperse and can be alerted if we get close to the \$4,000 ceiling. Paul will ask for those requesting travel reimbursement to email the working group in advance once they know how much they'll need for travel.

- iii. Tasks for Working Group: The Chair of the Student Development Working Group sent out an email to all WG Chairs stating that there will be a working group table set up for the entire time to let people know about the different working groups. Their working group is giving out business cards. Bryan asks for thoughts on ways we could advertise. Discussion on business cards and Michelle, Brian, Casey and Bryan will work together to develop the cards. Bryan will send the template to Casey and then they'll reformat and send to Michelle and Bryan for final edits and printing. Casey volunteers to pull together the first draft of the business card. Bryan will send the template. Once complete, she'll send it to the group.

Conference is Sept. 18. Casey First draft to group by August 30th. Michelle mail them to you by no later than Sept. 8.

- c. TWS Working Group Table:
 - i. Volunteer to put together flyer or business card: See tasks noted above.

6. Engaging with other Working Groups

- a. Society for Ecological Restoration:
 - i. Bethanie Walder/Bryan Kluever 8/14/17 call review: Bryan spoke with the director and is looking to collaborate on more wildlife oriented project. One idea that was discussed is a webinar on their website merging the topics of wildlife and ecological restoration. Another idea is participating in their conference in Spokane, WA. Both may have a high return but would both be time consuming. Bryan asks for the groups input. **ACTION ITEM: Bryan reach out to Bethany to determine if the webinar would be a joint content webinar or if it'd be solely TWS WHRWG.**
- b. American Society of Surface Mining Reclamation: No report. Will wait and see if Marcia has any updates.
- c. Others: The Ecological Society may be worth exploring. Would be good to hone in on what our message is and the goals in reaching out.

7. Working Group Objectives Review

From the Agenda:

- *Provide regular communication among members of the Society experienced in restoration through meetings, symposia, workshops, newsletters, specialty publications, and other means.*
- *Promote membership in the Society to wildlife professionals interested in restoration.*
- *Make recommendations to The Wildlife Society Council for specific actions by the Society in the area of restoration techniques.*
- *Develop draft technical reviews, position statements, and other materials in the area of restoration for consideration by The Wildlife Society Council.*
- *Provide information and technical assistance to Society members in the area of restoration.*

- *Provide information and technical assistance to journalists, government officials, other organizations, and the general public in the area of restoration*

Several members agree that review of the goals is a good idea. In the interest of time, the group decides acknowledges the importance of addressing this topic in the next call, or on a separate dedicated call and agrees to table this item until the September agenda.

8. Elections:

- a. Bryan summarizes how Paul handled the election in the past. Paul explains that the by-laws will establish an election committee. Not sure if we have in the past. If we can set up a committee, then that would be great, but if not, then we should set up a committee. Anyone involved running for a position should not be involved in the election committee. Easiest thing to do is for the Chair and Chair elect to run the election. Bryan calls for a vote to have the Chair and Chair elect handle the election. Michelle makes a motion to vote. Paul notes that now to September that an email to the membership goes out soliciting call for nominations. Mid to end of November want to have all candidates in place and putting ballots out before December 1. By-laws say minimum of 2 weeks for elections. Announce before January 1 and have everyone installed at the beginning of the calendar year. Paul seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously, Bryan abstains. Paul notes there's at least two years of history in the gmail account. Heather asks Bryan to let folks know if there terms are up or not this year. Bryan agrees.

9. Next teleconference and Additional items

- a. Bryan recommends that next meeting should happen in late October or 1st week of November, and will send out doodle poll at least two weeks prior to proposed times.

10. Adjournment at 4:10 pm.

- a. Bryan motions to adjourn at 4:10, Heather seconds. All in favor.