

**The Wildlife Society®**  
**Wildlife and Habitat Restoration Working Group**  
**MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017**

**ATTENDEES**

Michelle Ford	Heather Jensen	Marcia Wolfe
Bryan Kluever	Brian Zinke	Sandra Patrick
Paul Santavy		

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1. Welcome and roll call
    - a. Bryan calls meeting to order at 1:02 pm EST. Roll is taken.
  2. Call for new agenda items
    - a. No new items
  3. Meeting Minutes and Distribution
    - a. Michelle to complete taking minutes and distribute by email within 1 week of the meeting to the group and make edits as appropriate. Corrected minutes then get sent to the Chair for posting.
  4. Canada Vacant Board Seat
    - a. Decided to see if anything comes up via word of mouth. Have not had any interest and Bryan recommends that we advertise again toward the end of the year. Marcia says she will email Don Meriden to see if he's interested.
  5. Treasurer/Secretary Report
    - a. Bank Acct Update. The current balance for the working group is \$3,342.49 which includes the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 dues.
    - b. Michelle shares story of phishing scheme where the person emailed as if they were Bryan to send money right away and said that the funds were approved and it needed to be sent right away. There was a brief email exchange where I stated that the funds were not approved or discussed and I couldn't just send it. The issue was reported immediately to TWS and then through google 'report a phishing scheme'. Bryan motioned, seconded by Brian that all financial transactions need to be confirmed by telephone between the Treasurer/Secretary and the Chair. Motion approved unanimously.
    - c. Current membership: Bryan summarized membership: 206 members as of April 2017; 228 in April 2016; and 214 in April 2015. The conference will be a chance to increase membership.
  6. Update - National conference
    - a. Updates on planned attendance:
      - i. Bryan, Paul and Rachel plan to attend. Marcia may be able to attend, but won't know until it gets closer. Symposium is Sept 23-27, 2017.
    - b. 2017 Bison Restoration Symposium Update

i. Paul sent an email to the board outlining the symposium for review. The symposium was accepted by TWS. Today is the deadline for each speaker to submit their abstracts and bios. The symposium scheduled on September 26 from 1-5 pm. Paul is still working on Steven Renella, has a hunting show called 'meat eater' and author, but unfortunately he's not available. Tom France, director for NWF, is now scheduled to give the opening talk. Still trying to see if he can get another big name person to headline. Paul has been asking to see if any of the speakers need travel assistance funding and so far, nobody has asked for financial assistance. Doesn't need assistance from the working group at this time. In the future will want to put together a poster board for the symposium and may ask for help in the future from the working group.

c. 2017, WHRWG sponsored field trip to Bosque del Apache: Rachel was going to look into seeing if the working group could sponsor. Rachel and Ben are not on the call to provide an update. Bryan will reach out to them for an update. Unless new information on progress is presented, field trip plans/discussions will be postponed until next year.

#### 7. Engaging with other Working Groups

a. Bryan reached out to the director of Society for Ecological Restoration with no response. Will try to reach out to the second in command.

b. American Society of Surface Mining Reclamation – Marcia contacted the director and he was interested. They're having a meeting and will get back to Marcia and she'll keep us posted.

c. Forestry Working Group - Sandy spoke with the Chair of the group and he's interested in the working together but aren't too far along with any decisions for 2018 and they'll have a new board in 2018 who will need to take this on. It may not be doable for 2018 because of the planning efforts needed in 2017. Bryan asks if we should reach out to the wildlife refuge in Ohio if they might be interested in working together on a field trip or program. Sandy will do some digging but we can table this topic until the next meeting.

d. Thoughts on other groups –

#### 8. Website / Social media / email group

a. Member Spotlight resurrection: Rachel was going to send out an old member spotlight bio for the group to review. It was not sent out and we're in a bit of a holding pattern as to whether or not we do the member spotlight. Bryan asks if any members have any ideas on social media/member spotlight. Bryan will maintain what we have on social media. If member want something posted, reach out to Bryan. Paul asks if Bryan can get the word out to membership about the symposium on Facebook, group webpage and email blast. Brian is the newsletter editor for the Wyoming chapter and can put a blurb into the newsletter.

#### 9. Ideas for other value-added projects and services for the workgroup

a. Members have no projects/services.

#### 10. Next teleconference and Additional items

- a. Bryan asks when we should have our next call. Paul suggests mid-August, just before the conference.

11. Adjournment at 1:56 pm.

- a. Bryan states that he appreciates everyone's time and patience. Bryan motions to adjourn at 1:56, Rachel seconds. All in favor.