

2016 Virginia Chapter Wildlife Society Meeting

February 23rd & 24th -- Fredericksburg, Virginia

8:30 – 10:00 Chapter Business Meeting: Washington/Jefferson Room

Called to order at 8:34am by President A. Proctor

- 1) Robertson Papers, put to bed
 - a) 3000 documents, 6000 pages already scanned
 - b) Cumbersome to scan the remaining 30,000
 - c) S. Klopfer will locate a venue for storing the scanned documents online, accessible to members.
 - d) RU students also working on projects on how Robertson has helped conservation
 - e) Unanimous vote to put this project to bed
- 2) CRC committee update (Nelson)
 - a) 4 subgroups created
 - b) Goal: Become proactive instead of reactive on issues facing Virginia
 - c) CRC report provided as attachment
- 3) Continued membership annually in Virginia Conservation Network and League of Conservation Voters? (Nelson)
 - a) Low cost \$100
 - b) Typically Nelson gets email about broad environmental issues but occasionally receive notices about items within our scope.
 - c) We need to start soliciting them to get behind issues we want to see brought to the general assembly, we just haven't done that yet. Benefits could be high
 - d) Nelson recommends we continue membership
 - e) Unanimous vote to stay members
- 4) Reminder to take survey in folders if members have not done it online (Aaron)
- 5) Treasurer's report (Todd)
 - a) Total \$18,089.88 income, should have approx. \$15-16 after payment for conference
 - b) Close to breaking even for the conference
 - i) 30% attendance by students who pay a lower rate, but agreed that student involvement is an important investment in the meeting
 - c) Students paid \$10 more this year but we still got a good turnout from students
 - d) We now we have a free community checking account so we will not incur fees when we fall below a minimum balance.
- 6) Donation to Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Aaron)
 - a) Libby Norris Memorial Garden
 - b) http://cbf.typepad.com/chesapeake_bay_foundation/2015/07/remembering-libby-norris.html
- 7) Future locations & costs (4H vs hotels, limts, etc, Aaron and Lauren)

- a) Survey results indicate that overall cost is not a major concern.
 - b) Will continue rotation around state
 - c) Discussion of extra half day continuing education credit workshops, may help with travel approvals as well
- 8) Meeting date, conflict with other mammal meetings, losing attendance due to being scheduled later? (Aaron and Lauren)
- a) Survey results indicate there is no consensus on a good week in February.
 - b) This year we may have lost participants to two bat meetings, a deer meeting in and flyway meeting earlier in the month
 - c) Later in February allows agencies more time to process authorizations
- 9) Mentorship program - Breakfast
- a) Successful first year
 - b) The rest of the year? – Members and ExComm will consider more as we plan the year.
- 10) Listserv Issue – not everyone was receiving emails, problems between state and VT servers now resolved
- 11) Officer nominations
- a) Ballots collected and counted by D. Kocka
 - i) Mike St. Germaine, President elect
 - ii) Tamara Johnstone-Yellin, Secretary
 - iii) Members at Large: Joe Ferdinandsen, Katie Martin
 - iv) Student Rep: Cassidy Williams
 - b) Call for more nominees in years ahead
- 12) 2016 Task List Deliverable from Discussion Session
- a) Lauren will send a summary report in next month
- 13) Next year
- a) Western location, need state rates
- 14) Awards
- a) Poster: Kayla McNeilly
 - b) Undergrad Paper: Aylett Lipford
 - c) Grad Paper: Corrinne Diggins
 - d) Mosby Award: Robert Ellis
 - e) Scholarship Award: Justin Hall
- 15) Ray Dueser – Racoon State University
- a) Eastern Shore branch of Utah State University
 - b) Animal holding facility – offered to anyone who wants it, modular system, 18 pens, 4x4x4 racoon holding pens for feeding trials, medium sized mammals
 - c) Can be broken down or moved at one.
 - d) Contact ray.dueser@usu.edu , 435-770-3265
- 16) Lauren Billodeaux Mobray – inaugurated as new prez.

Adjourned at 9:31am by President L. Billodeaux Mobray