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

   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  

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