2017 Virginia Chapter Wildlife Society Meeting  
*February 23rd & 24th -- Blacksburg, Virginia*

Called to order at 8:59am by President-elect M. St. Germain

**Old Business**

1) Conservation Affairs Committee (formerly Conservation Review Committee) (A. Proctor)  
   a) Nelson Lafon – now Southeastern CAC chair  
   b) Scott Klopfer – now VA CAC chair  
      i) Contact Scott if you want to be on CAC  
      ii) Also looking for representatives from the chapter to reach out to delegates in their districts.

**New Business**

1) Listserv Issues – still having issues with everyone receiving the emails (A. Proctor)  
   a) Updated with membership lists, so if not renewed then fall off the list  
   b) Two groups – members and info list – info list is hard to maintain – for folks who just want info  
   c) Students – clarity on protocol on how to get students on list if only paying into school chapter.

2) Introducing Dr. Gray Anderson – hired as VDGIF’s Terrestrial Deputy Director (A. Proctor)

3) New toxicant for Feral Hogs approved by EPA – Kaput (A. Proctor)  
   a) 0.1% warfarin – approved in 18mo by EPA, consequences for mammals, T&E species and raptors  
   b) Motion to submit chapter letter against Kaput - unanimous approval

4) Archives (S. Klopfer)  
   a) Monika Mattson (Radford Student) scanning some Robertson papers and other chapter history.  
   b) Please submit any other materials to S. Klopfer.  
   c) Cannot be stored on national server. Need to decide how to disseminate once scanning is complete.

5) Communication with Student Groups (M. St. Germain)  
   a) President will continue to serve as liaison with student representative.  
   b) Christy Clark, Radford University – student rep for this year.

6) Predator Killing Contests in VA (D. Morin)  
   a) Press – lack of accuracy in press going out to the public.
b) Scott will create subcommittee to work on fact sheet/talking points with accurate, scientific information on effects of predator control and return it to the chapter and the SE CAC (Nelson Lafon)

7) MidAtlantic Ocean Action Plan (K. Terwilliger)
   a) K. Terwilliger will distribute to the plan
   b) CAC to draft comment on plan.


9) Mike Conner – SE Representative
   a) Annual Meetings in Albuquerque NM (2017), Cleveland, OH (2018), and Reno, NV (2020); 50% attendees are students, encouraged to attend.
   b) Please submit nominations of wildlife biologists and groups for awards.
   c) SE section is largest section.
   d) Membership benefits and news
      i) Wildlife society journals now part of membership without price increase.
      ii) Wildlife professional 6 issues per year instead of 4,
      iii) Author survey coming out end of March.
      iv) Give back program – opportunity to nominate someone to receive 6 mo membership in TWS.
   e) Contact Mike Connor if need anything or want to see the section do something in particular.

10) Student reports
   a) Heather Custer – Radford University chapter rutws@radford.edu
      i) Bobwhite on the Brink documentary screening – Planetarium, 6pm 3/29, open to the public.
      ii) Bioblitz – April 14-15th, open to public as well.
      iii) Facebook page
   b) Paige Crane – VP VA Tech Chapter – reporting on Tech and Radford events
      i) Speakers from VA Tech and outside of Tech
      ii) Field Trips/Workshops – winter hibernacula survey, hunter safety, elk trip Grundy VA, hikes, intro to archery, birding trips/workshops
      iii) Game dinner
      iv) Education and Outreach – mill mountain zoo, elementary schools,
      v) Camera Trapping – every weekend of fall semester at Mountain Lake
      vi) Mentorship Program started last spring.
      vii) In the News on national website: public comment on pipeline EIS, bioblitz, game dinner
      viii) Conclave at Mississippi State this year.
   ix) Suggestions/Considerations
      (1) More activity year round with VA TWS
(2) More communication with state chapter, including volunteer opportunities and positions
(3) Continued collaboration with Tech and Radford

11) Treasurer’s Report (T. Frederickson)
   a) Total $27,844.62 in the bank before conference costs.
   c) Meeting income: $9,880.00 before costs and refunds.
   d) Time to look into things the chapter can invest in. – suggestion from Andy Rosenberger

12) Secretary’s Report (T. Johnstone-Yellin)
    a) 157 members as of 2/17: 111 Professional, 46 Student
    b) All minutes are posted on national website, including CAC reports.

13) Restoring America’s Wildlife Act (D. Whitehurst)
    i) Funding for all wildlife, non-game has been difficult to procure.
    ii) National Blue Ribbon Panel
        (1) $1.3billion from oil and gas revenues paid to us govt. = $26 million per year for all states to manage wildlife, will result in transformational change in state conservation.
        (2) Introducing legislation this year to fund more research to avoid listing and allow business to continue, and improve public value and health benefits of getting outdoors.
    iii) CAC is contacting state delegates and congress people to sponsor the bill

14) 2017 Meeting Awards
    a) Undergraduate Poster: Brogan Holcombe, Runner up: Cameron Comer
    b) Graduate Poster: Lauren Austin, Runner up: Laura Mengak
    c) Undergraduate Paper: Allison Moser, Runner Up: Aylett Lipford
    d) Graduate Paper: Christopher Rowe, Michael Muthersbaugh
    e) Mosby Award: Becky Gwynn
    f) Scholarship Award: Allison Moser
    g) Robertson Award: Brian and Martha Murphy

15) Elections (D. Kocka)
    a) President Elect: Faren Wolter
    b) Treasurer: Shannon Bowling
    c) Member at Large: Susan Jewel
    d) Student Representative: Kristy Clark

16) 2018 Meeting, Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton – reached out for next year’s event.

17) M. St. Germain – inaugurated as new president.

Adjourned at 10:29am by President M. St. Germain