

2018 Virginia Chapter Wildlife Society Meeting

February 5-7^h -- Staunton, Virginia

Called to order at 2:03 pm by President M. St. Germain

- 1) Overview of Schedule
 - a) Workshop participants can submit for continuing education credits via National
 - b) Plenary – response to membership desire to have some sort of deliverable. We will have breakout sessions to come up with an issue statement on fire use in Virginia.
- 2) Conservation Affairs Committee Update – see separate report
- 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Beginning Balance: \$17,602
 - b) Income 2017: \$12,556 (includes meeting revenue)
 - c) Expenses 2017: \$10,101 (meeting expenses)
 - d) Ending Balance Dec 31 2017: \$19,882
 - e) Current Members: 184
 - i) 111 attending meeting 2018
 - f) First year using EventBrite, please let us know if any suggestions
- 4) Student Chapter Updates
 - a) VA Tech – John Connock
 - i) Meet bimonthly, target: speaker, social, or professional development
 - ii) Southeastern Conclave March 2017, @ Mississippi State
 - iii) Radford BioBlitz in April 2017
 - iv) Cookout in Fall 2017
 - v) 6 students went to the National Meeting in Albuquerque NM
 - (1) Placed in top 8 in quiz bowl!!!
 - vi) Intro to Hunting – worked with John Copland of DGIF, to set up a squirrel hunt where students unfamiliar with hunting could learn how and preparation.
 - vii) Camera trap study at Mountain Lake – send 2-18 students each weekend to check cameras (14th year)
 - viii) Mill Mountain Zoo partnership to send students to get experience.
 - ix) Annual game dinner – open to public, raised ~\$1k
 - x) Wildlife Management workshop for local boy scouts
 - b) Radford – Kristy Clark
 - i) Bobwhites on the Brink March 2017 with Tech as cosponsor
 - ii) Bioblitz 2017
 - iii) Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally May 2017 (workshops, small mammal trapping, show community folk how to measure)
 - iv) Mill Mountain Zoo field trip October 2017
 - v) Claytor Lake Mussel Salvage November 2017
 - vi) Monthly meetings – professional talks
 - vii) 20 paid members but larger participation from non-members
 - viii) Bioblitz 13-14 April 2018
 - c) Longwood chapter revoked by National due to inactivity
- 5) Officer Elections

- a) President Elect (3year) – Tamara Johnstone-Yellin, unanimous vote
 - b) Secretary (2year) – Scott Klopfer, unanimous vote
 - c) Member-at- Large (2year) – Michael Cherry, unanimous vote
 - d) Student Representative – John Connock, VA Tech, will serve until graduation in May
- 6) Old Business
- a) No old business announced
- 7) New Business
- a) Student Officer Elections –Karen and Marcella will determine a plan for a full year student representative
 - b) Committees – Mike will check by-laws for term limits for committees – may help with retention/awareness, 2 year limit for chairs okay with reinstatement possible for more commitment - unanimous
 - i) Nominations & Elections – David Kocka, chair
 - ii) Membership (Recruitment) – Andy Rosenberg, chair
 - iii) Conservation Affairs – Scott Klopfer, Chair (Nelson LaFon, SE chair)
 - (1) Todd Fredericksen, Ferrum
 - (2) Betsy Shinson
 - iv) Program – President Elect – in charge of putting together the meeting with help from ExComm but would like more help from outside ExComm
 - (1) Lauren Mowbray, USFS
 - (2) Jennifer Wright, USFS
 - (3) Education and Information (Outreach) - Faren Wolter, Chair
 - (a) Mary Claire King, VT
 - (b) Georgia Martin, VT
 - v) Audit – Jeff Trollinger, - will check if he'll do it again
 - vi) Ad-Hoc Committees
 - (1) Awards – Scott Klopfer, Chair
 - (2) History & Archives – Karen Powers, chairs
 - (a) Survey results, membership items (not minutes or reports)
 - (b) Google drive?
 - (3) Communication – Secretary, Scott Klopfer, Chair
 - (a) Stephanie Coster, RMC
 - c) Reporting to SE newsletter - Aaron Proctor
 - i) Need to do more often than once a year reporting to SE (Katie Edwards)
 - ii) Ask agencies and student chapters to get information
 - iii) Put under Outreach Committee
 - iv) January, May, September issues of newsletter
 - d) Meeting 2019 – Issues to consider
 - i) Rotate every 3 years or continuous new places?
 - (1) Richmond is more central, but can be pricey
 - (2) VA Beach can be cheap this time of year
 - (3) Top three and then ask membership?
 - ii) Attempt to join AFS meeting? – Blacksburg next year, try to do a joint meeting with them? Overall theme would have to be something in common for both groups. Need large enough place for everyone.
 - iii) Location?

- iv) Amenities Level?
- e) Awards Committee Report – See separate report.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22pm by President M. St. Germain