2018 Virginia Chapter Wildlife Society Meeting

February 5-7th -- 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.
   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