

Winter Business Meeting – Virginia Chapter of the Wildlife Society

February 5, 2014, 8:30 – 10:30 AM

I. Welcome

President Andy Rosenberger called the meeting to order at 8:48. Meeting was delayed slightly due to weather considerations.

II. Election Balloting

Ballots were distributed to the masses to vote for officer positions.

III. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – Todd Fredericksen

Balance preceding the meeting was \$23,232.03 and a predicted balance of \$7733.50. The numbers would be tallied after the meeting.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

** Note – Treasurer's Report from 2/7/14 is included with these minutes.*

b. Secretary's Report – Joe Ferdinandsen

Joe provided a review of the minutes from the 2013 Business meeting and announced there were 146 members as of February 3, up from 101 this time last year.

Motion to accept Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

** Secretary's addendum – by the close of the conference, the roster increased to 148 members.*

c. Committee Reports

- Conservation Review – Nelson Lafon

Nelson gave a detailed report of committee activities that is attached. The highlights included the following: renewing membership with the Virginia League of Conservation Voters and the Virginia Conservation Network, chapter involvement with TWS's Conservation Affairs Network, and letters sent to local, state, and federal government.

Report attached.

- Audit was completed by Jeff Trollinger and was satisfactory

- Awards (Ad Hoc) – Scott Klopfer

2014 award winners were (presented at banquet on 2/4):

Henry S. Mosby Professional Award – Dave Steffen

A. Willis Robertson Citizen Conservation Award – Mr. Thomas Clarke

Scholarship Award – Ms. Fallon Parker

Best Student Presentation – Zach Farris

Runner up for Best Presentation – Brenna Hyzy

- Communications (Ad Hoc) – David Bishop has left VA so the chair is open. The chairperson solicits reports from governmental agencies in VA twice per year about recently completed, current, and pending programs.
- Student Chapters
Radford: April 5 is the Bioblitz and the Radford Roosting Fest is March 29
Virginia Tech: attended the TWS Annual Meeting in Milwaukee, a discussion on Conclave will follow
- Education and Information – Amy Carrozino-Lyon – information about certification has been offered to students. Response has been minimal.

Motion to accept all committee reports. Motion passed.

IV. Old Business

a. Alex Garretson from the VT student chapter gave a presentation on Conclave at NC State in 2013. Over 400 students attended. The event is unique because it offers students opportunities for education, networking, and to represent VA and Virginia Tech. VT finished 7th out of 22 schools. Clemson is hosting this year and Tech will host in 2015.

b. Bridgewater College has expressed interest in developing a student chapter.

V. New Business

a. Nelson presented a discussion on the Conservation Affairs Network. Galon Hall will share some duties as Co-Chair. Those in attendance were asked to contribute what they feel are priority conservation issues. Items brought forward included the following:

<i>general wildlife management</i>	<i>invasive species</i>	<i>energy development</i>
<i>lead ammunition</i>	<i>hunting regulations</i>	<i>public land management</i>
<i>menhaden fishery decline</i>	<i>trophy management</i>	<i>North American Model</i>
<i>promotion of a land ethic</i>	<i>“kids in the woods”</i>	<i>coastal habitat protection</i>
<i>climate change</i>	<i>human dimensions</i>	
<i>changing public perception of wildlife</i>		
<i>educating colleges and universities to teach children conservation</i>		

b. A request for assistance was made by the Virginia Tech Student Chapter to help with Conclave in March 2015. People will be needed for judging and seminars. The request needs to have a reasonable amount of time built in to allow people to deliver what is asked for.

c. Some additional dialogue ensued about the Communications Committee and the current social media potential.

VI. Other Announcement and Updates

a. Student Fees

b. Dana Morin and Marcella Kelly have proposed an Eastern coyote workshop in Pittsburgh at the 2014 National Meeting. The primary purpose would be to develop a “toolbox” for handling carnivore conflicts.

VII. Election Results

David Kocka announced the following winners of the officer elections:

Aaron Proctor is the President-Elect

Amy Carrozino-Lyon is the Secretary

Lauren Billodeaux is the Member-At-Large

Chandler Eaglestone is the Student Representative

VIII. Changing of the Presidents

Karen Powers stepped up as President.

Karen called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed at 10:20