

## Executive Board Meeting, SETWS Minutes

May 9, 2014

Conference call initiated a 10:00 EST

Present: Eric Pelren (EP), Mark Smith (MS), Darren Miller (DM), Kelley Douglas (KD), and Mike Conner (MC)

- I. Called to order by EP at 10:07
- II. Approval of spring Minutes. Motion to accept DM, Seconded MC, Approved
- III. Reports
  - a. Treasurer report. MC reported that we had a balance of \$11,854.53 with an estimated \$3k in anticipated pay outs for the remainder of the year.
  - b. Section representative report. DM stated that (1) The revised TWS strategic plan will be shorter and more focused. (2) The TWS budget situation is improving. (3) A marketing director has been hired and will help recruit new members and raise funds. (4) The SETWS is a sponsor of the deer breeding symposium and workshop proposed by the hunting, trapping, and conservation working group and the wildlife disease working groups. (5) Darren Miller will rotate off of council and a replacement will need to be voted on by SETWS. Candidates will need to be chosen in time to be placed on ballots in summer of 2015. This is a 3-year term.
  - c. Publications Committee Report. KD stated that she was waiting on manuscripts from the editor to be provided to the committee for reviewers.
- IV. Old Business.
  - a. EP reported that bylaw changes approved during 2011 are updated on the new website but not on the old JOOMLA website. TWS is working on removing this old site to eliminate confusion.
  - b. KD asked if there was a listing of past SETWS officers. There was some discussion, but we decided that there was no consolidated list.
  - c. EP reported that that Doug Osborne, Univ AR Monticello, will serve as Associated Editor for wildlife for this year's SEAFWA proceedings and James Martin, MS St. Univ., will serve as Assistant Editor. There was some discussion of establishing a need for standard operating procedures for SEAFWA submissions, but we acknowledged that this is ultimately up to the directors.
  - d. EP reported that Chris Deperno, NC State, will serve as chair of the Wildlife Management Excellence Award for a one year period and hat Gray Anderson of TWMA would serve on this committee.
  - e. EP reported that Craig Harper will serve as the new SETWS rep on the CW Watson Award committee. He will chair the committee in 2015.
  - f. EP reported that The Wildlife Professional EAB asked for a rep to the EAB from SETWS. Joe McGlincy agreed to serve on this board.

- g. EP reported hat Steve Rockwood would Chair the Liaison committee to facilitate communication between SETWS and SEAFWA.
- V. Strategic plan.
  - a. We discussed that the new TWS strategic plan would serve as a good template for a SETWS strategic plan.
- VI. New Business
  - a. EP stated that we had two committees with vacant chairs
    - i. Membership committee.
    - ii. Endangered species and nongame wildlife. This committee was designed to foster communications among various nongame wildlife organizations (e.g., PARC, SBDN, PIF). There was some discussion of the need for this committee and we decided that a motivated chair was key. DM agreed to talk to potential chairs.
  - b. DM stated that there was proposed to be a joint TWS-AFS meeting in 2017 in Tampa. The two meetings would have independent sessions in different nodes of the same conference center. The meeting will be held in August.
  - c. EP provided a letter of support from KY, TN, and MS agencies requesting a competition among student chapters to promote sales of hunting licenses. Eric suggested that this be part of the evaluation criteria used for determining student chapter of the year. The proposer suggested incorporating into conclave competition.
  - d. EP suggested having KY work out kinks and propose again.
  - e. EP requested that we purchase a buzzer system to support quiz bowl at conclave. DM moved to purchase. MC seconded. Motion passed. MC will order and have shipped.
  - f. KD recommended that student poster and oral presentations not be scheduled within 4 hours of the banquet to provide enough time to determine winners.
- VII. MC moved to adjourn, seconded by DM. Motion passed. Adjourned 11:28 EST.