

TWS Forestry & Wildlife Working Group
Meeting Notes
11/28/16 1pm EST
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Action items or related decisions are in bold.

In attendance:

- Greg Corace (Chair; Applied Sciences Program, Seney NWR)
- Bob Carey (Past chair; USFWS)
- Jenniffer Bakke (Secretary/Treasurer; Hancock Forest Management)
- Justin Vreeland (Board member; Pennsylvania Game Commission)
- Shelby Weiss (Student Liaison; Ohio State University)

- I. Review meeting notes and action items from Annual Meeting
 - a. Bakke sent out meeting notes to the members and they were posted on the WG webpage
 - b. Overview
 - i. The annual meeting was very well attended ~24 individuals
 1. Bakke notes that one third in attendance were not yet members and so she added them to the distribution list for the meeting notes.
 - ii. Most discussion was over the student travel grant issue and issues of communication with the membership
 1. Debates over student travel grants with most agreeing that publicizing availability of travel funds is a good idea
 2. Those in attendance wanted to be updated more frequently as to what the WG is doing and how they are spending dues
 - iii. Vreeland received a comment from one member in attendance soon after the annual meeting who thought we should have financially supported the Forestry 101 workshop
 1. Bakke believes there was miscommunication with the group about this. They did not directly ask for funds when they requested sponsorship. Bakke does think communication could be better in regards to our policies on sponsorship and would like to have a formal process that is shared on the website so that we can avoid missed opportunities in the future.
 - iv. Corace received multiple comments and emails from folks with positive remarks and thanks for what the WG is doing
 1. Carey remarks that the actions of the FWWG need to be thought of in the context of other WGs. The FWWG is more engaged than many.
 - c. Review of action items from the annual meeting

- b. **The board will review the sections they authored and overall look at how the article flows and transitions and provide feedback**
 - c. **Bakke will email Castleberry one more time to see he is able to write something**
 - d. **Board members will send personal photos/headshots to Bakke (if they have not already)**
- IV. Continue discussion re: 2017 objectives (7 priority areas identified below)
- a. Operating plan moving forward
 - i. Corace poses the question of how best to review/revise for the coming year
 - ii. **Bakke suggests that board members review the entire document and provide comments to all by Friday Feb 3 (using annual meeting notes as guidance)**
 - iii. **All revisions (based on edits from board members with each board member taking lead for their initial sections) will be done by Feb 17 (and uploaded on the google drive)**
 - 1. **** Don't make edits in the live google document because it won't allow track changes. Download and make changes within a word document.**
 - b. Kelly Douglass' offered to do an email template to better communicate with a working group
 - i. **At this point, this will not be a newsletter exactly, but will be for shorter, more frequent email updates.**
 - ii. **Discussion of an actual newsletter tabled until after the email template is done.**
 - c. The WG co-sponsor/co-leading future symposia at annual meetings
 - i. **Work with folks who brought things up at the annual meeting**
 - d. Continue work on getting position statement approved
 - e. Facebook/Website
 - i. **Members should continue sending content to Weiss for posting (weiss.484@osu.edu)**
 - f. Continued sponsorship
 - g. Logo
- V. Update re: discussion with other Working Groups for 2017 symposia (Corace)
- a. Biodiversity WGs and Restoration WGs have shared interests with the FWWG
 - i. If FWWG leads a symposium, we can probably ask for these other WGs to sponsor in name (or with a small amount of money). **Corace will investigate.**
- VI. Logo update (Vreeland)
- a. Dennis McGraw's designs- there are several choices now.
 - b. Consensus is that the simplest image best (deer antlers and the tree)

