

TWS Forestry & Wildlife Working Group

Meeting Notes

3/9/17 3pm EST

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Action items 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)
- Kelly Douglass (E-newsletter editor; NC Wildlife Resources Commission)
- Shelby Weiss (Student Liaison; Ohio State University)
- Steven Castleberry (Board member; Univ. GA)

1. Old items

- a. Operating plan (Corace)
 - i. Revised and uploaded to the Google Drive
 - ii. Post to website?
 1. Yes, all agree we should post to the website
 2. **Shelby will send to Mariah to post to website under "About" tab.**
- b. Logo
 - i. Logo is complete
 - ii. Still need to agree on the price, Vreeland has been going back and forth with the artist
 - iii. Carey suggested that paying the price suggested by the artist (\$275+\$50 fee) as it is not too far beyond our original budget (\$300)
 1. All agree that \$325 is fine to pay the artist
 2. **Vreeland and Bakke will work together to pay the artist**
- c. TWP Article (Bakke)
 - i. Draft is almost ready to be sent out, just needs a few more pictures
 - ii. **Bakke will communicate with Nancy Sasavage to see what format is suitable to send to her**
 - iii. Corace thinks it would be nice to get the article done before the annual meeting
 1. Bakke thinks this will not be a problem
 - iv. Timeframe for submission?
 1. Bakke would like to send in the next two weeks

2. Carey had sent Bakke content, so she can add if there is room. Carey is also okay with not having his content included if that helps speed up the process
 3. **Board members should get any materials/edits to Bakke by COB (Pacific Time) on March 17th so she can send off the final COB Pacific**
 - a. If Douglass would like to contribute to the article, she can send content to Bakke
- d. Newsletter (Douglass)
- i. Douglass will update the newsletter today after the call with any relevant additions
 1. The newsletter will be ready to go out April 1st
 2. Douglass thinks information about elections should be included in this issue (discussed below under "Elections")
 3. **Corace will review one more draft before Douglass sends**
- e. Elections (Castleberry)
- i. The elections committee is chaired by Castleberry and also includes Douglass and Carey
 1. Goal of the committee is to provide two nominations per elected position
 2. **Douglass will put out a call in the newsletter**
 3. The group should also advertise on FB, website, etc
 - ii. Every position +1 is open this year
 - iii. Do not have a chair elect at this point
 1. Do we try to elect a chair and a chair elect this time around?
 - a. Charter does include language for if there is no chair elect
 - b. Corace says yes, if someone steps up to the plate for chair elect that would be great
 - i. Consensus around this, if we can find somebody willing to commit six years
 - c. **Castleberry will advertise all positions**
 - iv. Castleberry developed a timeline based on timing of annual meeting (this will allow people to consider traveling to the meeting if they get elected)
 1. The slate of nominees has to be submitted to membership 30 days prior to the election
 - v. What to do if we don't get 2 candidates per position?
 1. Not addressed in the Charter
 2. Carey: in the past they have had uncontested people run, but it would be nice to have more nominees so that statements could be submitted.

2. Bakke: Yes
3. Castleberry: Yes
4. Vreeland: Yes
5. Douglass: Yes
6. Weiss: Yes
7. Corace: Yes

8. Vote to fund supported

iii. Planning for and implementing climate-wise connectivity.

1. Carey: Abstained
2. Bakke: has questions, didn't think they were very clear with the link to forest management. Votes yes, with some hesitation
3. Castleberry: Yes, with hesitation
4. Vreeland: Abstained
5. Douglass: Abstained, not enough information
6. Weiss: Yes
7. Corace: Yes, with hesitation

8. Vote to support

iv. Corace will send emails notifying the groups today. WG support is in name only right now. The board will have future votes for financial support if that is requested. Deadline for financial request will be listed in email from Corace

c. 2017 TWS Annual Meeting round table

- i. Carey is interested in the idea of doing a roundtable and is working on getting approval to go to the annual meeting
- ii. Corace: can pick this up at a later day
- iii. **Corace and Carey will work together to come up with some ideas**

d. Surveying FWWG members

- i. Corace approached Weiss and Douglass to work on setting up a survey of our WG members
- ii. We don't have a lot of information on them right now and Corace would like to up with a 10 question survey to get a snapshot of who makes up the membership to help move forward as a WG to meet goals and objectives
 1. Vreeland thinks it's a great idea and would like to be on the committee as well
 2. Carey: TWS has a profile for each person, which should be available?
 - a. Bakke says it's not. She has tried to get in the past for another subunit and was not able to get this information
 - b. Castleberry thinks it's a good idea

- c. If we keep the survey to 10 questions, Douglass will be able to create it with the free version of Survey Monkey.
 - d. Committee will report back as the survey is developed**
 - e. Douglass will technically create the survey using Survey Monkey**
 - f. Weiss will analyze survey data**
 - g. All committee members will help devise questions**
 - e. Offer of assistance (Corace/Douglass)
 - i. An individual reached out wanting to be involved with the FWVG
 - ii. Corace has asked for some more information from him and told him there were elections coming up, so he should consider running for a board position
 - iii. The individual has not yet responded
 - f. Rapid roundtable of Board members and Liaisons
 - i. Carey: Nothing to add
 - ii. Bakke: Nothing to add
 - iii. Vreeland: Nothing to add
 - iv. Castleberry: Nothing to add
 - v. Douglass: With elections replacing all positions this year, do we want to try and stagger position terms?
 - 1. There is some built-in holdover (past chair) if everyone else is replaced
 - 2. Board members can do up to 3 terms
 - 3. Carey has done all the terms he can do, so he will step aside
 - 4. Bakke had a similar thought. We can discuss later, but maybe add more board positions? Would require a change to the Charter.
 - a. Corace would prefer not to change the Charter prior to this election
 - b. Elections committee will think about this and report back**
 - vi. Weiss: Nothing to add
 - vii. Corace: USFWS staff met at the National Conservation Training Center in WV to frame in a “forest ecology and management primer” for USFWS biologists this week. Corace sent an email to these USFWS colleagues regarding the primer and that this WG would like to review/assist/provide feedback if so desired on the syllabus
 - g. Deadline for meeting notes
 - i. Weiss will send draft to Greg and Jenn by COB Friday Mar 10**

- ii. Bakke will send out meeting notes by COB Pacific next Monday, March 13th**