

RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKING GROUP BOARD MEETING
3 February 2015 (Teleconference @ 3:30 pm Eastern)

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call (Susan)**
 - a. Susan Rupp
 - b. Greg Forcey
 - c. Jerry Roppe

- II. Old Business**
 - a. Sept. 2014 Monthly Meeting, Nov. 2014 Monthly Meeting, and 2013 Annual Meeting minutes need to be approved. A board quorum was not present at previous meetings so minutes could not be approved. Motion by Jerry to approve, seconded by Susan. So moved
 - b. Updated from officers
 - i. Greg thanked Jerry for the field trip at annual conference. Had videographer out there. Asked if there is anyone we can send a thank you note to. Mark Perryman and Chris Long.
 - ii. Treasurer report – Transitioned from Patrick to Randy Coleman. We haven't heard from Randy since he received materials from Patrick.
 - iii. Secretary (Susan) – No reports
 - c. Conference planning for Winnipeg
 - i. Symposium proposal by International Wildlife, Renewable Energy, and Climate Change Working Groups. Proposal is due on Friday, Feb. 6th. Greg will submit.
 - d. Monthly reminders:
 - i. Literature updates on website
 - ii. LinkedIn site.....anything newsworthy, please post.
 - iii. The Wildlife Professional article – led by Brian – currently not a priority

- III. New Business (Greg)**
 - a. Jerry discussed rehab grant program (Wildlife Protection Program) through Iberdrola that is available and wants to make people aware they can submit proposals to the program. Jerry will look for info and send to Susan to post on the working group's blog.
 - b. Roundtable for Sustainable Biomaterials has 60-day public comment period on RSB's Principles & Criteria, which represent the core of the RSB certification system. They describe the environmental, social and economic requirements to be met by certified operators to ensure sustainable production of biomass and biomaterials. Susan will post information on LinkedIn and Blog
 - c. Direction of Working Group
 - i. 2013 series of phone calls to put together SWAT analysis, short & long-term goals.
 - ii. Short-term goals included literature cited, become resource for people
 - iii. Talked about Op-ed piece in The Wildlife Professional
 - iv. Conference outside of TWS conference and have papers on renewable energy, but decided was probably not feasible to pursue.
 - v. Greg has noticed that attendance on Board meetings has dropped.

- vi. Open discussion:
 - 1. Jerry suggested the combined symposium in Winnipeg may good place to discuss mutual goals across groups, also noted it is interesting we do not have an “energy working group” within TWS.
 - 2. Possible revisit vision/mission statement???
 - 3. Discussion to look at quarterly meetings and stress attendance at those “high-level” meetings. Up to Chair and his/her style. Could have monthly meetings as we get closer to annual meeting. But if move to quarterly, is it possible that smaller tasks might get pushed aside because other priorities arise over that 3-month period?
- vii. Plan on late March for next meeting
- viii. Jerry moved to adjourn meeting, Susan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm (Eastern)

IV. Action Item Summary and Wrap Up

- a. Jerry will send write-up about grant program to Susan to post on website
- b. Susan will post RSB 60-day comment period information on website/LinkedIn pages
- c. Jerry will send contact information for Mark Perryman and Chris Long to Greg so thank you note can be sent.
- d. Greg will clean up and submit symposium proposal for Winnipeg conference
- e. Greg will follow up with new treasurer, Randy, to check his status.
- f. Greg will poll rest of Board about thoughts regarding monthly versus quarterly meetings at the next monthly meeting
- g. Greg will send thank you emails to Mark Perryman and Chris Long for their support of our field trip to the Casselman Wind Farm last year.