

RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKING GROUP BOARD MEETING
13 March 2014 (Teleconference @ 3:00 pm CST)

- I. Roll Call (Susan)
 - A. Kimberly Wells
 - B. Tim Green
 - C. Susan Rupp
 - D. Patrick Burke
 - E. Greg Forcey

- II. Old Business
 - A. February Minutes (condensed and recirculated by Susan via email)
Greg will help Susan with posting minutes
 - B. Annual Conference Business Meeting
 - 1. Need to request day/time meeting (Greg) - Monday preference, Tuesday is second choice. Prefer right after lunch (12:15 – 2:15)
 - 2. Discussion about whether we should have another breakfast. Consensus to do it again. How should we fund it? Sponsorships last year, could charge fee, or could tap our bank account.
 - a) *It was \$691 for catering last year for 30 people (~\$23/head). Discussed charging \$20 (maybe less, will defer discussion until later pending sponsorships), but trying to find sponsorships to offset costs.*
 - b) *Forms due June 30th. Day/time for breakfast....can plug it during annual meeting on Monday or Tuesday, then have it Wednesday morning (Tuesday second choice).*
 - C. Next Steps on Energy Impacts Summary
 - 1. Original discussion about producing high level impacts on wildlife of renewable energy. Still trying to define who our target audience is. Is it for high level general public policy (assuming base knowledge comes from what they read in news, etc.) versus expert (e.g., scientists like us that read journals)?
 - 2. Discussed how end product might be distributed (could start on our website, ask for membership response) or have prepared for general media requests that come through TWS office. The Wildlife Professional may be another outlet.
 - 3. Could use a preliminary draft to build ad hoc sector committees for review/encourage participation.
 - 4. Discussion about earlier sharing versus later sharing (with members), but still concern over portraying incomplete message with table. Discussed whether we should pilot with wind, and then reach out to other sectors through the ad hoc committees.
 - 5. Discussed whether we should incorporate climate change working group
 - D. Board Reports - NONE

III. New Business

A. Susan hired as 2014 Bioenergy Liaison for Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)

1. Her role is to serve as the “face” of fish and wildlife agencies in front of industry and to encourage opportunities for engagement of industry with agencies
2. Encouraged board to keep her updated on any renewable energy biomass conference/expos they may be notified about or other ways to engage industry.

IV. Action Item Summary/Wrap Up

- Greg and Susan will work together to get minutes on website and membership list
- Greg will help organize WG meeting at TWS
- Kim will work with Katie to get spreadsheet,
- Susan will help look for sponsors for breakfast
- Susan will help Kim with Associated Meeting form
- Patrick said he would take stab at creating impact table specific to wind and offsets.