

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

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call (Susan)**
 - a. Kim
 - b. Susan
 - c. Tim
 - d. Brad Romano
 - e. Greg
 - f. Jerry
 - g. Manuela

- II. Old Business**
 - a. April minutes (Greg circulated via email on 4/22, also re-attached here)
 - i. Greg moves to adopt. Tim seconded. No objection to consent. Minutes approved with minor administrative change from Patrick.
 - b. Officer Reports
 - i. Chair (Kim) - None
 - 1. Treasurer (bank account balance and annual IRS postcard filing Patrick) – will be filed today
 - 2. Secretary (Susan) - Has not been able to work on website due to heavy traveling schedule and recent move. Should settle down now.
 - 3. At Large Board Members - None
 - c. TWS Annual Meeting form request (Greg)
 - i. Form due in June, was submitted on April 15th. Greg will recirculate it to the board.
 - d. TWS Associated Meetings/Breakfast form request (Susan)
 - i. Will submit form before end of May
 - ii. Sponsorships will be considered starting mid-June.
 - iii. Search for caterers will begin in June.
 - e. REWG Wind Farm Field Trip (Brad and Jerry, see attached proposal from Schoener)
 - i. Logistics/Format – Revised proposal sent to board for review. Scheduled to submit in June. Purpose of trip is to gain exposure to wind energy and wildlife interactions. Believe many people at TWS conference would relish the opportunity to visit a wind farm and experience issues they face. Round-robin tours envisioned (small groups can peel off), walk inside turbines, discuss technology and site layout.

Leave conference area around 8:00 am with 1.5 hour drive. Safety briefing. In morning talk about history of Castleman site. BCI will participate. PGC will provide presentation on Pennsylvania environmental review process and some history on the agreement that was established. Networking lunch.

After lunch, wind energy summary to discuss what is currently known about wind-wildlife interactions around the country. Then brief summary specific to Pennsylvania. AWWI (Taber?) discussion about national wind energy guidelines, databases available to researchers, etc. Then end day with Q&A panel discussion with all presenters from the day.

- ii. Speakers – we have some confirmed speakers, but are working to confirm others. Speakers will represent industry, agencies, landowners, and other various stakeholders.

III. New Business (Kim)

- a. Remaining 2014 goals
 - i. The Wildlifer Newsletter (Brian) – no update from Brian right now. Plan 'B' could be to submit an article on the wind farm field trip either in place of Brian's article (if it doesn't happen) or in addition to it. Brian's article could go into the Wildlife Professional and the wind farm article could go into The Wildlifer. The Wildlifer article would be a good opportunity to recruit people to attend field trip and networking breakfast.
 - ii. Resource Section of Web Site
 1. Wind (top three to five sources annotated)
 - a. NYSERDA
 - b. Swedish review
 - c. AWWI/NWWC materials
 - d. National Academies of Sciences review (2007?) was also suggested.
 2. Tim suggested doing solar next and can work with Brian. Not much published yet, though. Some concern expressed that we are a long ways off from being able to determine impacts to wildlife compared to wind. Most information is on growing body of Best Management Practices. Very different mechanisms of impact based on types of solar.

IV. Action Item Summary and Wrap Up

- a. Brad and Jerry will work to finalize speakers for field trip
- b. Brad will let Jerry know the last week of May when a good time for a conference call will be to finalize field trip plans.
- c. Susan will submit breakfast networking round-table form by end of May
- d. Seeking sponsorships (Susan) and catering (Tim) will start in June
- e. Greg will recirculate the form that was submitted for annual meeting
- f. Article regarding wind energy field trip will be written by Greg and submitted (with a picture) for the June copy of The Wildlifer. Draft will be submitted to Board by June 1st for comments.
- g. Board members with wind resources suggestions will send that information to Board for consideration (Susan, Greg, others?)
- h. Tim will work with Brian to toss around ideas about solar section of the webpage.