

**New Jersey Chapter – The Wildlife Society**  
**Spring 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2015**  
**Duke Farms**

*Topic: Wildlife Habitat Management at Duke Farms*

Meeting began with TWS NJ Chapter president Evan Madlinger welcomed everyone to Duke Farms and began the business portion of the meeting by passing out for everyone to read a letter to the Highlands Council to seek biologist advise for their master plan.

Evan then discussed The Northeast's sections draft position statement on the management of over abundant deer. Also, the Northeast section is currently \$10.00 to join. The NE Section would like to do away with the \$10 dues and switch to a one dollar fee for all state sections. The NJTWS board thought it was an idea worth exploring and would potentially have a vote during the fall meeting.

Ted Nichols discussed the RA Cookingham Scholarship and possible moving the application due date to November (On 5/18 Ted sent out an email that NJTWS did not receive any applications for this award and that the deadline would be moved to November 1<sup>st</sup>.) Dr. Applegate reminded everyone that the scholarship is to assist an undergraduate, which is a driving force to moving the scholarship application date to November.

Treasurer Report: Went over bank account statement. Discussed the possibility of adding treasure to elections this fall because Jim Sciascia is now living abroad.

Elections Fall 2015: The following are open

- President
- Secretary
- Board member at large
- Treasure (Possible)

Must nominate someone for an audit

Also, discussed the need to update bylaws, as well as, national wanting to expand conservation affairs network.

Discussed topic for Fall 2015 meeting

Presentations:

Evan Madlinger gave a presentation about a restoration project that occurred at Duke Farms. Thomas Almendinger, of Duke Farms, gave a presentation about the history and resoration of Duke Farms.

Tour:

Thomas Almendinger than gave a tour of Duke Farms

