



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

March Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2017 – 1 pm CST

Attendees: Jennifer Chutz (Chair)

Johanna E. Duffy (Vice-Chair)

Adonia Henry (Past Chair)

Auriel Fournier (Secretary/Treasurer)

I. Admin

- a. Taxes – DONE

ACTION ITEMS:

II. Treasurer Report

- a. Jen went to US Bank in Helena to see what was needed to set up a new business account. Needs \$100, meeting minutes with title of parent organization and working group, names & titles of all officers, my and Auriel's signature (in person), and once Auriel moves physical locations, a utility bill with her new physical address (required when there is a move in previous 90 days)..

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen – Finish setting up account by April 7.
- Auriel - Once Jen sets account up, need to physically stop by a US Bank in Little Rock Arkansas as she moves to Mississippi and get things set up.
- Auriel - Once we have new account set up, deposit Heath's check closing Regions Bank from late November and all checks for dues from TWS

III. Media

- a. Logo

ACTION ITEMS:

- Adonia – add TWS to the logo with text along edge of leaf on future Chico bags

- b. Website

- i. Email Mariah Simmons at msimmons@wildlife.org to update website

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen & Adonia - Compile links to other sources of wetland news instead of maintaining our own monthly update in "Wetland News" section. Get onto website.
- Johanna - Add "training opportunities" section
- Jen - Email Mariah regarding the membership directory - can we get ALL members of a Working Group listed rather than just the officers?
https://wildlife.secure.force.com/portal_memberdirectorymain

- c. Newsletter

- i. Next issue will be July pub date - deadline for articles is June 16.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Feature Article: Bob from ND, herps in ag wetlands
- Fill in Articles:
 - * NRCS using new method for wetlands certifications used prior to farm land conversion. Resulted in reduction in wetland determinations & therefore protected wetland acres (Johanna)
 - * Threats to ESA (Auriel)
 - * Threats to WOTUS (Jen)
 - * New admin's EPA - Budget cuts, Scott Pruitt, effects on wetland programs (Jen)
- Adonia - Continue with "training opportunities" and "wetlands in the news" section
 - Jen - Contact Andy (NPS) & Adam Sepulveda (USGS) to potentially write the feature article for end of 2017 newsletter about eDNA use in identifying wildlife that use wetlands
- d. Quarterly Email
 - i. April is the goal for quarterly email

ACTION ITEMS:

All - Send Jen any articles/policy info/research info to compile for more frequent email blasts to increase communication with membership, as requested at 2016 Natl. Mtg.

- e. Facebook

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen - Write email/FB post/website post to get Social Media Liason to keep our page updated.

IV. TWS Conservation Affairs Network

- a. Jen, Adonia & Scott Yaich are current recipients of the CAN newsletters.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen - Add Johanna to CAN list
- Adonia – Email Scott to see if he’s continuing with TWS CAN after he retires.

V. TWS partnership with Bayer Bee Care

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen - Ask Bryce/Dan about this
- All - Attend USDA Neonicotinoid Webinar on or after April 27th here:
<http://www.conservationwebinars.net/webinars/mitigating-potential-impacts-of-neonicotinoid-insecticides-on-wetland-ecosystems>

VI. 2017 TWS National Meeting - Sept 23-27, Albuquerque, NM

- a. Symposium on Water, Wetlands and Wildlife
 - i. Led by Sammy King, Adam Janke, Adonia Henry
 - ii. Need 10 speakers for a half day

ACTION ITEMS

- b. Group booth for ALL 29 Working Groups
 - ACTION ITEMS
 - Adonia will continue to follow up.
- c. Travel Grant

- i. Early Registration Deadline for national meeting is July 15th.
- ii. We will announce the winner of travel grant by July 3rd
- iii. Deadline to Apply will be June 11th
- iv. Auriel will be the person who will receive all the submissions

ACTION ITEMS

- Adonia will send text from last year to the group
 - Jen will send out in email blast
- d. Electing New Officers
 - i. We will need to advertise for Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer in upcoming email blast & newsletter

ACTION ITEMS

- Adonia will work on text from last time, make it more personal to emphasize the time commitment.

VII. 2018 Arid Wetlands Symposium

- a. Partnering with SWS Wildlife Section

ACTION ITEMS

- Auriel – Keep up-to-date with SWS Wildlife Section planning for symposium
- Auriel - Any interest from people wanting to be a part of this?

VIII. Next meeting at 1PM CST on 5/4/2017

Minutes prepared by: Auriel Fournier