



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – CONFERENCE CALL – MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM CST

I. CALL TO ORDER (Henry) –

- a) Adonia Henry called the conference call to order.
- b) Officers present: Adonia Henry (Chair), Jennifer Chutz (Vice-Chair), Auriel Fournier (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Lisa Webb (Past Chair)

II. NEW BUSINESS (Henry, Chutz, Fournier, Webb) –

a) Transfer of Duties

- i. Auriel is new Secretary/Treasurer, Jen is new Vice-Chair, Adonia is new Chair, Lisa is new Past Chair
- ii. ACTION ITEMS:
 1. Jen - Send Auriel bank information, WWG website info, etc...
 2. Auriel - Follow up with Heath on checks issue (his personal address is on checks - should be TWS National address)

b) Newsletter

- i. December 2015
 1. Strive for another one in December 2015. Deadline for draft articles on November 20th.
 2. We can go over everything on December 4th Friday morning meeting.
- ii. Future Newsletters
 1. As per discussion at the annual meeting, in the future, try to do 3/year?
 2. Start planning out articles for future newsletters.
- iii. ACTION ITEMS:
 1. Adonia - Ask Oak Hammock Award Winner (Deanna McCullum, DND - Canada) to write content on how the field trip was. Asking Jane to write a summary of the Great Plains Wetland symposium. Adonia will write a couple of Wetlands in the News blurbs (use our own website/ASWM/SWS/etc... for ideas). Follow up with Scott Yaich on USACE 60 day comment period.
 2. Jen - Write article on WOTUS status. Remind Linda Vance to make sure she will write the feature article.
 3. Lisa - Write summary of WWG annual meeting

4. Auriel - Write article on LWCF expiration - see mass email sent out last month as well as WWG's 'Wetland News' website for ideas.

c) **Logo Contest**

- i. Deadline = Monday, November 16th
- ii. Let's give members 2 weeks to vote = Monday, November 30th. They can vote for 3 logos, with "1" given the highest ranking and "3" given the lowest ranking. The board will choose the winner from the top 3 by the end of the week, Friday December 4th. Logo will be ready for the December newsletter.
- iii. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 1. Auriel - Looking into SurveyMonkey. Looking into ranking the votes as 1, 2, 3 for logos.

d) **TWS position statement on 'Alterations of Stream, Wetland and Riparian Habitats in the US'**

- i. Expired & was renewed, both October 2015
- ii. Do we need to make comment on it?
- iii. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 1. Adonia - Looking into this.

e) **Facebook**

- i. Considering creating a WWG FB page as another medium for interaction with our members.
- ii. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 1. Auriel - Looking into setting this up & will keep it up.

f) **2016 The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC**

- i. Organize a wetland field trip?
- ii. Or a symposia?
- iii. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 1. Adonia - Email Jamie Rader (DU in SC) for ideas/contacts

g) **Reaching out to other professional societies**

- i. Should we coordinate with them? How? Contact folks within their similar working groups?
- ii. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 1. Auriel - Society of Wetland Scientists's Wildlife Working Group.
 2. Adonia - TWS's **Wildlife Habitat and Restoration Working Group**
 3. Lisa - American Fisheries Society - Potential to coordinate with folks, especially before the next TWS annual meeting, on where we and fisheries folks might have common ground with coastal wetlands/estuaries.

h) **Other**

i. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Lisa - Can we change our bylaws so that we don't have to have 2 people running to have an election?
2. Adonia & Jen - Email Jeannie at ASWM about comments desired on the Wetlands and Climate Change white paper as well as the funding of NWI as a campaign/action issue on their website front page. Perhaps because some places have not had NWI mapping conducted since the 1980s. The states have piecemealed it over the years.

i) **Next meeting Friday, December 4th at 11am CST/10am MST.**

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