



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016 – 10 am CT

In attendance: Adonia Henry, Lisa Webb, Auriel Fournier and Jennifer Chutz

I. Required reporting

ACTION ITEMS:

Auriel – will keep trying to submit our IRS post card, the website is having issues

II. Website

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – check and see if we can get pre 2013 newsletters on website

Adonia & Jen - compile include links to other sources of wetland news instead of maintaining our own

III. Newsletter

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – waiting on Auriel and Jen for their articles, then will send out draft

Auriel & Jen – get articles to Adonia, ASAP

Adonia – include mention of the fb page and explain how to become a member

Adonia – include a mention that we will be offering a student travel grant for the annual meeting

Auriel - Once the newsletter is out will put on Facebook page

IV. TWS Position statement

Things are happening to extend all current position statements till they can be put in the new framework.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – follow up with and see what that new framework involves.

V. Facebook

The page will go live with the April newsletter

ACTION ITEMS:

Auriel – Will throw up some new posts and approve people as they request membership.

VI. 2016 meeting

Adonia and Lisa are probably going, Jen may be going, Auriel is not going.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – contact to some current working group members to see if they would be willing to work a booth if we got one

Lisa – check into the costs for chico bags to have at the booth

Adonia – check costs for a banner, t-shirts, mugs, etc

VII. Wetland field trip for 2017 National meeting

Talked about possibilities for field trips at the 2017 meeting in Albuquerque

ACTION ITEMS

Adonia – check with TWS to find out how/if working groups can help organize

VIII. Reaching out to other societies/sections

ACTION ITEMS

Auriel – SWS wildlife group, will reach out at the SWS meeting in late May

Jen – ASWM follow-up on NWI and white paper on Wetland Restoration

IX. Survey the membership

Will get the survey done soon and send out with August newsletter

ACTION ITEMS:

All – get comments back on questions to Adonia before May meeting

Auriel – Once the questions are set put them up on survey monkey

Auriel – once the survey is run summarize results for the group

X. Dues Change Form

Talked about making student memberships for the working group free. Is \$5 a barrier to student involvement? Not sure.

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – Will look at current demographics of group and see what percentage of our membership are students and discuss from them.

XI. Travel Grant

a. We did this last year, we will send similar information to those compiling the list and put out the formal announcement on the website in mid-summer, cover registration for one student.

b. We will put in April newsletter and then send out formal announcement with details around the time registration opens in may

c. Will pay for one student's early registration fee (\$275)

XII. TWS National meeting Working Group meeting

a. Need to decide on date/time

b. Will do this once the meeting schedule is out so we don't conflict with anything else

XIII. Next meeting 9m/10c May 13, 2016