



# Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

**Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 13, 2016 – 10 am CT**

**In attendance: Adonia Henry, Lisa Webb, Auriel Fournier**

## I. Website

TWS will not host pre 2013 materials, since we want to make the newsletters available for continuity

### ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia - look into google drive folder accessible to the membership

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

## II. Newsletter

April newsletter had great distribution and response

Next newsletter will be in August and focus on US wetlands

It was suggested that we focus on Gulf Coast wetlands, possibly related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill 6 year follow up; also include migratory bird connections to international wetlands.

### ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – make contact for feature article

Include Link to the member survey

Articles due in mid-late July

## III. TWS Position statement

We have not heard anything back from TWS Council

### ACTION ITEMS:

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

## IV. Facebook

The page is live, so far 3 members have requested membership

### ACTION ITEMS:

Auriel – keep approving members as they request

## V. 2016 meeting

We will have a booth at the meeting

Find a way to allow people to join the working group at the booth and at our working group meeting

Adonia has one member who can help for sure and 3 possible

### ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia - fill out the form for the booth and send to Auriel who will fill out the check and submit

Lisa - report to the group once she receives the quote on the bags

VI. Wetland field trip for 2017 National meeting

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

VII. Reaching out to other societies/sections

ACTION ITEMS

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

Jen – ASWM no longer actively lobbying for NWI due to federal changes; follow up with ASWM on white paper on wetland restoration

VIII. Survey the membership

Final questions will be given to Auriel by the end of July

Survey will go out with August newsletter

2 week reply window, to allow time for summarizing results for meeting at National Conference

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – Finalize survey questions July 1

Auriel – put on survey monkey before August 1

IX. Dues Change Form

We will discuss whether or not dues should be reduced for student members at our working group meeting at the National Conference

X. Travel Grant

Initial notification included in April newsletter

Deadline will be June 30<sup>th</sup>, Announce winter by July 15<sup>th</sup>

Will pay for one student's early registration fee (\$275) is due July 31

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – email detailed announcement to WWG and Mariah for TWS website before 31 May

XI. 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

XII. Next meeting 9m/10c June 10, 2016

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