



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2016 – 3 pm CT

In attendance: Adonia Henry, Auriel Fournier, Johanna Duffy, Jennifer Chutz

I. Introductions

- a. We have a new officer (Johanna) so we did introductions.

II. Membership

- a. TWS system was not accessible, but 7 new members joined during the conference, so we have around 120 members

III. Bank Account

- a. Auriel – will look into moving to an online checking account, to reduce issues with getting checks cashed, etc.

IV. End of Year Stuff

- a. Auriel - Tax report due to TWS by January 31st
- b. Adonia – Working Group Annual Report

V. Website

ACTION ITEMS:

Jen will look into google drive folder

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

VI. Newsletter

Wetlands in Mexico feature article received from Scott Yaich & Eduardo Carrera

Quick turn around, but Adonia hopes to distribute newsletter by end of year

ACTION ITEMS:

Adonia – MBT in Mexico intro, wetlands in the News, & WWG updates

All – send Adonia anything else of interest that you'd like to see in the newsletter

All – think about ideas for 2017 feature articles; possibly herps since this year focused on birds

VII. Facebook

The page is live, not much is happening

Need a social media liason!

VIII. 2016 National Conference

- a. Booth went well, we sold quite a few bags, and got some new members

- b. Next year there may be an all working groups booth, where we can put information about the group without having to pay for our own separate booth
- c. Record attendance at annual meeting (21)

IX. 2017 National Conference

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

ACTION ITEMS

Need to look into the cost of a bus and other costs

We may have to cover this up front

TWS takes \$25 out of each registration off the top

- b. Members suggested organizing symposium on Water and Wetlands

ACTION ITEMS

Follow-up with WWG members

Include notice in newsletter

X. Reaching out to other societies/sections

- a. Partnering with SWS Wildlife Section for 2018 Arid Wetlands Symposium

ACTION ITEMS

Auriel – Keep up-to-date with SWS Wildlife Section planning for symposium

XI. Survey of the membership

- a. Liked the Newsletter
- b. More Communication
- c. A few people wanted to still take the survey, it is still open
- d. Some members were very interested in certain topics, could set up members as 'Liasons' on certain topics so they can update the board on that particular issue and take a lead if the working group decides to do something in that area
- e. Survey extended; final compilation of results by January meeting

XII. Next meeting 1pm CST 2017-01-26

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