



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

May Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017 – 1 pm CST

Attendees: Jennifer Chutz (Chair), Adonia Henry (Past Chair)

I. Admin

- a. Is there any need for a dues increase to support future symposia, field trips, etc?
 - i. Consider this for the future, but don't feel it's justifiable at this time. Discuss again during June if all board members present.
- b. Call for nominations
 - i. Nominations due July 31, 2017
 - ii. Vice-chair and secretary/treasurer up for election

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen - distribute in email blast
- Adonia – chair of nominations committee

II. Treasurer Report

- a. New account set up at US Bank

ACTION ITEMS:

- Auriel - Deposit check from Regions Bank and all checks for dues from TWS
- Auriel – Give TWS new bank info for direct deposit

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. Mariah is looking into linking WWG members through TWS portal (https://wildlife.secure.force.com/portal_memberdirectorymain); she has support from her boss, but TWS has other priorities with the conference approaching.
- ii. Keep website up to date by emailing Mariah Simmons at msimmons@wildlife.org

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 - Add student travel award and call for nominations information

- c. Newsletter

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- Feature Article: Bob from ND, herps in ag wetlands
- Smaller 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)
- WWG News – include call for nominations, info on Water, wetlands, and wildlife symposium (Adonia; others feel free to add!)
- 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. 1st quarterly email changed from April to May

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen will send out to WWG w/ student travel award, call for nominations, call for social media liason, links to neonic webinar and other general wetland items

e. Facebook

ACTION ITEMS:

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

IV. Increase Communication among WWG Members

a. Search for WWG members through portal

- i. Jen emailed Mariah and she is looking into linking WWG members through TWS portal (https://wildlife.secure.force.com/portal_memberdirectorymain); Mariah has support from her boss, but TWS has other priorities with the conference approaching, so it may not be available until this fall.

b. Other ideas?

ACTION ITEMS

- ALL – think about other ideas to increase communication and information exchange among members

V. Student Travel Award

- a. Reimbursing one student member for early registration (\$300)
- b. Applications due June 11th (send to Auriel)
- c. Students notified by July 3rd

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen - Distribute in email blast
- Auriel – Compile and distribute applications to board members
- ALL – Review

VI. 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.

VII. TWS partnership with Bayer Bee Care

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jen - Ask Bryce/Dan about this.
- All – Keep up to date on neonic issues related to wetlands and use of science by Bayer Bee Care to evaluate if concerns need to be brought to the attention of TWS.

VIII. 2017 TWS National Conference - Sept 23-27, Albuquerque, NM

- a. Annual Meeting at TWS conference

ACTION ITEMS:

- Request for meeting space due TWS by June 30th if we want to have it at the TWS conference

- b. WWG sponsored Symposium on Water, Wetlands and Wildlife

- i. Organized by Adam Janke, Sammy King, and Adonia Henry; submitted to TWS March 10th.

- ii. Approved by TWS for Wednesday, 9/27 afternoon session

- iii. Several speakers changes, submitted final list to TWS on May 2nd, abstracts due May 5th.

ACTION ITEMS

- Adonia – send final submission and list of speakers to rest of board.

- c. Group booth for ALL 29 Working Groups

- i. Submitted request to Council in Feb/May

- ii. Waiting to hear back from TWS about if booth was approved

ACTION ITEMS

- Jen –Follow up with TWS if we don’t hear by June

IX. 2018 Arid Wetlands Symposium

- a. Partnering with SWS Wildlife Section

ACTION ITEMS

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

X. New wetland-related information

ACTION ITEMS

- All – share fun new wetland-related research, news, and policy with board members during our conference calls!

XI. Next meeting: TBD (tentative June 1st, 12 pm MT)