

Executive Board Conference Call - Minutes

Meeting began at 3:10 PM Central (TX) Time

Attended by: President Mark Wallace, Past-President Leland Pierce, President-Elect Dan Collins, TWS Rep Carol Chambers, Treasurer Annaliese Scoggin, Secretary Heather Bateman

Updates

- Treasurer's Report – Annaliese Scoggin
 - Checking Account has \$6,813.79 and Savings Account has \$3,851.55
 - Automatic transfer of \$150 from checking to savings each month to avoid fees
 - Main source of revenue is from memberships. New members were: 26 from JAM, 20 from paper sign up, 134 from TX chapter.
 - Expenses since Jan \$1219 and revenue \$1310
 - One person was reimbursed \$150 for CWB, awards were \$158, and \$380 to sponsor/vendor at TX chapter annual meeting.
 - Annaliese will follow-up to see if executive board members can access TWS membership info
 - Leland suggested Mark network with TWS executive board to find ways to raise funds beyond memberships

- Secretary's Report – Heather Bateman
 - We had a discussion of the roles of Secretary since splitting the Treasurer and Secretary position. Treasurer shall maintain the membership master list and pass along to Secretary and other executive board members.
 - (stated later in meeting) Mark suggested the Secretary explore ways to improve SW TWS webpage, update the content, and archive meeting minutes.

- Conservation Affairs Committee – Mark Wallace
 - Invite representatives from each state chapter to participate in Conservation Affairs

- Newsletter – Carol and Mark in lieu of Misty Sumner
 - In progress, Mark is writing his President's message
 - (stated later in meeting) Misty started a Director's Corner as a way to promote and highlight some of the work of the state agencies. The first article will cover Larry Voyles of AZGFD and then rotate to the other state agencies.
 - (stated later in meeting) We will include an obituary of NM Herpetologist, Charlie Painter

- Geospatial Advisory Committee – Leland Pierce
 - During first webinar, 13 people called in, representatives included researchers from TN, AZ, and NM. Attendees discussed how to form a charter. Audience seems to be early career professionals (junior faculty) and senior professionals.

Things to be done in 2015-2016

- WOW – Carol Chambers
 - Perhaps SW TWS is the host/home of WOW and WOW's webpage is found at SW TWS instead of TWS (Parent).



- Carol and Misty will have an article in the summer edition of the Wildlife Professional, other articles will also cover WOW topics.
- Carol, Erin Saunders, and Selma Glasscock will present a panel discussion entitled Women of Wildlife (WOW) at Work during the 2015 Annual Wildlife Society Conference. After the panel discussion they plan to host a mixer for 150 attendees. We discussed that fundraising would be important to support the mixer, produce pins, and have a presence at the TWS Annual Meeting.
- Carol and Carrie Nicholls (spelling?) plan to write a WOW book and would include topics such as how to hold a WOW-event in your chapter.

- Nominations Committee / Elections – Mark
 - During the last election we used SurveyMonkey and had the greatest voting turnout so far
 - We discussed potential members to recruit for officer positions

- Recruitment and Retention of Members – Mark
 - Who is our target for membership? The chapters and even TWS (parent) do excellent jobs targeting pre-professionals and students.
 - Ideas for recruitment and retention include: asking past members why they left, or communicating our “product” that members benefit from, offering webinars that most interest the membership (maybe a WOW webinar).
 - We discussed how to have a presence at both Chapter annual meetings.
 - Important for us to communicate to members that there are multiple layers of TWS, chapters, region, and TWS (parent).

- Awards – Mark
 - In progress

- Annual Meetings in 2016 – Mark
 - JAM is the first week in February in Flagstaff, likely 4-6 February
 - TX chapter is toward the end of February in San Antonio and this should be the next SW TWS Annual Meeting (rotates and was at JAM in 2015).
 - As a way to increase SW TWS engagement with the chapters, let’s ask the chapters if we can get involved at their annual meetings, and ask them early in their planning process. Perhaps we can sponsor events. Carol suggested that SW TWS sponsor the keg during JAM student/professional mixer and perhaps sponsor some of the JAM Quiz Bowl activities, such as drinks and snacks for the organizers and volunteers.



Some things that we should/could work on in 2015

- Women of Wildlife – Carol Chambers
- Recruitment and Retention – Leland Pierce, Mark Wallace
- Professional Development Committee – Carol Chambers

- Conference Support – Mark Wallace
 - Perhaps we are at a point where we can offer travel scholarships to the TWS (parent) annual meeting. Maybe \$500 for students and \$1,000 to professionals.
 - What items can be produced to help advertise SW TWS (swag), maybe more WOW pins because they are very popular at meetings, other pins and items with SW TWS logo.

- Other Business – Leland
 - SW TWS was contacted by the North American Duck Symposium to ask for some financial support for their conference. Leland was going to find out more about the organization.

- Other Business – SW Representative
 - Carol was thanked for her role and service as the SW Section Representative to TWS (parent). Carol has been instrumental in bringing TWS (parent) to us in the SW Section and her initiative founding of WOW cannot be overestimated.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM Central (TX) Time