

TWS – Wildlife and Habitat Restoration Working Group

Conference Call, Wednesday, May 16th, 1 PM Pacific Standard Time

Call line 872-240-3212, access code 514-264-565

Action items *italicized and bolded*

1. Welcome and roll call – Marcia
Introductions took place
Attendees: Bryan, Ray, Marcia, Ray, Ashley, Jody, Sandra
2. Meeting Minutes and Distribution
Marcia asked and Bryan volunteered
3. Treasurer / Secretary report – Michelle not available for call
 - a. Bank Account update - Michelle not available for call
 - b. Symposium Financials – Michelle received donation check from Wildlife Conservation Society
 - c. Current membership – not provided, January 2017 was 190-something

Other: Annual Reporting

2017 annual reports submitted by Marcia and Michelle

Marcia will send out annual report to Executive Board. This action should help the new Board members get familiar with 2017 accomplishments.

Other: Engaging Membership

Agreement made that **Bryan will re-send out logo contest text to group with Sandra/Marcia's concerns met, and that we will move forward with this activity.** Ray noted surprise that TWS allowed Working Groups to have their own logo contest and stated that previous logo contests he has been a part of poor quality. It was agreed upon that text needs to include language that reserves the right to not choose a winning logo.

If logos candidates are received, Executive Board will look into having membership vote for the winner through a poll put on by TWS HQ

4. Engaging with other Working Groups/Societies – Marcia and Bryan
Society of Ecological Restoration (SER) webinar – Bryan

Bryan was asked about SER webinar status. Bryan explained that effort has stagnated due to Executive Board sub-group being unable to make the lift. It was agreed upon that getting the new board members up to speed with this effort and engaging the membership is the best way forward. **Sandra will send her WGRWG/SER sub-team call notes to Bryan. Bryan will send overall summary (Bryan had several calls with SER in 2017) to the Executive Board,** with the ultimate goal of getting a sub-team of Board members together to lead the charge or devising a plan to get membership more involved. Ray expressed interest in being part of sub-team.

American Society of Service Mining Reclamation Joint Symposium/Meeting Update – Marcia

It was decided that trying to get the membership involved on this topic could be beneficial in multiple ways. ***Marcia will send out American Society of Service Mining Reclamation Joint Symposium/Meeting "Call for Presenters/Interest" draft email text to Working Group Executive Board for review, followed by sending email to membership.***

5. Other items

Marcia contacted by TWS about WHRWG involvement in putting forth nominations for a member of the Wildlife Professional Editorial Board. ***Marcia will send out draft "Editorial Board of the Wildlife Professional call for potential Executive Board member" email text to be sent out to the Executive Board for review, followed by sending email to membership.***

6. Next teleconference and additional items

Sandra inquired to the status of the WHRWG Monarchs in the Rough proposal review. Bryan stated that the reviews that he received from Executive Board members were coalesced and sent to TWS HQ. **Bryan will request status update from TWS HQ.**

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for approx. 1 month after emails to Membership regarding American Society of Service Mining Reclamation Symposium and the Wildlife Professional Editorial Board nomination have been sent out.

Call adjourned 2:10 PST