

Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting

April 16, 2018

5:20pm Start time

Attendance: Emily Just, Tammy Colt, Mike Fishman, Scott Williams, Megan Linske, Paul Johansen, Sean Haskell, Justin Vreeland, John McDonald

- Introductions
- Transitions in executive committee positions
 - President Elect: Scott Williams
 - Secretary: Megan Linske
 - President: Mike Fishman
- Old Business/ Accomplishments for 2017
 - New dues structure
 - If you live in Northeast, automatically part of Northeast Section of TWS
 - Can opt out
 - 300 to 1200 members
 - \$3.00 per member
 - Forestry diversity position statement
 - Clearing and management of forest land
 - ie. Solar development
 - Updated bylaws
 - Shift in fiscal year to match National
 - Added objectives
 - Held two workshops at NEAFWA conference 2018
 - Human dimensions
 - Drone applications
 - Fall executive meeting (PA)
 - Scheduling and position description development
 - Logo contest
 - Must have “Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society” as part of logo
 - Cash prize
 - Deadline: April 30th
 - Student conclave
 - 15 schools
 - 150 students
 - Conservation Affairs Committee
 - Comments on monument changes and offshore drilling
 - Letters on webpage
 - UMass student chapter organizing archives
 - Need storage for hard copies => Samara is new archive holder
 - Still need archivist
- Treasurer’s report (Colt)
 - Two documents attached

- Green column is budget
 - Wells Fargo account was closed (Williams)
 - PNC account opened (Colt)
 - \$10,000.00 moved to two rolling CD's
 - \$5,000.00 each
- Field Course (McDonald)
 - 10th consecutive year
 - 20+ students attending
 - 14 different colleges/universities
 - International attendance
 - May 13 start date
- TWS National (Johansen)
 - TWS is back on track financially
 - New transition in leadership
 - Membership is up
 - Conferences
 - 2018: Cleveland
 - 2019: Reno joint conference with American Fisheries Society
 - 2020: Louisville, Kentucky
 - Digital media
 - Over 700,000 visits to wildlife.org
 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act fly-in to D.C.
 - New techniques handbook (revised)
- TWS Government Relations (Murphy)
 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act
 - Introduced December 2017
 - \$1.3 billion towards species identified in state wildlife action plans
 - 35 co-sponsors in the house
 - Appropriations
 - New program standards in agricultural appropriations
- New Business
 - We need new student affairs committee chair
 - Continue with operations manual
 - Need new committee members!
 - Offering training for chapter officers?
 - Possibly installing job board through Northeast Section webpage
 - Networking opportunities
 - Biologists and brews/bourbons?
 - Regional dinners and presentations
 - *Jason Hill had good model for these (VT)
 - Video for student chapters
 - Send out to advisors
 - Communications with Northeast Natural History Conference
 - Competing dates and locations

- Report: Reversing America's Wildlife Conflict (Murphy and McDonald)
- Webinar available for grassroots engagement for Recovering America's Wildlife Act (Murphy)
- Cleveland conference abstracts due!
- 6:38pm Meeting Adjourns