

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 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)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> 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