

Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society Executive Meeting

April 15, 2018

Start time: 1:11pm

Attendance: Emily Just, John McDonald, Mike Fishman, Tammy Colt

- President's Report (Just)
 - Year in Review (Accomplishments)
 - Hosted Fall Leadership Meeting (October) at Bald Eagle State Forest's Nature Inn
 - Executive staff, student chapters, and members in attendance
 - Developed position statements for committees
 - Committee actions and objectives
 - Recruited new members
 - Discussed new dues structure
 - Automatically enrolled in Northeast Section
 - Boosted membership from 300 to 1200
 - \$3.00 for each new member
 - New workshops at NEAFWA meeting (discussed later)
 - Newsletters
 - Four sent out last year (Sydney Spicer)
 - Looking for new editor
 - Bylaws update
 - Moved Northeast fiscal year to match National fiscal year
 - Small changes to bylaws
 - Added objectives
 - CAC
 - Several new position statements
 - Letters commenting on changes to national monuments and offshore drilling
 - Archives
 - Files have been offered to UMass students to file, scan, and store
 - Will be paid in increments = \$500.00
 - Archive NEAFWA booklets?
 - Do we need an archivist?
 - Would need to be a long term position to maintain filed digitally and physically
 - Dropbox as well as location to store hard copies
 - *Needs follow up
- President Elect Report (Fishman)
 - Student activities for NEAFWA conference were held on Sunday afternoon
- Secretary Report (Just)
 - March 21st conference call
 - Reviewed election results
 - Discussed logo

- Advertisement for newsletter editor
 - One application submitted
 - Discussed details from workshop committee
 - NEAFWA conference
 - Awards, certificates, plaques, and pictures for recipients
 - President will give awards Monday morning at NEAFWA
 - Finalize food/drink for executive meeting and NE TWS meeting
 - Secretary report vote: Motioned, Approved (2:00pm)
- Treasurer 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
 - May need to look into new revenue stream after publication production ends
 - Next executive committee meeting will work on next fiscal budget (National fiscal year)
 - Treasurer report vote: Motioned, Approved (2:30pm)
- Policy Updates (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
 - Subcommittee meeting February 15
 - Northeast Section wrote letter in support of legislation
 - Do we need social media guidance as a section?
 - For example: thanking co-sponsors, establishing relationships, reaching out to target offices, etc.
 - Reach out to student chapters: develop structure for policy engagement
 - How do we reach the students?
 - Field course
 - Templates for letters, calls, etc.
 - Webinars or videos from TWS
 - Appropriations
 - New program standards in agricultural appropriations
- Updates TWS Council/ Field Course/Rep Report (McDonald)
 - Field Course
 - 20+ students attending
 - 14 different colleges/universities
 - International attendance
 - May 13 start date
 - New Volunteers always welcome
 - Travel reimbursement for instructors: follow-up with Tammy
 - Looking for future instructor replacements in next 1-2 years

- TWS Council
 - Council meeting in Norfolk, VA
 - Movement in policy: Conservation advocacy
 - Financing changes
 - Contracted accounting and payroll to accounting firm
 - New electronic accounting system
 - New audit from corporate auditor
 - Investment accounts in robust shape
 - Adjustments: financial policy document
 - ID funds more accurately
 - Asset allocation targets refined by fund objectives
 - Vote: Increase in member's dues by consumer price index
 - Up \$2.00 for regular members; \$1.00 for other categories
- Fall council meeting
 - Discussed what information should be available online
 - No proxy voting for Council members, but can participate remotely, needs bylaws fix
 - Quorum for meeting is 5 members, proposed to change to 9 members
 - Changing nomination deadlines
 - Mid-December changed to March 1st
 - No e-mail votes for council
 - Must be voice (call or present)
 - Drafted confidentiality agreement
 - Should this be distributed to chapters?
 - Approved budget for next year for \$2.7 million
 - Conferences:
 - 2018: Cleveland
 - 2019: Reno joint conference with American Fisheries Society
 - 2020: Louisville, Kentucky
 - 2021: Seeking hosts now
 - Approved certification handbook revisions
- Awards (Linske)
 - Went smoothly this year
 - Nominations for each category
 - Need to work on structure of student presentation awards at NEAFWA conference
- Bylaws etc.
 - Election Results:
 - President Elect: Scott Williams
 - Secretary: Megan Linske
 - Position Statement
 - Concern with biodiversity statement utilization of FSC standards
 - Did not include other forestry standards
 - Motion to review language, Approved (3:30pm)
- Student Affairs/Conclave

- April 14-15
- 150 students from 14 schools
- Handed out newsletter
- Suggestion to create drop box for student chapters and advisors
 - Presentation on levels of TWS (Laken)
 - Conclave folder
- University of Maine to host next conclave?
- Membership/Logo (Just)
 - Jump to 1200 members (mentioned in previous section)
 - Logo competition
 - \$100.00 award
 - Deadline moved to end of April
 - “Northeast Section” and “The Wildlife Society” must be included in logo
- Workshop (Linske)
 - Two workshops held at NEAFWA conference this year
 - Human Dimensions
 - Drone applications for wildlife research and management
 - Reduction in Delaney cost
 - Budgeting
 - Template for budget based on headcount (Colt)
 - Determine when to drop workshop based on low enrollment
 - Next year: need to know AV costs ASAP
 - Survey to members and attendees
 - Workshop ideas for next year
 - Feedback on past workshops
 - Relay info to instructors
- Newsletter
 - Editor applicant: Tammy Cloutier
 - Resume and Cover Letter
 - Motion to vote: Amendment (Based on phone interview with Emily Just)
 - Motion Passed (4:00pm)
- State Chapter Report
 - PA
 - 120 attendees at conference March 23-24
 - 4 workshops
 - Kirkland Award: Shane Hoachlander
 - Professional Development Grant: Tammy Colt
 - ME
 - Annual meeting April 2nd
 - 80 attendees
 - 3 awards and student support award
 - Approximately 100 members
 - Annual audit
 - Strategic plan needs to be updated

- Biologists and Brews (engaging members)
 - Working on conducting a certification workshop
 - New England
 - Two annual workshops and executive committee meeting
 - Fall workshop: raptor conservation and biology
 - Spring workshop: application of drones in research
 - Scholarships: 1-2 students for NE field course
 - Envirothon donations
 - One newsletter
 - NY
 - Two meetings a year
 - Fall field meeting
 - Spring meeting in Kingston, NY (70 attendees)
 - Award for Outstanding Professional
 - Revisiting by-laws to eliminate out of state members holding offices
- Student Chapter Reports (McDonald)
 - Dissolution of University of New Hampshire student chapter
 - New student chapter at Holyoke Community College
- New/Other Business
 - Communications
 - Adding Facebook editor to committee
 - Brochure for members
 - Under/grad counterparts at student levels for Northeast
 - Require position statements
- End of meeting (5:10pm)