

MOTWS Executive Board Meeting April 4th, 2018 at MNRC

Present:, Chuck Anderson, Brad Jump, Jessi Tapp, Shelly Colatskie, Adam Jones.

Not Present: Allison

Meeting began at 1pm.

Chuck made motion to approve the January 31st board meeting minutes. Brad approved and Adam seconded and all approved via voice.

- Chuck: Spring student workshop: Webinar. Dr. Chevalier from MOWEST suggested evenings or weekends. Wednesday evenings would work best since a lot of student chapters have meetings on Wednesdays. This is just an experiment to see how it works. This particular webinar can focus on policy and regulations. The webinar can be about an hour long. Brad: Good idea, student chapters can meet and listen in. Chuck: Will set up a WebEx and work on the meeting with Jessica.
- Chuck: Eastern Black Bear workshop Committee. We will be the middle man for the funding source. Allison will help write the checks. The meeting will be at the YMCA of the Ozarks-Trout Lodge next year. Chuck was asking about a professional development workshop to go along with this workshop, but because of the sensitive nature that goes into all the work, some folks may not be open to discuss ideas and information. Laura Conlee our furbearer biologist will provide support to us MOTWS folks in providing us demos and field work for a professional development workshop in the future.
- Chuck: Chuck has some memberships in his drawer, so needs to get them to Allison.
- Brad: Fall student workshop: Same workshop we tried to get in place this past spring. October, 12, 13 and 14th at Grandpass Conservation Area: will focus on fall shorebird and other bird migration. The earlier we notify folks, the better.
- Adam: Newsletter: 0 items so far. Chuck suggested we need to have a need by date to get items in.
- Chuck: Chapter listserv having issues? Adam says some things get in junk mail, maybe a phishing scam. Chuck will get with Jennifer Middlehouser to see if there are any issues.
- MNRC: Chuck is on the plenary chair for 2019. MOTWS is in charge for hosting 2019 MNRC. Brandon Butler: Plenary speaker as well as Bryan Richards (CWD, USGS out of Madison). -workshop ideas: probably will host some sort of wildlife disease workshop since Bryan Richards is coming. Jasmine Batten shows interest in leading this workshop. Adam: good idea. Jessica: relevant issue. Chuck: will contact Bryan and Jasmine.
- Chairs meeting: conference call to discuss and activate the chairs meeting. Need to motivate and ask if they need assistance. We need to start putting more position statements, opinions, stances, etc. Brad: good idea. It was a challenge for Brad to get feedback on how that was running, so that is a good idea to try to get that going again. Chuck asked Dan Zekor and Tom Kulowiec to work together on stances/statements.

- Facebook activity: Chuck, Allison, Brad and Jessi have access to the Facebook page. We need to put together an initiative or process on how to keep up with posting and messages as well as continue to reach out to student chapters. Right now we do not have much on our Facebook page. Jessi: it is a good idea, but it is hard to get student reports. However, it is worth it to try this again. Brad: Can pilot with MSU and possible MWSU. Will work with Jessi on how to better engage students.
- Adam: Professional Development? If so, when? Chuck: With Laura, doesn't have to be this year. Andrea Schuhmann is working on a professional development on wetlands and marsh birds. Andy Dorian and Andrea are working together. Will work with Laura to get a bear workshop next year.
- Other business: Brad: Stephens award missing Tom Kulowiec's name on plaque. Chuck: Dent in plaque too. Will get it fixed (freebee) and change names. Do not have to do it now, can bring it in next year when we have next year's names. As long as it gets fixed, it doesn't matter too much when it is brought in.
- Any new business? Chuck gave a motion to adjourn. Brad moved, Shelly seconded: all approved by voice vote. Adjourn at 1:36pm