

Spring Board Meeting Minutes  
Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society  
Conference Call  
12 April 2018

ATTENDEES

Executive Board

Mike Mengak  
Ray Iglay  
Mark Smith  
Kelly Douglass  
Mike Conner

Position

President  
President-elect  
Past President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
SE Section Rep to Council

No members were in attendance.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 P.M. EST.

Welcome and Opening: Mike Mengak welcomed the new Board members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes, prepared by Susan Rupp, from the Fall 2017 board meeting were emailed to the new Board on 10 April 2018. No comments or questions were received re: the minutes. The Board will approve the Fall 2017 meeting minutes at the 2018 Fall Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Douglass could not review the Treasurer's Report because she does not yet have access to the accounts. Per Susan Rupp, the account balance as of 31 December 2017 was \$7,993.95. Susan is working on getting accounts transferred to Mike and Kelly. Kelly will send an updated budget spreadsheet to the Board, once she gets it from Susan. Kelly will also create a new 2018-2019 budget, based on last year's expenditures, at that time. Susan is also supposed to mail the checkbook and Treasurer files (hard copies) to Kelly.

SE Section Rep to Council: Mike Conner gave an update. TWS Council held their March meeting at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. Mike will send Kelly his written report today.

The 2018 TWS Conference will be held October 7-11 in Cleveland, Ohio. The 2019 TWS Conference will be held September 29 – October 3 in Reno, Nevada and will be a joint meeting with the American Fisheries Society. The 2020 TWS Conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt House Hotel; dates are not yet set.

TWS is proposing bylaw changes soon: 1) Council members can no longer be represented by proxy, and 2) Council can no longer vote by email. Council meeting minutes will no longer be as

detailed as they are now but will focus in the future on motions and their outcomes with dissenting opinions, if any.

TWS finances have a strong footing right now. The society is almost at goal for a ‘rainy day’ fund of 50% of operating budget (approx. \$1.75 million).

Council is working on integration of sub-unit communications (from the Organization Integration Council Subcommittee: “*A reasonable policy is for TWS to create and maintain a list of the current presidents of all TWS subunits (name and e-mail only) and permit sharing of this information among these individuals. The list would be limited only to presidents of TWS units (i.e., would not include all officers) because there are >230 TWS units and maintaining a shared master list of all officers would require updating more than 1,000 contacts year-round given that units do not uniformly hold elections. The list would contain a confidentiality notice indicating that sharing of information beyond the individuals on the list was not permitted.*

Council is considering changes to the CWB re-certification requirements. Currently, publications, teaching hours, etc. are not counted towards re-certification. A subcommittee has been formed and will be preparing recommendations to Council by this Fall. A vote should take place during the fall Council meeting.

Previous discussions among SETWS Board members re: dues renewal through TWS (including a pop-up reminder at check out for becoming a member or renewing membership with the members’ Section and state chapter) were not discussed at the March TWS Council meeting. Ed Thompson, however, said they would make it happen, but there has been no movement on this yet. Board members asked about also including a pop-up for non-auto renewals (in addition to the already discussed auto renewals). Ed said there is currently supposed to be text in the email sent to members re: their renewal (is that the case?), but Board members feel that folks will forget about the text and need a pop-up reminder on the checkout screen during renewal.

The Southeastern Wildlife Conclave was held 24-27 March 2018 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It was well run, the food was good (catfish, crayfish), and it went off without any big hitches. LSU was not excited about hosting this year, but Brett Collier pulled together a great program. Lots of external sponsors. 19-20 teams competed. Attendance was a little less than previous years – roughly 350 students. Quiz bowl: UGA, NCSU, and UT Knoxville? The 2019 Conclave will be held at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. Mike has the 20-year schedule.

### *Committee Reports*

#### *Standing Committees*

Audit: Steven Castleberry is chair. The 2018 audit will be conducted at the TWS Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on 7-11 October 2018 or at the SEAFWA Conference in Mobile, Alabama on 21-24 October 2018. Steven will be in contact with Kelly re: Treasurer receipts, bank statements, etc.

Conservation Affairs: Nelson Lafon is chair. Nelson will have a write-up ready for the SETWS newsletter re: the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA) legislation activities.

Membership: Chair is vacant. No need to refill position at this time.

Nominations: Ray Iglay is chair. No news.

Resolutions and Bylaws: Mark Smith is chair. Board held discussions about whether the bylaws allow electronic voting? Change to use Survey Monkey for SETWS elections. Not to do.

#### *Special Committees - Permanent*

Deer: Steve Shea is chair. The Southeast Deer Study Group suggested/asked if this committee could establish a charter. This committee serves at the pleasure of the President; the chair and members are appointed. Per TWS, they cannot have a standing charter because they are not an official subunit. Kelly will send Mike the NCTWS procedures document, as a guide for SETWS.

Fur Resources: Colleen Olfenbuttel is chair. No report.

Publications: Chair is vacant. No other publications beside newsletter. No need to refill position at this time.

Awards: Andy Madison is chair. No report.

Wildlife Management Excellence Award (WMEA): Chair is vacant. Need new chair.

#### *Special Committees - Joint Section-Association Committees*

CW Watson Award: Emily Jo Williams is chair. No report.

Minorities in Natural Resource: David Buggs may still be chair. Sara Schweitzer may be willing to stand in, if needed. Mike Conner will get more information about the purpose, role, and responsibilities of this committee from SEAFWA, Curtis Hopkins.

Wetland Wildlife: Steve Rockwood is chair. No report.

The Wildlife Professional Editorial Advisory Board: Joe McGlinchy is chair. No report.

SEAFWA Editors: Chris Comer is Associate Editor. Mark Ford is Assistant Editor. Katie Edwards is Newsletter Editor & Webmaster.

#### *Ad-Hoc Committees*

Endangered Species & Nongame Wildlife Formation: Jeanne Jones is chair. No report.

Liaison: Steve Rockwood is chair. No report.

*Other Business*

SETWS Archives: Kelly offered to create a Google Drive for SETWS officers to store Section correspondence, meeting minutes, award templates, committee reports, etc. Mark will bring flash drive to Mike next week with President's files. Not done.

SEAFWA Conference – Meeting Logistics: The conference will be held in Mobile, Alabama on 21-24 October 2018. Will SETWS be contacted re: our needs by Delaney meeting planner? The Executive Board meeting will be held Sunday afternoon. The Members/Business meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon. No meals or refreshments are provided, just need room space.

Mike Mengak motioned to adjourn; Mark Smith seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Douglass  
SETWS Secretary/Treasurer