

Minutes of the Winter Business Meeting (held jointly w/ OFWMA)

Meeting minutes pertain only to OCTWS Business

Ohio Fish & Wildlife Management Conference, Columbus, OH—January 25, 2018

Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – J. Cepek & G. Westerfield

OFWMA Business

- Notable items
 - Name change resolution – A. Lea read resolution to remove the word “fish” from Ohio Fish & Wildlife Management Conference; resolution was approved by vote
 - OFWMA by-law article IV – Dues change; members voted to allow fluctuating conference fees in order to cover the variable cost of putting on the conference

Legislation/Government Affairs update – K. Wecker

- Nothing to report with regards to state-level legislation
- Bill HR4647 “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act” stemming from Blue Ribbon Panel introduced by bipartisan sponsors (Nebraska & Michigan); estimated annual budget of \$30 million to Ohio
- Farm Bill update; Scioto CREP is at maximum enrollment and currently capped, only the Lake Erie CREP is accepting offers currently; Farm Bill is up for renewal in October 2018

J. Cepek discussed TWS National Conference sponsorship by OFWMA for Cleveland, October 2018; amounts of \$250 and \$500 were discussed; uncertain if funding is permitted given language in the by-laws; A. Lea and G. Comer checking into feasibility of conference sponsorship donation

President Report – G. Westerfield; discussed visit to Albuquerque, New Mexico for TWS National conference in 2017 and briefly discussed numerous responsibilities involved with hosting 2018 TWS National conference in Cleveland, Ohio

President-elect Report – G. Dietsch; announced intention for hosting student/professional spring workshop; was going to communicate directly with student chapters to solicit a hosting chapter and location

Secretary & Treasurer’s Report – G. Karns & A. Merkle, respectively; no new business

Student Chapter Reports

- Ohio State – A. Wilk
- Rio Grande – W. Snodgrass
- Hocking – not present

Reading of old business minutes – waived

Continued discussion of Cleveland 2018 TWS National conference

- Volunteers ~ 140 needed; stipends for student volunteers on 4 hour/shift basis
- OCTWS table for vendors display area
- Update on sponsorships/fundraising progress – M. Enright
- Urged universities to consider entering a quiz bowl team
- Alumni get-together for planned social events at conference

Motion to approve G. Karns for 2nd term as OCTWS Secretary, R. Gates, second G. Comer, all approve

Vote to adjourn meeting