

## Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society's 2018 Annual Business Meeting

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at MNRC/Tan Tar A

- Brad Jump: Call to order at 330pm: Did everyone get the treasurers report? Brad made the motion to call to order, Jeff Powelson made the motion to accept and Shane Kampeter seconded. All approved via voice.
- 1<sup>st</sup> item will be Shelly to do a review of the draft MOTWS meeting minutes from 2017.
- Shelly Colatskie corrected a few spelling errors and filled in names where question marks were.
- Treasurers report: Allison printed out. There are a few miscellaneous CECU errors: accidentally deposited American Fisheries Society check into our (MOTWS) account.
- Margie Mitchell asked: Check to see what limit we have in our checking account. Allison mentioned that there was a \$50,000 special limit, but that we were nowhere near that limit.  
**Edit: this was to make sure we had enough room to hold money for the Eastern Black Bear Workshop.**
- Jeff Powelson presented Farmer's award. Rural Missouri property that has the most remaining habitat: David Phillips of Canton, Missouri: he was honored to get the award. Soil and water conservationist in Lewis and Clark Counties have been very beneficial to him. Having the Department add a private lands biologist in that area has also been very beneficial to him. Dave Murphy is his neighbor.
- James D Chambers Memorial Scholarships: Dan Zekor:
  - Glenn and Jeanie Chambers: Lost prominent conservation leaders this past year. Bill Crawford: Nearly 100 years when John Lewis passed away (started wild turkey restoration). Don Jonson: Conservation Commissioner.
  - Read a poem: "swift uplifting rush"
  - Glenn Chambers: optimistic and committed to conservation. Wanted to invest in the future, so came up with the James D. Chambers Memorial Scholarship.
  - There were 8 applicants this year, good to see so much passion this early in careers. Thank you to those who helped write letters of recommendations.
  - This year the award goes to Molly Garrett: Conservation Genetics and Molecular Ecology. Dan read a couple of quotes from her letters of reference.
- Conservation Federation Students: Mitch Weegman-MU Avian Ecologist presenting Ed Stegner and Carl Marrow Natural Resources Scholarships. Did not award last year. This year they go to Summer Higdon-conducting spotted skunk occupancy research and Alisha Mosloff: working with Frank Thompson and Mitch Weegman on bobwhite quail. Each were awarded \$750.
- Brad Jump: Discussed committee reports.
- Kevin Hedgpeth: researching maximum on checking accounts. Audit report: all good and Rhonda Rimer was the witness.
- Brad made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 2017. Chuck 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike Schroer 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved in voice.
- Chamber scholarship:

-Chuck: moving the Chambers Scholarship to CFM. Due to lack of ability of sufficient fundraising, etc.

-Luke Miller did an excellent job for fundraising, but we just didn't get enough/as much as we thought we could. A lot of work for not much money made to go towards the scholarship.

-Executive board decided this was the last year. Dan Zekor will be assisting

- Shane Kampeter: MNRC Steering Committee
  - MOTWS will be involved for 2019
  - Large changes that will be announced later
  - New Dates: Tuesday through Thursday
- Student Chapters:
  - Missouri State University
    - Student advisor Sean Maher was present since the President was not available. They did quail surveys, deer aging surveys and wants to get more students involved, etc.
    - Missouri Western State University: James Philly-President: Good year: hosted Insect-o-roma: public to learn about invertebrates-used microscopes, etc. Dove wing collection at Pony Express for aging. Prairie Days at Dunn Ranch-Great outreach (prairie grasses/plants, mammal trapping, invertebrates). Went to the Conference in Albuquerque, NM: was awarded the International Chapter of the Year! Monarch Tagging at Loess Bluffs NWR, Deer aging workshop and surveys at butcher shops, Deer spot lot surveys at Swan Lake and Loess Bluffs, Family Day at Loess Bluffs: Mammals, duck hunting, boats and fisheries. Assisted with handicapped deer managed hunt at Loess Bluffs and Swan Lake (assisted with catching deer and field dressing). Quail surveys at Pony Express CA. Assisted with quail surveys for 3 months. Envirothon: helped educate. 500 to 600 people, Summer goose festival at Swan Lake: Natural resources booth. Invasive species work at Loess Bluffs: Spray for honeysuckle, garlic mustard, etc. Eagle Days at Loess bluffs: thousands of people spotting eagles, eagle show, helping with traffic. Super Science Saturday: skins and skulls. Wood duck box clean out at Loess Bluffs.
  - Southeast Missouri: none
  - University of Missouri
    - Selina Shaw-President
    - Slow semester: deer aging, Conservation Leaders of Tomorrow, Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> aid and 1<sup>st</sup> responder trainings.
    - Speakers
    - Outreach and Education: Elementary School-Nature and species in MO. Twice a week all semester.
    - Chili cookoff
    - Continue relationships with MDC and DNR, etc.
  - University of Central Missouri: Daniel Aiken

- Various research with MDC and Knob Knoster State Park
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual bioblitz: 600 people came
  - Rabbit projects
  - Dove wing, deer aging, education STEAM night at Elementary school
- Brad: 2017 Student Workshop: rough year, none came to this workshop. Fall: lots of prep, speakers and activities and only had 10 students sign up. We will do a better job of getting workshop announced sooner so students have better chances to go. These workshops have valuable opportunities, connections, etc.
  - 2018 elections/member involvement: 87 votes, 81 votes online- EASY to vote online!
- Kris Corbett was a MU Student and also worked with unmanned aircraft and use in conservation.
  - “Unmanned aircraft-A new conservation tool takes flight.” Kris Corbett. A lot of folks have avoided drone work because of a lot of negative associations (privacy, surveillance, etc.)- other acronyms: UA, UAV, UCAV, UAS, etc.
  - Two types: multicopter: less efficient hover and maneuverability. Etc. Fixed wing: longer flight and more efficient. Both have the use of infrared camera and regular camera.
  - Many uses included wildlife and other natural resource surveys
  - Surveys: counts for highly visible or large numbers (seals, orcas, deer, etc.)
  - He showed a video on Koalas in Australia with infrared
  - You can monitor habitat and landscapes using imagery from UAV and uploading into ArcGIS or similar program.
  - Potential drawbacks: impacts to wildlife-stress and injury. Elevated heart-rates (showed in bears). Poachers can find them easier
  - Advantages: less expensive than manpower (in the long run), faster deployment, more maneuverable, less labor intensive.
  - Safety: 66% cause of death for biologists are small aircraft crashes.
  - Restrictions: no night restrictions, 400 feet, visual line of sight, have to license and register.
  - Potential for Missouri: Bats, honeysuckle, feral hogs, oak decline and emerald ash borer (among other things).
- Brad: Thank you to MOTWS for the opportunity to serve as the President and thank you to the Executive board for all of your hard work. Julie, Margie and Tom: Thank you! Dan Zekor: Thank you for your assistance with scholarships. I hope to be getting involved again with the MSU chapter and will be looking forward to the Past President duties.
- Chuck: I am honored to serve as the next President, looking forward to be part of a truly professional group of folks. Give a hand to Brad!
  - President Elect: Adam Jones
  - Treasurer: Allison Leisenring
  - Board Member: Jessi Tapp

- Things we want to work on: pick up on resolution and position statement duties, a lot of threats to conservation are out there. We need to pick up membership program and get more folks involved, especially students.
- New Business: Chuck: 2018 Workshop, Brad has organized: Spring Migration Workshop at Blind Pony, paddlefish rearing, and bird migration at Grand Pass. This will be around mid-April. 2018 nominations-Any nominations in November go to Andrew White and Chuck.
  - Jay McGee: Northwest Missouri State University: in process of making a chapter at that school.
- Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Brad accepted the motion, Jeff Powelson seconded and all approved via voice. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.