

NJ Chapter The Wildlife Society Business Meeting Minutes

Fall 2018 Meeting; Wildlife Potpurri

Thursday November 15, 2018

9:39 – 10:25 a.m.

Attached; Agenda, Attendance Sign-in sheet

46 people in attendance

Welcome & Introductions see attendance records

Women and Wildlife Award: Sharon Petzinger

Sharon Petzinger, a member of our Executive Board, on her 2018 Women and Wildlife Awards win for the Inspiration Category! Sharon is a Biologist with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Endangered and Nongame Species Program. Sharon works hard to educate the public and community leaders about the plight of the golden-winged warbler. Her ability to inspire landowners to take action and restore habitat for this bird certainly inspires me. Beth Styler Barry, with The Nature Conservancy, was also recognized with the Leadership Award for her work restoring aquatic habitat on the Musconetcong River.

Executive Board

President: Elizabeth Ciuizio Freiday- term expires Spring 2020

Vice President: Brian Kirkpatrick- up for re-election Spring 2019

Secretary: Brittany Dobrzynski- up for re-election Spring 2020

Treasurer: Mim Dunne - up for re-election Spring 2020

Board Member-at-Large nominee: Meghan Kolk - up for re-election Spring 2020

Board Member-at-Large nominee: Sharon Petzinger - up for re-election Spring 2020

Past President: Evan Madlinger

Section Rep: Eric Schradling – **looking for new Chair**

Membership Chair: Kimberly Clapper

Program Chair: Ted Nichols – **looking for new Chair**

Social Media Chair: Michelle Arias **(not present at meeting 11/15/2018)**

Newsletter Editor: Amy Jones

Conservation Affairs Chair: Lisa Clark

Vacant positions:

Information & Education

Elections and Nominations Chair

Audit Chair

Gmail account

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Review of minutes from spring meeting and summer board call –

Brittany Dobrzynski (Membership meeting and board call) Brittany and Megan to get together and flesh out the new scholarship application process and what that will look like.

Bylaws

Approved by National. Several clauses needed to be added and minor edits made in order to bring the bylaws in compliance with the most current model bylaws approved by TWS Council. We removed “other membership” and National added it back in.

Added the option for electronic ballots

Many other TWS Chapters conduct their elections online via TWS’ website or through Survey Monkey

Do not specifying the dues amount in the bylaws so we don’t have to update when dues structure changes.

Student member dues will not exceed 50 percent of annual dues.

National definition:

STUDENT MEMBER — An individual enrolled in full-time college level wildlife or directly related curricula as an undergraduate or as a graduate student. This membership status shall not exceed seven years.

- a. Updated dues (\$4 updated to \$10; students \$5)
- b. Section 4: four different membership types. Take out affiliate membership
- c. Change conservation review to conservation affairs committee to match with national

Reports - Within 20 days after an election or other official action, the Secretary shall report such actions to the Executive Director of The Society, the NE Section Representative, and the NE Section President.

Code of Ethics Violation

Section 3 - Criteria for Affiliation - The New Jersey Chapter shall conform to By-laws, Code of Ethics, objectives, policies, and positions as adopted by The Wildlife Society, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as The Society).

Article 1 section 3. We don’t have to make any changes, realized after discussing with National. If there is a violation or a complain it is outlined how to bring to the board and how the board will handle it. We agree as members to follow this code of ethics.

Supporting our membership

Board will consider funding requests in these categories: Scholarship, student grants, professional development. Examples:

Attending national meeting

Attend Conclave

Development for Young Professionals (i.e. Field Course)

Meeting sponsorship (i.e. Charles Newlon Forestry Forum)
Expenses related to research

- Maximum request is \$500
- Report is required. Can be written article for newsletter or an oral presentation at the Spring or Fall meeting
- NJTWS will provide 80% of funds before event and 20% will be paid when report is received
- Applications are due February 1 This deadline can be extended. Can provide input to the committee

Process:

- fill out Cookingham scholarship application
- Provide at least two letters of reference
- Submit application package to Treasurer
- Board will discuss during Winter or Summer conference call

Treasurers Report – Mim Dunne

\$1,173.44 balance in checking account
\$13,559.18 in mutual fund
Money market gained \$1,200.00 in the last year. Good financial standings good income with membership
740 members??? – interest in checking in about paid members to Kimberly

Scholarship – Ted Nichols

Keeping scholarship, but may not offer it every year
Russell Cookingham scholarship no applicants so far
Graduate and undergrad students residents of NJ attending universities anywhere
If we don't find takers will find other ways to use this money

Membership – Kimberly Clapper

1. Pay through national and add NJ
 - a. Own time clock annually. One year from sign up
2. Pay Kimberly directly to become a member
 - a. Within the calendar year expires

NJTWS dues will be due Jan. 1. Grace period of paying until the spring meeting. If not paid by Spring meeting will be dropped from the roster. When a member is dropped from the roster, they will receive an email from NJTWS. **When will we update roster?**

- NJTWS dues (\$10) that are paid directly through our State chapter membership (not when you pay online with National) are due by January 1st.
- You will receive an email from membership if you do not pay by December 31st, stating that you have until the spring meeting (i.e., grace period) to pay your dues or you will be dropped from the roster.
- If a member doesn't pay dues by the spring meeting and is dropped from the roster, they will receive an email from membership notifying them that they have been removed from our email list and will not receive the newsletter or special announcements.

Applications available today as well as updated roster.

Northeast Section Rep - Eric Schrading

NE Section Exec board and all members meet in the fall and spring. Fall meeting October 10 at national meeting in Ohio. NE Fish and Wildlife Conference

April 14-16 Spring meeting CT?. All members of the NE section for being NJ Chapter chairs. Unifying this through Parent society

Can still be part of chapter and not part of parent.

NE section helps sponsor the student conclave April 12-14 at University of Maine and also supports the field course for emerging professionals May 19-June 1 2019. Can apply now. Check it out.

Northeast Section President elect and Northeast Section Treasurer seats are available consider getting a nomination in!

Northeast Section Rep

Conservation Affairs Committee – Eric Schrading for Lisa Clark

- Managing Biodiversity in Northeastern Forests
- Bear Hunt letter
 - Letter to commissioner regarding concern over ban on bear hunting on state lands.
 - We support leaving tools available for wildlife biologists
- Restore America's Wildlife Act
 - Sent Thank You letters to representatives who co-sponsored the bill
- Changes on Endangered Species Act regulations
 - Provided comments both Conservation Affairs committee and the NE Section
- NJ Coastal Management
 - Provided comments on mapping changes.

Letters in rotation for membership to view

President elect nominations for Northeast section and treasurer are available.

- Covers Maine through Maryland.

Chairperson for Education and Information – Eden Buenaventura moved, need volunteer

Social Media: Michelle Arias

Spring meeting

Spring meeting topics?

- combined meeting with American Fisheries Society?
- Society of American foresters synergy went off very well....
- Climate change potpourri
- Gmail us suggestions!

-Delaware River Watershed focused with field trip?

-Northern bobwhite quail and surrogate species habitat management?

GIS specialist seasonal NJDEP

'GIS Specialist' and the candidate would have to be able to work out of Kittatinny Valley State Park. The basic function of the position is to be able to locate park boundaries using GPS units, and help maintain a database of the Northern Region properties. The position is classified as a seasonal position which basically means the hours are capped at 900 a year (this comes out to about 6 months working 40 hours a week, or a full year working 20 hours a week).

Other Officer Reports

Member Discussion points “new business” proposed constitutional amendment for NJ state constitution. Every citizen has the right to clean air and water etc... concerns raised on implications especially that it could change the way we approach wildlife management in new jersey. Could the conservation affairs committee dive in and investigate this more closely?

- Lisa and Larry Torrak make up our conservation affairs committee. Beth requests Paul Castelli follows up with them.

Requires some investigation and thought.

- Similar legislation in Pennsylvania has made it easier for citizens to get involved in issues like pipeline installations etc. PA has had much success...

Prescribed burning challenges? This could potentially put more barriers on prescribed burning...

- Not sure what specific concerns are out there surrounding this issue.. seems like a good one for TWS to get involved in.

What is the comment timeframe?

- Legislature working on and if agreed will be going on the ballot for next year most likely.

The Green Amendment...

Ad hoc committee to investigate? If interested let us or Paul Know...

Paul Castelli to be in touch...

Housekeeping (lunch info) – Ted

Business meeting ends at 10:25

See agenda regarding presentations...