

The Wildlife Society New Jersey Chapter  
Spring Meeting 2019  
Thursday, April 4, 2019  
9:30 am – 3:30 pm  
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Pequest Hatchery

Attached: Agenda, Attendance Sign-In Sheet

- 37 people in attendance

Business meeting minutes: Begin business meeting at 10:00 am with introductions...

Presidents Report – Beth Frieday

- Requesting dues from member explaining what comes with the membership citing email sent out by Kim Clapper including associate members to receive a digital copy of Wildlife Professional.
- DWCF basin act established restoration program... call for proposals out now
- Thanks Ted Nichols for his work as program chair, he has stepped down but will continue to serve the NJ Chapter as audit chair.
  - Andrew Clapper
- Election for Vice President... Brian Kirpatrick running unopposed
  - Mim Dunne puts forward motion to elect Brian as Vice president
  - Second by Brittany Dobrzynski
  - Unanimous decision from dues paying members to elect Brian.

Treasurers Report – Mim Dunne

- Checking account balance is at \$808.44
- Two Withdrawals and two deposits
- Membership deposit \$290
- Withdrawal 2 scholarships - \$400 Sean Sterret and \$400 Darrel Jones
- Van guard money market \$11,724.29 remains available for scholarships
  - Proud to offer scholarships to our chapter support young professionals and students
- Motion to accept report as submitted from Brian Kirkpatrick
- Second by Kim Clapper

\$10 meetings and free to members... check in with Kim for a membership form.... \$10 a year supports our community... better qualified young professionals' benefits all of us.

Membership Report – Kimberly Clapper

- 92 paid members of those, 73 paid through national and state
- 19 are affiliate/state chapter only
- Trying to clean up our roster... will remove old member info if no longer applicable and will reach out to those folks offering membership again
- Email sent in Jan but working to figure that out and will reach back out to those members. To rejoin instructions will be provided.

- If unsure membership status, can check the roster list..
- Forms available if you would like to join.
- \$10 regular \$5 student

#### Northeast Section Report – Eric Schrading

- University of Maine hosting the student conclave April 12-14
  - Rutgers is attending
- Annual NE section meeting will be in CT April 14-16
- Student field course May 19-June 1 in Vermont
  - May still be accepting applications check out online.
- Elections for treasurer and president elect Eric sent out info about how to vote. Please vote!

#### Conservation affairs committee Report – Lisa Clark / Eric Schrading

- Opposing language in an opinion piece on deer management claiming TWS is dominated by state managers to correct the article in stating The Wildlife Society is a professional society with membership representing agency professionals, academia and non-profits not just the state
  - Provided additional comments on the reasons for deer management policies in NJ
  - Comments received from national and will float past the board
    - Request for board to return comments ASAP
- A position letter opposing the Environmental Rights amendment to the NJ State Constitution as written to clarify language raising concerns and urging reconsideration as to reduce the potential barriers to wildlife and habitat management practices.

Business meeting ends at 10:28 am

See attached meeting agenda.