

The Wildlife Society New Jersey Chapter
Spring Meeting: Pollinator Conservation in The Garden State
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Assunpink WMA, Cranbury NJ

Attached: Agenda, Attendance Sign-In Sheet

- 40 people in attendance
- 10 TWS NJ Chapter voting members present

Presentations began at 9:30 AM. See agenda for presenters

Business meeting minutes: Begin business meeting 11:03 am

Treasurers report – Mim Dunne

- Russell A. Cookingham Scholarship, made possible by an endowment from Russell A. Cookingham is made available to students each year attending wildlife programs both in and out of state. This years scholarship was awarded to Austin Damminger.... \$1000.00
- Supported student in Northeast Field Camp Scholarship of \$350.00 This was made possible in part by the \$10 dues paid for chapter membership..... \$350.00
- We supported students last Spring with transportation to and from the Northeast Student conclave. \$200.00
- The Society of American Foresters held the Charlie Newlon Forum and dinner. Anticipating ask for funding this year as well..... \$200.00
- The NJ Chapter is considering professional reimbursement for other student activities
- The Atlantic Flyway meeting received Chapter funding but Ted tells us that due to sponsorships and other fundraising activities they were able to fully return the funds to NJ Chapter of TWS.
- Balance of funds is \$1,068.94
- Separate Vanguard balance \$12,173.00
- Mim proposes setting up a better process for budget and spending? Setting a deadline for student applications?

Presidents Report – Beth Freiday

- National has made a request for NJ Chapter support the meeting in Cleveland this year. Suggests denying this request as we are a small chapter focused on advancing professional development for young biologists. Is there anyone who would like to serve on a committee to further route these requests? Talk to Chapter President Beth Freiday or Treasurer Mim Dunne.

Program Chair - Ted Nichols

- Nominations for 2018 board appointments are as follows...

President: Elizabeth Freiday

Vice President: Brian Kirkpatrick

Past President: Evan Madlinger

Section Rep: Eric Schradling

Secretary: Brittany Dobrzynski (so elected on this day)

Treasurer: Mim Dunn

Board Member-at-large: Megan Kolk (so elected on this day)

Board Member-at-large: Sharon Petzinger

Membership Chair: Kimberly Clapper

Program Chair: Ted Nichols (interested in stepping down)

Social Media Chair: Eden Buenaventura

Newsletter editor: Amy Jones

Conservation Affairs Chair: Lisa Clark

Vacant Positions: Elections and nominations chair
Audit chair

- Motion to accept all nominations and affirmative vote cast by Marcus Gray
- Second by Paul Castelli
- So elected as announced.

Amy put together newsletter... TWS bulletin and journal of wildlife management has Apps! Check it out. Peer reviewed journals available on your smart phone!

BY-laws... updated bylaws at last board meeting. Highlights include....

Dues changed to \$10. Student membership \$5. 4 different membership types. Removed affiliate member. Changed cons review session to Conservation Affairs Committee.

Bylaws updated and printed. Check It out. Reference and section about ethics is not resolved. Will discuss in the future. Tabled last Fall.

NE Section has written a position statement Managing for Biodiversity in NE forests. Bird species are dependent on replicating disturbance regimes. Suite of birds suffering habitat declines due to lack of disturbance. NJ forestry practices are highly contested in the state. North East in general struggling with public support. Position paper has been distributed. This is available on National website and also linked to on our Facebook page. Good tool for discussing with landowners.

Facebook page (only 5 folks in room agreed they followed). DO IT!!!

Membership Chair – Kimberly Clapper

- Proposed membership deadline move to Due Jan 1.
- Moving forward by Dec 31 if your dues have lapsed you will be removed from the mailing list. Grace period between Dec 31 and spring meeting. If by spring meeting you still haven't paid you

will be dropped from mailing list. Those who pay through national have a different timeline. Whenever you pay through them is when your membership begins.... different deadline.

- New professional \$10
- student \$5
- general \$10

Beth Freiday: Want to support young professionals using membership dues, plans to further discuss with chapter board.

Programs Chair – Ted Nichols

- Briefing on Atlantic Flyway meeting... successful and able to raise funds, returning chapter contribution.
- Russel A Cookingham scholarship available to undergrads attending an environmental science program in colleges in NJ or elsewhere. Competitive. Austin Dammiger is this year's recipient, Paul Smiths college grad. Hired as seasonal tech for Ted.

Education and info committee- Eden Not here... Looking for anyone interested in taking on this challenge?

Conservation affairs committee chair -Lisa Clark

- Biodiversity paper uploaded to national
- coastal barrier resource act letter coming up.... USFWS proposed a letter for 100+ modifications to coastal barrier resource system units. Little Egg inlet is not protected under flood insurance or protected from development. We submitted a letter to get it included in this protection to secure for the future. Suggested protections for sea beach amaranth, piping plover... etc. should be out by the end of the month.
- Recovering Americas wildlife act. Able to send out letters to congressional cosponsors. Sent letters to those who didn't sign requesting their support on behalf of the NE section
- Also seeking approval from NOAA for coastal management program... offshore drilling ETC is this something we want to comment on or support?

General discussion of lack of certified wildlife biologists in the state. Only 16 in NJ! Lead to the idea...** how can we set up a mentorship program. IS there a way that we can break down the requirements to make this easy for young people to follow along and get the correct courses and credits? Certification chair at TWS... have meetings count as development credit hours.... If application in before 2000 did not require continuing education recert credits. Something at the freshman or sophomore level we should get the word out to University professors who can educate students on these tracts about why and how to get this designation.

Paul Castelli.... Can you choose your curriculum based on certification? YES, DE chapter confirms as well as URI

*** an opportunity to make the connections if you are just so close to get into by justifying experiences

Provide a list of coursework that will get you to certification. We may have done this a while ago and it didn't have teeth.

We could push the wildlife society to focus their scope and review the curricula for the certification process to make it more attainable to a larger suite of people... reach out to Dan Hernandez? Paul Castelli is willing to help with this....

It needs to begin in undergrad.

Business meeting ends at 12:16 pm followed by more presentations ending at 3:00 pm.