Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society Executive Meeting

Sunday, 14 April 2019
Start time: 1:00pm

Attendees: Tammy Colt, Emily Just, Scott Williams, Michael Fishman, Megan Linske, Tom Decker, Jim Cardoza, Caroline Murphy, Paul Johansen, and John McDonald

- Committee Updates:
  - Awards (Tammy Colt and Megan Linske)
    - Award ceremony will be held Monday April 15 at NEAFWA
    - 4 certificates of recognition
    - 1 Pearce Award
    - 1 P.F. English Award
  - Communication (Megan Linske)
    - Need to confirm a second year for Tammy Cloutier as newsletter editor
  - Conservation Affairs
    - In need of a new chair
    - Eric Schrading is looking to step down
    - Need to solicit feedback on the rewording of the Forest Diversity document
  - Membership (Emily Just and Caroline Murphy)
    - Held a conference call with headquarters on March 12th
      - Discussed “sun-setting” of joint membership initiative
      - Will end with this fiscal year
        - We will have to adjust budget accordingly
    - Follow-up
      - We will be sending out a survey about what members want/need from their section
    - Next year we will vote on new dues
      - $8 for students/early professionals and $10 for professionals
  - Operations (Tim Green absent)
    - Elections took place
      - Jacqui Frair will be the new president elect
      - Tammy Colt will be treasurer again
    - Altering by-laws for a 2-year presidential term instead of one
      - Will still be one year for president elect and past president
      - Will go into effect in 2020
        - 14:25 EST – Motion to adjust presidential term from one to two years starting in 2020
        - 14:26 – Seconded by Emily Just
        - 14:27 – Approved unanimously
        - 14:30 – Motion to add two board member at large positions to executive committee for one year terms (Emily Just)
        - 14:31 – Seconded by Megan Linske
14:32 – Amended to two-year term with elections staggered by one year
14:33 – Seconded by Emily Just
14:33 – Approved

- Will need to vote both new positions and amended positions into bylaws by members

Student Affairs
- Conclave held in Maine this past weekend

Workshops (Megan Linske)
- There were two workshops to be held at NEAFWA 2019
  - Implementing and Adaptive Management Program Using Remote Automate Wildlife Monitoring Methods (with the R Package AMMonitor)
    - Cathleen Balantic and Terri Donovan
  - AWB/CWB Certification course with Calvin DuBrock was canceled
    - Considering converting the course into a webinar workshop
  - Tom Decker will be hosting a Workshop for Trappers
    - Details were posted to Facebook as well as circulated through a membership e-mail

Field Course (John McDonald)
- 20 students have enrolled
- 17-18 different schools
- We will begin soliciting for new instructors for the 2020 field course
- Castleton will host Southeast Section field course
  - Will follow similar model to that of the Northeast Section
- 14:59 – Tammy Colt motioned to donate $1,000 to field course
- 14:59 – Emily Just Seconded
- 15:00 – Passed unanimously

Headquarters Update (Caroline Murphy)
- Reno Conference coming up
- We have an instgram @thewildlifesociety
- The Wildlife Professional has switch leadership to Keith Norris
- Gearing up for Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA)
  - Removing royalties for on and offshore drilling for funding of RAWA
  - Funds would instead come from general treasury
    - Would still be dedicated funding
  - “Horse Rich and Dirt Poor”
    - 15 minute film
    - We are now housing and promoting that film
- Identified two fellows at TWS
- Need nominations for Distinguished Service Award

Treasurer’s Report (Tammy Colt)
- See attached spreadsheets
- We need to hold and audit
- Merchandise
  - We will e-mail hat sales to state chapters or representatives
- 15:49 – Motion to adjourn by Tammy Colt
  - 15:49 – Seconded by Megan Linske
  - 15:50 – Passes

End of meeting: 3:49pm