

**Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
February Board Meeting Minutes
1 February 2018
Brues Alehouse, Pueblo**

Attending: Pat Magee, Jesse McCarty, Nathan Galloway, Nathan Seward, Mark Fletcher, Chase Taylor, April Estep, Kathy Griffin, Marcella Fremgen, Andrew Don Carlos, Rocky Spencer.

1. The annual conference went well. We had good attendance with approximately 170 in attendance.
2. **Business Meeting**
 - a. Pat Magee presented on news and updates regarding The Wildlife Society and the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society (CCTWS).
 - b. Nathan Seward gave a report on the status of the CCTWS Treasury.
 - c. The presidents of the CSU, WCU, and CSU Pueblo student chapters gave presentations on the status of each student chapter.
 - d. Andrew Don Carlos gave a presentation on the results of the CCTWS member survey.
 - e. Pat Magee motioned to remove the language limiting the length of board member terms from the CCTWS bylaws. The motion was discussed and passed without opposition.
3. **Post Conference Meeting**
 - a. **Open Board Positions:** Several people have expressed interest in filling open board positions.
 - b. **Overall Status of the Annual Conference**

Positive	Possible Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stage, presentation screen, and classroom style arrangement worked well. • There were very few technical issues. • The hotel staff, convention center staff, and the caterers were excellent. • The food was good. • Early-bird conference registration was successful. • The Teddy Roosevelt impersonator was a hit. • The Wednesday night social was popular. • The Plenary Session topic was well received. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider more vegetarian/vegan snack options. Especially options that include protein. • There were some complaints that four days was too long. • The Facebook advertisement didn't have a noticeable effect on attendance. • Conference signup on the CCTWS website was clunky/confusing. • The Business Meeting a bit lengthy.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The camera trapping workshop was a big hit.• Student attendance was great, and many posters were presented.• Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) was a good presence.	
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c. Discussion About Next Year's Conference

- i. Traditionally the next conference would be held in Fort Collins. The attendance at this meeting location is usually excellent and helps to increase CCTWS membership. Several alternative locations were discussed including Durango, Steamboat, Salida, Montrose, and YMCA of the Rockies. Durango and Steamboat would be expensive options. Salida and Montrose lack proper facilities. YMCA of the Rockies could be a difficult location in the winter. Each of these locations could also be detrimental to attendance.
- ii. The hotel/conference center combination is convenient and worked well.
- iii. The camera trapping workshop should be offered again next year but should be open to more people. Several board members have experience with camera traps and could help accommodate more people.
- iv. More partnerships like BHA would be good. PARC is interested in collaborating at next year's conference. Nathan Galloway has contacts at PARC and can help with coordination.
- v. The Road Ecology from the 2018 conference resulted in high Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) attendance. A similar topic could help boost CDOT attendance in 2020.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – conference call 9-11am