

Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
February Board Meeting
7 February 2020
Fort Collins Hilton

Present: Jesse McCarty, Nathan Galloway, Nate Bickford, Marcella Tarantino, John Hughes, Pat Magee, Matt Rustand, Emily Latta, Andrew Don Carlos, Kathy Griffin, Katie Grey, Cassidy English, Sara Kramer, Casey Setash, Mark Fletcher

1. Business Meeting – **February 6th, 2020**
 - a. 2019 Board Achievements – Jesse
 - i. Through fundraising and donations, the board was able to invest over 47 thousand dollars. Revenue from the investments will be used to fund CCTWS grants and scholarships.
 - ii. Kathy is in the final steps of securing the Jim Olterman Memorial Plaque. This plaque is anticipated to take the form of a large, polished, granite bench. The Plaque will be placed at the CPW office in Denver.
 - b. Treasurers Report – Nate Seward
 - i. Checking: Approximately \$10,000
 - ii. Savings: \$508.73
 - iii. Money Market: \$35,716.39
 - iv. This year grants included a \$1,000 grant for cheatgrass education, two \$500 travel grants, a Great Blue Heron research grant, and a grant of \$1,200 to each of the student chapters (CSU Pueblo pending).
 - c. New and Former Board Members – Nathan
 - i. Members joining the board this year include Matt Rustand (Treasurer), Cassidy English (Southeast Representative), Sara Kramer (At Large), Casey Setash (At Large).
 - ii. April Estep, Aran Johnson, Nate Seward, and Pat Magee will be stepping down from their positions on the CCTWS board. Thanks for all your amazing work as board members!
 - d. Status and Updates on the CCTWS Student Chapters
 - i. The presidents of the CSU, WCU, and CSU Pueblo student chapters gave presentations on the status of each student chapter.
 - e. TWS Information and Updates – Bob Lanka and Gary White
 - i. Bob Lanka
 1. Presentation on news and updates from TWS including financial status updates, the Policy Program, Give Back Program, and Associate Member Program. More information is available on the TWS website.
 2. Membership Challenge: Bob Lanka is challenging the Central Mountains and Plains Division to increase membership by 10% in 2020.
 - ii. Gary White
 1. Reminder that only 50% of CCTWS members are members of TWS. This is a great opportunity to use the TWS Give Back Program.
 2. TWS has sent out a membership survey. Check your junk mail if you have not received it and please participate.
 3. Gary White gave a speech commemorating David Anderson. An announcement for David's memorial will be posted to the TWS website.

2. February Board Meeting

a. 2020 Annual Meeting Discussion

Positive	Possible Improvements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial attendance and revenue numbers look good. • We got off to a rough start. Next year we should consider having the pre-conference meeting at the venue and working on setup the night before. • In general, the presentations were great. Karl Malcolm’s presentation was specifically mentioned. • The panel discussions went well • The midmorning and midafternoon breaks went well. • The large double projector screens with a podium in the middle was a great setup. • The Camera Trap Workshop was a hit again. We should consider continuing this workshop. • The food availability was good. • The Wednesday networking event went well. The heavy apps were great. • This was a great year for sponsors and donations. • Backcountry Hunters and Anglers was a good presence again this year. We should continue to foster this relationship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We should work on the timing of events and staying on schedule. • Announcements should be made when breaks are over and presentations are starting. • We should send a heads up to members that we don’t print the agenda and they should print their own ahead of time if they would like one. • There should be more spacing between the seats. • Tables with chairs or a mixture of tables and stand-alone chairs would be a good option. • There were several technical issues on the hotel side. • The banquet meal got mixed reviews, but most people did not seem happy with the meal. The vegetarian dish seemed to have the worst reception. • There were not great options for tea during the breaks. The drink options were very coffee focused. • The late poster entries caused some confusion and there was not enough room for everyone in the poster area. • We should consider the merits of a raffle vs silent auction vs live auction. The silent auction seemed to have too many items. We may have benefited from moving more items to the live auction. Kathy suggested letting members pay to put someone’s name on a ticket and having a drawing. If that person’s name is drawn, they have to do something silly.

i. Nathan will prepare an email blast for the membership discussing positive aspects of the annual meeting.

b. 2021 Annual meeting

- i. The typical cycle for the annual meeting would put the 2021 meeting in Grand Junction.
 - ii. The usual venue in Grand Junction is not great.
 - 1. Odd room setup
 - 2. No AV
 - 3. We should investigate other venues in the area.
 - iii. Pat has suggested a water or Gunnison Sage Grouse theme for the next meeting.
- c. Student Breakfast – Katie
 - i. In general, the breakfast was a success. We should continue to have this event at future meetings.
 - ii. The breakfast would benefit from more time.
 - iii. We should find a way to facilitate students switching between professionals.
 - iv. Katie will put together a student survey to find out what the students thought of the breakfast.
- d. CCTWS Google Drive
 - i. We should setup and use a google drive to share documents. Mark will look into using the drive that is already set up.
- e. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)
 - i. Nathan will research BHA events and workshops and prepare an announcement for the March newsletter.
- f. Future Board Meetings
 - i. Nate will set up future meetings through Zoom and will send out an invite.
 - ii. Future meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month from 9 to 11 am.
- g. CCTWS Belongings
 - i. CCTWS is in possession of a large collection of paperwork and other items attained over the years. Some of these items are relics and may not be worth keeping. Katie and Casey will sort through these items and decide what is relevant.
 - ii. The board will decide where to store the remaining items at the March board meeting.
- h. CCTWS Board Directory and Election Results
 - i. Nathan will share the directory and election results with the board.
- i. Presidential Transition
 - i. Jessie has some items to turn over to Nathan.
 - ii. Jessie has some emails that he has been holding on to for post-meeting distribution.
- j. Membership Database Software – Pat
 - i. The Membership Database Committee has suggested using Member Planet software. This product has the best balance of features and cost (approximately \$600/year).
 - ii. **Nate motions to go with Member Planet software. Jesse seconds the motion. The board votes and the motion is approved (13-0-0).**
- k. CCTWS Annual Calendar
 - i. Nathan, Jesse, and Mark plan to meet to put an annual calendar of time sensitive CCTWS obligations.
 - ii. This calendar should include sending dues and board information to TWS.

- I. NEPA Public Comments Chair
 - i. Nate Jones did not have enough votes to be elected to the board, but we would like to find a way to get him more involved in the chapter. Nate Jones has suggested creating a NEPA Public Comments Chair.
 - ii. Jesse and Nathan will discuss creating this position.
3. Summary of action items
 - a. Katie will put together a student survey to find out what the students thought of the breakfast. (item 2-c)
 - b. We should setup and use a google drive to share documents. Mark will look into using the drive that is already set up. (item 2-d)
 - c. Nathan will research BHA events and workshops and prepare an announcement for the March newsletter. (item 2-e)
 - d. Nate will set up future meetings through Zoom and will send out an invite. (item 2-f)
 - e. Katie and Casey will sort through the CCTWS collection and decide what is relevant. (item 2-g)
 - f. Jessie has some items to turn over to Nathan. (item 2-i)
 - g. Jessie has some emails that he has been holding on to for post-meeting distribution. (item 2-i)

Next Meeting – 9am, Thursday, March 12th, 2020

Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)