

Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
March Board Meeting
12 March 2020
Conference Call

Present: Nathan Galloway, Nate Bickford, Matt Rustand, Andrew Don Carlos, Kathy Griffin, Katie Grey, Cassidy English, Sara Kramer, Casey Setash, Mark Fletcher

1. Student Networking Event – Katie Grey
 - a. The student networking event at the annual meeting was a success! The board would like to continue to offer this opportunity at future meetings.
 - b. Katie sent out a survey to students who attended the event.
 - i. 85% said that they felt supported by the chapter.
 - ii. 87% felt that they made meaningful connections at the event.
 - iii. 61% followed up with the connections they made.
 - iv. 100% said they would attend a similar event in the future.
2. File Organization
 - a. Katie and Casey have been going through old documents that have been collected by previous board members. They have been digitizing the documents and loading them onto a Google Drive account. They will shred sensitive materials and recycle everything else.
 - i. In general, the board has decided to keep:
 1. Programs and other informational materials from old annual meetings.
 2. Invoices and receipts for the previous five years.
 3. Tax documents for the previous five years.
 4. Other documents that Katie and Casey think are interesting or important.
 - ii. There are numerous DVDs, VHSs, and slide reels to go through. Sara has a VHS and can help go through those. Kathy will help with the slides and DVDs. Once they have decided what is worth keeping, the board can discuss digitizing these materials.
 - b. The board has been discussing how to digitally store important documents. Google is a more familiar platform to most people but requires a google account to access. Microsoft One Drive is a newer platform, but anyone can access it.
 - c. **Matt motions to use Microsoft One Drive pending a successful test. Kathy seconds the motion. The board votes and the motion is approved (9-0-0).**
 - d. Mark has created a One Drive and will share access with the board.
3. Website Updates – Nathan
 - a. We need to make updates to board positions and committee chairs on the CCTWS website.
 - b. Nathan has a directory, but would like to make something more official with everyone's position etc.
4. Newsletter
 - a. Katie has a student updates piece.
 - b. Mark will write a blurb about the dues change.
 - c. Nate will look into a curiosity piece/hook.
5. Treasurer's Report - Matt

- a. Matt has been looking to switch banks to something that is more widely available. Matt will narrow down the options and make a presentation to the board for a vote.
 - b. CCTWS needs to write a check to CSU Pueblo for student chapter funding.
 - c. Matt will check to make sure that Vectronics has paid for sponsoring the annual meeting.
 - d. Nathan is going to write a letter to the Fort Collins Hilton to express our concern that because of their high costs, we may not be able to return next year.
6. Future Board Meetings
 - a. The board will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Nathan will continue to setup and distribute Zoom links.
 - b. The July board meeting will be in-person. We will plan to have the meeting at the USFS building in Silverthorne.
7. Member Events / Partnering
 - a. Nathan and Sara will look into some options for member events. Some ideas include a trash pickup with Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and a transmitter deployment field day with CSU Pueblo.
8. Public Comments
 - a. Nate has drafted a letter regarding changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. He will send it to Nate Jones for editing.
 - b. Other ideas for public comments include changes to the Endangered Species Act and the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.
 - c. These documents will likely need to be signed by the "Board of the Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society".
9. Secretary's Report: Past Meeting Minutes – Mark
 - a. The board needs to approve the January and February 2020 board meeting minutes. Mark did not receive any revisions or comments for these minutes.
 - b. Kathy motions to approve the meeting minutes with revisions. Nate seconds the motion. The board votes and the minutes are accepted (9-0-0).**
10. Action Items
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 - b. Katie has a student updates piece for the newsletter.
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Next Meeting – 9am, Thursday, April 9th, 2020

Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)

