

Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
April Board Meeting
9 April 2020
Conference Call

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

1. CCTWS Annual Calendar
 - a. Jesse has an annual calendar draft that he will distribute to the board.
 - b. The calendar items that pertain to this time of year include:
 - i. The beginning of a new fiscal year.
 - ii. The 2020 budget which Matt has prepared and is available on the CCTWS One Drive.
 - iii. Starting the annual meeting cycle.
2. Colorado Mesa University – Student Chapter Liaison
 - a. The liaison will serve as the link between the student chapter, CCTWS, and TWS.
 - b. Kathy is interested in being the liaison to the student chapter but is working on finding out what the level of engagement will be for this position. Kathy will serve as the initial liaison and may pass these duties on to another committee chair depending on workload.
3. Updates to Committees and Chairs
 - a. CCTWS has several inactive or duplicate committees and chairs.
 - b. Nathan and Jesse have been working on cleaning up and consolidating the list of committees and chairs.
 - c. Nathan is going to distribute the old list of committees and chairs to the board and asks that board members notify him if they are in contact with any of the committee or chairpersons. Also, if board members feel strongly about keeping a committee or chair, please let Nathan know.
4. Spring Newsletter
 - a. Nathan has a draft of the spring newsletter. He will distribute the draft to the board for final review.
 - b. Nate would like to include updates regarding public comments from state, section, and national TWS organizations.
5. Member Events Chair
 - a. Nate has found someone, Liz Peterson, who is interested in becoming the Member Events Chair. Nate will send the board an email with Liz's contact info.
 - b. Our goal is to host 1-2 regional events each year.
 - c. Sara has found three events along the front range where CCTWS can partner with Wildlife Restoration Volunteers to be involved in habitat restoration projects. Sara will contact Liz to organize these member events.
 - d. Nathan would like to point out that member events don't have to be directly related to wildlife (i.e. BHA trash cleanup events). We can let the membership decide what events they want to participate in.
6. July Meeting
 - a. This is usually our in-person meeting. This could change due to COVID-19 concerns or possible meeting collaboration opportunities (see below for meeting collaboration details).

- b. For now, Nathan is setting a tentative meeting date for Wednesday, July 1st.
- 7. CCTWS and RiversEdge West Annual Meeting Collaboration
 - a. RiversEdge West (formerly the Tamarisk Coalition) is a nonprofit organization that deals with riparian habitat restoration and shares a similar ethos with CCTWS.
 - b. The RiversEdge West annual Colorado meeting and the CCTWS annual meeting often have conflicting dates and some of our members must decide which meeting to attend.
 - c. RiversEdge West has expressed interest in collaborating for our 2021 meeting in Grand Junction.
 - d. RiversEdge West usually holds their meeting at Colorado Mesa University. The university plans to have an on-campus hotel in time for the 2021 meeting. The meeting space is free and CCTWS could split food costs with RiversEdge West.
 - e. Kathy has suggested that Sage-Grouse habitat improvement topics could provide good opportunities for collaboration. Kathy has expressed concern that we should be careful to not to let our membership be overshadowed in ways like workshops being filled by non CCTWS members. Kathy has worked with many of the board members of RiversEdge West and has a favorable opinion of them.
 - f. Jesse has pointed out that RiversEdge West begins planning for their annual meeting much sooner than CCTWS and going forward with collaboration will require significant advances in planning for the 2021 CCTWS meeting.
 - g. Nate motions to pursue collaboration with RiversEdge West for the 2021 annual meeting, noting that this is not a final decision and that RiversEdge West has not yet committed to collaboration. Kathy seconds the motion. The board votes and the motion is approved (12-0-0).**
 - h. Andrew has expressed concern that TWS may have guidance or restrictions on collaborative meetings. Nathan will contact TWS for guidance.
 - i. Nate will peruse this opportunity and return to the board with details, questions, and concerns. Nate also plans to reach out to nearby schools in Utah with an invitation to the 2021 annual meeting in Grand Junction.
- 8. Action Items
 - a. Nathan is going to distribute the old list of committees and chairs to the board and asks that board members contact him if they are in contact with any of the committee or chairpersons. Also, if board members feel strongly about keeping a committee or chair, please let Nathan know (item 3-c).
 - b. Nathan has a draft of the spring newsletter. He will distribute the draft to the board for final review (item 4-a).
 - c. Nate will send the board an email with Liz Peterson's contact info (item 5-a).
 - d. Sara has found three events along the front range where CCTWS can partner with Wildlife Restoration Volunteers to be involved in habitat restoration projects. Sara will contact Liz to organize these member events (item 5-c).
 - e. Andrew has expressed concern that TWS may have guidance or restrictions on collaborative meetings. Nathan will contact TWS for guidance (item 7-h).
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Next Meeting – 9am, Thursday, April 9th, 2020

Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)

