

Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
May Board Meeting
15 May 2020
Conference Call

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

1. 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. Nate motions to approve the meeting minutes with revisions. John seconds the motion. The board votes and the minutes are accepted (11-0-0).**
 - c. Mark will add the approved minutes to the CCTWS OneDrive and website.
2. Annual Meeting Planning: Status Updates – Nate
 - a. Nate, Marcella, John, Sara, and Cassidy met with members of the board for RiversEdge West to discuss collaboration at the annual meeting. Nate intends to schedule a more formal planning meeting soon.
 - i. The planning committee has suggested the theme/title of “A River Runs Through It: People, Wildlife, and Habitat”.
 - ii. Nate is not sure if this will be the theme for the plenary session as well.
 - iii. The annual meeting is planned for February 16th-19th, 2021.
 - iv. Tuesday will be reserved for CCTWS workshops. Wednesday and Thursday will be for collaborative presentations. RiversEdge West will hold their workshops on Friday.
 - v. RiversEdge West does not do a banquet or a business lunch.
 - vi. RiversEdge West does a poster night and happy hour similar to CCTWS.
 - vii. The facilities at Colorado Mesa University have been reserved, but Nate has not committed to any financial obligations.
 - viii. The Colorado Mesa University facility has two large banquet rooms. One of these rooms can be divided into two or three rooms. CCTWS will not incur a charge for using the facility but CCTWS will have to pay for catering.
 - ix. There will be separate registration portals for CCTWS and RiversEdge West. Persons registering at the door will need to specify which organization they are registering with.
 - b. Nate requests that the board help in brainstorming ideas for topics that merge landowner and wildlife interests.
 - c. Workshop Ideas - RiversEdge West tends to have more field trips and hands-on workshops rather than training workshops.
 - i. Jesse – Camera Trap Workshop
 - ii. Nate – R/Data Analysis Workshop
 - iii. Marcella – Bio Engineering/Habitat Restoration Workshop
 - iv. Nate – Telemetry Workshop
 - v. Nathan – Beaver Habitat/Riparian Restoration Workshop
 - vi. Nate – Disease Workshop
 - vii. Sara – Professional Development Workshop
 - d. Jesse and other board members have expressed concerns that an in-person meeting may not be possible by February 2021.

- i. We should continue to develop meeting ideas that will work for an in-person meeting as well as a virtual meeting.
 - ii. We should avoid contractual obligations that cannot be canceled in the event we are not able to have an in-person meeting.
 - 3. May Treasurer's Report and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget – Matt
 - a. Nathan would like to thank Matt for all his excellent work as treasurer! This board position is extremely important to the chapter and is a massive commitment.
 - b. Matt now has access to the CCTWS bank accounts and has a debit card and check book. Please send payment requests to Matt.
 - c. Matt plans to keep the checking and savings accounts at Bank of the West. They have a digital banking option, so he is able to use the accounts from Canon City.
 - d. Matt will now look at other money market options to maximize our interest rate.
 - e. The 2019 taxes have been filed.
 - f. As of May 1st:
 - i. Checking account - \$11,880.49
 - 1. CSU-Pueblo Chapter sponsorship - \$1,200 (check has been sent)
 - 2. Sponsorship payment from BHA - \$500 (paid)
 - 3. Budget item for Jim Olterman Scholarship - \$750
 - ii. Reserve Fund Money Market - \$36,474.51
 - 1. Jim Olterman - \$1250 (\$500~Robin Olterman, \$500~John Seidel, \$250~Gene Byrne)
 - iii. Savings Account – \$508.83
 - iv. CCTWS Target Reserve for 2020 - \$36,487.67 (Reserve Fund and Savings account)
 - g. Matt has prepared an 2020-2021 Proposed Budget (CCTWSOneDrive/Treasurer/Budget/2020_2021)
 - i. Reduced budget due to outcome of Fort Collins annual meeting
 - ii. Total Budget: \$7,985
 - 1. Highlights:
 - a. Benefits to Chapter members:
 - i. \$1,200 for each student chapter (CSU, WCU, and CSU-Pueblo)
 - ii. \$1,500 total for two small grants
 - iii. \$1,000 total for two travel grants
 - iv. \$310 total for certification applications
 - b. Annual Meeting Expenses:
 - i. Based upon previous meeting amounts
 - ii. Likely much less than projected if group meeting occurs
 - h. **Nate motions to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. John seconds the motion. The board votes and the motion is approved without opposition (11-0-0).**
4. CCTWS Investments
 - a. Pat Magee has prepared a status report for CCTWS investments (CCTWSOneDrive/Treasurer/Edward Jones Investment/Board Reports).
 - i. Total Invested: \$45,286.07
 - ii. Current Value: \$43,476.08
 - b. The CCTWS investments have held up relatively well considering the current status of the economy. The diversified, high quality investments have helped maintain the

account value and the gradual investment strategy appears to have been a wise decision.

5. Professional Development Group – Sara
 - a. The Professional Development Group is working on a membership survey. Andrew will help with this survey.
 - b. The goal is to host two events in each region every year.
 - i. The events will be similar to the annual meeting workshop ideas.
 - c. The Professional Development Group is looking into creating a more specialized group for Women Wildlife Professionals in Colorado. The national chapter has a similar group.
6. Action Items from the May Meeting
 - a. Mark – add the approved minutes to the CCTWS OneDrive and website (item 1c).
 - b. All board members – Nate has requested help in brainstorming annual meeting topics that merge landowner and wildlife interests (item 2b).
 - c. Professional Development Group – create a membership survey in coordination with Andrew (item 5a).

Next Meeting – 9am, Thursday, June 11th, 2020

Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)