

**Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
August Board Meeting
13 August 2020
Conference Call**

1. July Meeting Minutes
 - a. **The board votes and the minutes are accepted as is.**
2. Professional Development Survey
 - a. A draft survey is available and has been sent to board members to fill out and critique. Please complete by 8/14 and provide feedback so it can be finalized and sent out to members.
3. September Newsletter
 - a. Proposed Timeline:
 - i. September 1st – Newsletter additions need to be submitted to Alex. (alexandra.fortney@westernalum.org)
 - ii. September 8th – Alex will submit a draft newsletter to Nathan or a volunteer from the Board for review (accuracy and grammar revisions).
 - iii. September 13th – Final revisions should be submitted to Alex.
 - iv. September 15th – Alex will forward the final newsletter to Courtney for distribution to membership via email.
 - b. “Stories from the Field” will come from Nate Bickford’s students.
 - c. Newsletter Responsibilities:

Newsletter Content Item	Author	Received
0. September newsletter contents (this document)	Alex Fortney	
1. President’s Column	Nathan Galloway	
2. Financial Report -- Account balances	Matt Rustand	
3. Jim Olterman Scholarship Investment Fund Update	Patrick Magee!	
4. Colorado Chapter Annual meeting – save the date and any information on theme, workshops, location....	Nathan Galloway	
5. Call for papers, posters IGNITE talks, photography contest	Marcella Tarantino	
6. Abstract submission form	Marcella Tarantino	
7. Call for professional awards	Michelle Cowardin	
8. Call for Jim Olterman scholarship applications, call for Allen Anderson Award	Nick Kaczor - Katie Gray	
9. Call for small grants	Emily Latta	
10. Past travel, research, education grant recipient stories	Emily Latta	
11. Student chapter updates	Katie Gray and student chapter presidents	
12. Conservation Affairs Update	Erin Blair	
MBTA and Other Conservation Initiatives		
13. Stories from the field	Board members or members (Nate B.’s students)	

14. TWS National Conference; registration still open	Alex Fortney	
15. Invitation and opportunity for CCTWS sponsorship	Emily Latta	
16. For any sponsors that sponsored the chapter, not just annual meeting, include their logos	Emily Latta	
17. List of CCTWS board members (check for updates)	Nathan Galloway	
18. Representatives, Committees, Chairs (check for updates)	Nathan Galloway	
19. Membership Contact reminder or any news (new membership database)	Courtney King	
20. CCTWS Membership application plus CCTWS and TWS website link (make it easy to be a member)	Alex Fortney	
21. TWS Council Update	Bob Lanka	
22. CMPS Update	Adam Alhers	
23. Call for elections (candidates in the December newsletter)	Nate Bickford	
24. Law enforcement	Cassidy English	
WHAT'S MISSING??? (job openings, workshops, conferences, grant opportunities, conservation news, policy news)	CCTWS Board and membership	

- d. Wolf Reintroduction Opinion Piece – Gary Skiba
- i. Gary worked for DOW/CPW in the development of Colorado’s current wolf management plan.
 - ii. Gary would like to include an opinion piece in the newsletter.
 - iii. Gary is pro reintroduction and looking for a person or group to provide an op-ed piece for the opposition.
 - iv. Gary does not expect CCTWS to take a position regarding wolf reintroduction.
 - v. Gary has written a couple of couple of op-eds on the issue:
 1. https://www.montrosepress.com/opinion/opinion-wolves-why-they-should-be-restored-to-colorado/article_2c0824e0-cc3b-11ea-945b-1ff5c1a3b1e5.html
 2. <https://www.chieftain.com/opinion/20200614/reintroduction-of-wolves-in-state-is-wise-idea>
 - vi. Gary would gear the piece towards CCTWS readers rather than newspaper readers, but with much of the same information and reasoning.
 - vii. **CCTWS has decided to invite Gary to write an opinion piece.**
 1. **We need to find a biologist to present the opposing view. This should be someone who is looking at the issue from a science perspective, not solely from a political/socioeconomic perspective.**
 2. **Nathan Galloway will write an intro and disclaimer, and include the CSU website:**
<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/centerforhumancarnivorecoexistence/people-predators/wolves-faq>
 - viii. **Nathan Galloway does not want CCTWS to take a position, rather to provide information.**
 - ix. **Nate Bickford is in favor of taking a position.**
 - x. **Jesse stated that this is a hot button topic with a lot of politics involved.**

4. Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion Subcommittee
 - a. The CCTWS board has decided to request that Pat Magee attend the next meeting and provide some context as to what this subcommittee should look like (student chapters, student chapter liaisons) and the goals/objectives of the group.
5. CCTWS Investment Update
 - a. Portfolio amount: \$49,334.07
 - b. We have \$2,863 in cash that has not been invested yet, but Rose is doing that right now.
 - c. Total income earned: \$830.48 (available right now for scholarship).
 - d. Investment Disbursement: 36% fixed income/64% Equity (original investment strategy 35/65).
 - e. 2019 returns were 4.89%.
 - f. 2020 returns are so far 2.14%.
 - g. Overall, account has grown from \$47,170.31 on Sep 5, 2019 to \$49,431.89 today (gain is \$2,261.58).
 - h. Despite the current economic situation in the world, the stock market has stayed fairly stable since last March and we're on track to earn about 2% for rest of the year.
 - i. The fees have summed to \$283 which is 0.60% (<1%) of our growth.
6. Jim Olterman Scholarship
 - a. We will provide announcement in newsletter that we will have a scholarship available but will wait to finalize the dollar amount until the official request for applications goes out.
 - b. We need to figure out the first-year process and set up yearly calendar on scholarship/grant announcements and awards.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Incurring \$50/month charge from MemberPlanet that is being taken from the boards operating budget (will be deducted from General/Misc expenses)
 - b. As of August 12th:
 - i. Checking account - \$11,944.84
 - ii. CSU-Pueblo Chapter sponsorship - \$1,200 (check has been sent, but not cashed)
 - iii. Received \$460.01 on 7/27/2020 from national TWS for membership revenue kickback.
 - iv. PayPal account – \$158.67 (will arrive in checking account by 8/18)
 - v. Reserve Fund/Money Market - \$35,229.06
 - vi. Savings Account – \$508.83
 - vii. CCTWS Target Reserve for 2020 - \$36,487.67 (Reserve Fund and Savings account)
8. Annual Meeting
 - a. Workshops
 - i. R Training – Making progress with CSU professor; Nathan will follow up with Casey Cetash.
 - ii. Marcella has not had much luck with her workshop. Nathan Galloway suggests that maybe this will be a backup due to the likelihood of a virtual meeting and save it until next year.

- b. Mental Health – Sara and Jesse met with John Frazier. Good meeting and made to view things they had not considered before. John suggested conservation professionals suffer from trauma as a result from their work. Sara thought it was timely. Jesse would like to have John present (cost - virtual \$250).
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Nate Bickford – is the goal is to break even with meeting? It will be very difficult to get attendance to a virtual meeting based upon experience with other organizations. It may be difficult to charge and people are not participating well.
 - ii. Jesse – we should still attempt a meeting but should not expect a high level of attendance. Perhaps we can hold afternoon/evening sessions and still have a business meeting.
 - iii. Nate Bickford suggests having two good talks then really push students at student chapters to present. Possibly in the form of speed talks. This could be an avenue to have some good talks.
 - iv. Nathan Galloway likes this idea.
 - v. Sara suggests keeping a pulse on the national meeting.
 - vi. Jesse suggests assigning someone to follow through on how a virtual meeting could work.
 - vii. Nate Bickford suggests waiting until after nationals and after we make a formal decision on CCTWS meeting
 - viii. **Group decision – table discussion to decide about virtual vs in person annual meeting until September meeting.**

Next Meeting – 9am, Thursday, September 10th, 2020

Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)