

Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society
October Board Meeting
8 October 2020
Conference Call

Present: Nathan Galloway, Nate Bickford, Marcella Tarantino, John Hughes, Sara Kramer, Emily Latta, Casey Setash, Cassidy English, Mark Fletcher

1. Secretary's Report: August and September Minutes – Mark
 - a. **Nate motions to approve the August meeting minutes. John seconds the motion. The board votes and the minutes are accepted (8-0-0).**
 - b. **Nate motions to approve the September meeting minutes. Marcella seconds the motion. The board votes and the minutes are accepted (8-0-0).**
2. Treasurer's Report: October 2020 – Matt Rustand (via email communication)
 - a. The chapter is incurring \$50 per month charge from MemberPlanet, a membership management website, that is being withdrawn from the boards operating budget.
 - b. No other transactions have occurred in the previous month.
 - c. As of October 6th:
 - i. Checking account - \$12,033.81
 - ii. Reserve Fund Money Market - \$35,229.65
 - iii. Savings Account – \$508.83
 - iv. CCTWS Target Reserve for 2020 - \$36,487.67 (Reserve Fund and Savings account)
3. Annual Meeting
 - a. Nathan has been looking into what other chapters/divisions are doing to address annual meeting needs during the COVID 19 pandemic.
 - i. Some states are conducting business as usual. Some states are having a virtual meeting. Some states are doing nothing at all.
 - ii. Nathan likes the idea of having a one day, outdoor, socially distanced meeting that could be postponed until next spring/summer (assuming it is safe to hold such a meeting when the time comes).
 1. This event could take any form but would provide membership with at least a limited networking option.
 2. There may need to be a cap on the number of people allowed to attend.
 - iii. Nathan still wants to hold portions of the meeting (workshops, auction, others?) on a virtual platform.
 1. The British Columbia chapter used 32auction.com to host their virtual auction and recommend this platform.
 - iv. Marcella – An outdoor meeting would be a good opportunity to hold the poster session. Nathan and Marcella will decide on a due date for a call for abstracts.
 - v. Emily – We will need to look into state regulations regarding gatherings.
 - vi. Emily – We didn't give out travel grants this year due to COVID 19. We could redirect those funds to the annual meeting.

- b. Sara is going to take point in holding a mental health workshop. The cost to CCTWS will be about \$250.
 - c. Nate would like to give out gift cards to the students that are hosting the R workshops.
 - d. Suggested timeline – Nathan
 - i. February – Workshops (one/week)
 - ii. April – Plenary
 - iii. March – Student presentations
 - iv. May – Outdoor presentations
 - e. Decision points:
 - i. Plan to make concrete decisions/timelines at the November meeting.
 - ii. Still to decide:
 - 1. When will we hold the auction?
 - 2. What parts of the meeting will require a fee and how much will we charge?
 - 3. What outdoor venue will we use?
4. Member Survey – Sara
- a. 20% participation – some of the communications may have been hung up in spam folders.
 - b. Did not receive any student responses, but the survey was not sent directly to the chapters. Sara is going to send the survey directly to the student chapters.
 - c. Results:
 - i. Professional development is in high demand.
 - ii. Members prefer workshops over seminars.
 - iii. Numerous people offered to provide a workshop or course.
 - iv. Most people are interested in regional activities.
 - d. This survey will be a great start for activity planning. Sara plans to utilize the student chapters to help host events. This could help increase student involvement.
5. Student Liaisons
- a. CSU – Andrew Don Carlos
 - b. CSU Pueblo – Cassidy
 - c. Western – Marcella has volunteered to take this position over for Nate Seward. Marcella will email Pat Magee to let him know.
 - d. Mesa – Kathy Griffin is looking into how this workload will fit into her schedule. Emily is going to be a backup liaison in case Kathy is unable.

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

Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)