



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

DATE: 10:30 – 11:30 EDT, September 28th, 2020

Meeting called to Order by Drew at 10:30 am ET / 9:30 am CT

ATTENDEES: Drew Fowler, Chair
Phillip Stephenson, Vice Chair
Kelly Chinnners Reiss, Treasurer/Secretary
Johanna Duffy, Past Chair
Casey Setash, Student & Social Media At-Large Representation
Member and other attendee names taken from Zoom screen log in and presented in the order appearing in the Zoom room (some members may have been missed): max, Jamie, Alan Weston, Joseph Drake, Krista Bird, Patrick E. Lederle, Todd Wong, Andrew Letter, Arnold Brunell, Aubrey Greene, matthew.phillipi, Stephen Richter, Beckie Poore, blaik, brdavis, Carley Spading, Cheyenne Ginther, Christin Mcdonough, Darien Lozon, Dave Londe, Dylan Shaw, Trey McClinton, trubalcaba, mariatursi, Nick Masto, Emerald, Izabelle Jaquet, Jenna Wiersma, Jeremiah Heise, Kerry Griffis-Kyle

MINUTES:

- 1) Welcome and Introductions 10:30-10:40 am ET
 - a. Drew called the meeting to order at 10:30 am ET; each officer presented a self introduction
- 2) Working Group Positions Nominations - 10:40 - 10:51 am ET
 - a. Drew announced the Vice Chair nominees. Max Larreur presented to the meeting. Jay VonBank was not in attendance, and Drew presented on his behalf
 - b. Drew announces Treasurer/Secretary nominee and then introduced Adonia who was not in attendance
 - c. Drew announced voting would open October 1, 2020 and Phillip identified how members will vote through an email received by the TWS WWG on October 1 - voting will be electronic ballot
- 3) Treasurer/Secretary Report
 - a. Kelly identified the following bank account balances and mentioned that the accounts would be merged with the upcoming change to a new Treasurer/Secretary
 - i. Ally current balance: \$1,742.22
 - ii. US Bank balance: \$164.00
 - b. Membership levels were announced with 163 current members: 62% regular, 17% student,

15% new professional, 6% other (international, family, retired); members in 44 US states and 4 additional countries

- c. There were 5 officer meetings since 2019 annual meeting
 - d. An update on the chapter newsletter included
 - i. Volume 10, Issue 1, May 2020
 - ii. Not yet released - Volume 10, Issue 2, Fall 2020
 - e. Drew added details on the membership increasing each year over the past three years: 163 current members as of Sep 2020; 155 in Sep 2019; 147 in Sep 2018
- 4) Drew announced the Student Travel Award winner for 2020 - these awards helped offset the costs of attendance to the virtual meeting.
- a. Trey McClinton addressed the meeting from 10:54-10:59 am ET on his work in wetlands and wildlife
 - b. Joe Drake addressed the meeting from 10:59-11:02 am ET on his work in wetlands and wildlife
- 5) Casey explained the Working Group YouTube Channel concept 11:03-11:10 am ET including the idea behind the Members bio's, which should be sent as a .mp4 file with an optional description; bios will be posted on a private channel and links sent in the chapter newsletters for viewing by members only. The YouTube Channel will also have technical resources such as field videos that could be marked for public view. Casey screen shared the YouTube Channel during the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuGVrZFU8AcNbmzMZQ4A>. There was a call to members to please contribute to this effort. Members Stephen Richter and Dylan Shaw expressed an interest in sharing a video on YouTube and/or further developing the Instagram account (TWSWetlandsWG).
- 6) Phillip addressed his recent Report to TWS Council requesting resources for the WWG YouTube Channel, 11:10 - 11:19 am ET. The WWG requested that Council consider creating an avenue for our working group to gain access to recorded conference presentations. We believe this would provide our members with current research and information, while possibly creating an option for continuing education credits. There was some consideration of how this might translate to CEU awards in the future (possibility still to be determined). Board Member Patrick E. Lederle also spoke in support and mentioned that the TWS President and CEO discussed this at the 9/27/20 meeting and that they would further discuss with the legal team on redistribution of conference recordings to YouTube (unknown constraints, though noted for educational purposes).
- 7) Drew announced the currently planned 28th Annual Conference – Baltimore, Maryland; Sept 26-30, 2021, and mentioned possible involvement opportunities, but that it is unknown with the pandemic.
- 8) Drew adjourned the meeting at 11:21 am ET

Minutes Recorded by Treasurer/Secretary Kelly Chinners Reiss