



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

SUBJECT: Wetlands Working Group – New Officer Transition Meeting

DATE: 11:00 – 12:00 CDT, October 29th, 2020

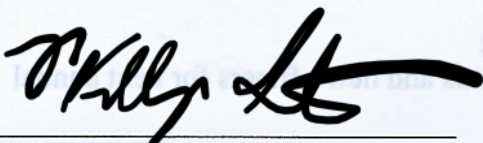
ATTENDEES: Johanna Duffy, Past-Chair (out-going)
Drew Fowler, Past-Chair
Phillip Stephenson, Chair
Jay VonBank, Vice-Chair (in-coming)
Kelly Reiss, Treasurer/Secretary (out-going)
Adonia Henry, Treasurer/Secretary (in-coming)

MEETNG NOTES

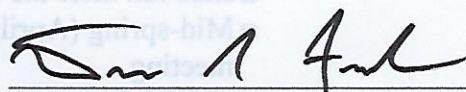
- Introductions
- Officer Election Results
 - Vice-Chair: Jay VonBank
 - Treasurer/Secretary: Adonia Henry
 - Adonia Henry needs to be added to the Wetlands Working Group bank account (ending in 60281) at U.S. Bank with full signing authority.
- Review Wetlands Working Group Mission
 - The purpose of the Wetlands Working Group is to provide a forum for TWS members with common professional interest to communicate, exchange information, facilitate continuing education and increase public awareness on matters and issues which impact, or may impact wetlands and associated wildlife species and to promote and enhance the responsible management of wetland resources through *annual meetings, webinars, newsletters, scientific publications, and other forms of communication.*
- Logistics
 - Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yhB7a5sHxk8XFStdJ61Ht1l1z9qSwogw>
 - Annual Workflow
 - Meet monthly via Zoom – Phillip or Jay to schedule and organize agenda
 - Bi-annual newsletters
 - Late fall after the annual TWS meeting
 - Mid-spring (April) to solicit travel awards and new officers for next annual meeting
 - Annual TWS Meeting
 - Organize / Sponsor symposia (occasionally)

- New Business and Current Efforts
 - Fall/Winter 2020 Newsletter – current outline is located here:
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_JNiXMYAbhZGvNvLJ49xIhywN0f8uaZX
 - Target is November 16 for newsletter content
 - Discuss suggestion from Joe Drake about combining newsletters with Biological Diversity Working Group
 - Benefits not necessarily clear on combining the two working groups (e.g., why join both when you get all news for both through one)
 - WWG to maintain spring/fall newsletters alone
 - Options if we do work with other working groups
 - Discussion on a ‘special edition’ style newsletter (e.g., once a year in summer)
 - “Working Group Corner” - Could move beyond WWG-BD partnership – solicit brief write-ups on shared working groups with wetlands – Phil could take lead on this
 - Contacts might be Joe and Anika – Drew will follow up with BD WWG
- YouTube channel development and promotion -
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuGVrZFU8AcNbmzMQ4A>
 - No response yet from TWS on using conference content on channel – requested 5-10 videos to be able to share each year – working out concerns on requests, staffing, work flow, etc.
 - Developing WWG content
 - Request for new officer bios
 - Members bios
 - Technical resources
 - Follow-up with members Stephen Richter and Dylan Shaw – had expressed interest – Drew will follow up with Casey about these
 - Finances
 - Currently we have two accounts US Bank and Ally Bank
 - Adonia will work with Jen Chutz who has current signing authority on U.S. Bank account. Johanna mentioned monthly fee concerns for accounts with low numbers of transactions
 - Philip found out we can bank through TWS also – contact was Mariah
 - Phil will forward past conversation to Adonia who will follow up with Mariah by email on this path
- Next Meeting
 - Phil and Jay will figure out digital meeting space
 - November 30, 2020, 11am CT
- Adjourn

Agenda by Drew Fowler, Notes by Kelly Reiss



Phillip Stephenson, Chair



Drew Fowler, Past-Chair