

The Wildlife Society New Jersey Chapter
Fall Virtual Meeting 2020
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attached: Agenda

- 25 people in attendance

Business meeting minutes: Begin business meeting at 4:00 pm with special thanks to NJ Audubon for setting up and hosting our meeting.

Presidents Report – Beth Freiday

- Attended a NE Leadership Group of The Wildlife Society- courses to achieve Associate and Certified Wildlife Biologist have been updated i.e. plant classes, updates were approved last week and will be rolled out over time
- Recording this meeting, available on newly established YouTube channel <https://youtu.be/iQTct3TKAKw>
- President and Treasurer positions are uncontested.
 - Election held virtually for President Beth Freiday, using the Yes/No chat box to vote. No opposition, Brittany Dobrzynski voted to approve Beth as President and Sharon Petzinger seconded.
 - Election held virtually for Treasurer Mim Dunne. Beth Freiday put forward motion to elect Mim as Treasurer and was seconded by Brittany Dobrzynski. Term approved.
 - Beth will serve as President this year, next year when her term ends Brian Kirpatrick (VP/ President Elect) will move into the President position and Beth will move into the Past President position. Then we will have an election for the Vice President/President Elect.
 - Board Member position- 3 people running gave introductions:
 - Aaron Guikema- State Director for USDA WS, Wildlife Biologist, conducts wildlife damage management
 - Meghan Kolk- Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ. Served as Board Member at large for past 2 years, serves on Professional Development Committee, conducts grassland bird surveys, grassland restoration, bat surveys, beach management plans
 - Sharon Petzinger- NJDFW ENSP incumbent board member at large for a few years now
 - Vote on poll: people voted on-line and previously cast emailed votes added: Brittany Dobrzynski tallied votes: Sharon is voted in with 10 email + 10 meeting poll votes and Aaron and Meghan were tied with 7 email and 8 meeting poll votes. Christopher Cruz a new member was the tie breaker and voted for Aaron Guikema

Treasurers Report – Mim Dunne

- Checking account balance was \$837.50 in January 2020, now is at \$1482
- Withdrawal for the annual State of NJ filing fee of \$30.50
- Membership deposit for 67 members of \$675
- Vanguard money market fund \$15,190.25
- To pay NJ Chapter dues, make check payable to NJTWS for \$10, send to: Miriam Dunne, 118 Beechwood Rd., Belvidere, NJ 07823
- Currently investigating PayPal account to pay dues, please contact Mim if you can help.
- Dues fund our Professional Development Award and Vanguard Fund is used for the Cookingham Scholarship
- Send applications in for the Cookingham Scholarship (\$1000) and Professional Development Award (\$500, open to anyone, all ages)- Deadlines have been extended to Nov. 1, 2020, info on how to apply can be found at wildlife.org/new-jersey/about/awards

Program Chair – Brittany Dobrzynski

- Becky Hill, NJDEP Bureau of Climate Resilience Planning and Nick Procopio, NJDEP Division of Science and Research presented: Scientific Report on Climate Change: Key Findings
- Kiera Malone our 2019 Cookingham Scholarship award recipient talked about her undergrad experience and how her Scholarship was spent
- The Rutgers student chapter of TWS is conducting their meetings on Zoom and welcome us to participate
- Break-out group social for people to get to know each other