



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Wetlands Working Group Officer Meeting via Zoom

Date: February 3, 2021; 11:00AM–12:00PM Central Time,

Officers Present: Phillip Stephenson (Chair), Jay VonBank (Vice-Chair), Drew Fowler (Past-Chair), Adonia Henry (Treasurer/Secretary), and Casey Setash (Social Media Liaison)

Meeting Minutes

1. Introduction
 - a. All officers present
 - b. Meeting called to order at 11:01 am Central Time by Phillip
2. Financial Update – Adonia
 - a. Dues for last quarter deposited into US Bank account (\$184.00)
 - b. Adonia and Drew will work together to get money from Ally Bank transferred to US Bank account
 - c. 1/31/21 balance: \$2,214.68
 - i. US Bank \$348.01
 - ii. Ally Bank \$1,866.67
3. TWS 2021 Conference
 - a. Theme has not been established, but the focus will be communicating science to a variety of audiences (getting the science we produce ‘heard’ by the public, other wildlifers, policy makers) and have a spin on diversity (DEI initiatives).
 - b. Need to have symposium proposals submitted to TWS by April 19
 - i. Think about topics for symposia - EVERYONE
 - ii. Should be able to get enough speakers given its virtual
 - iii. Federal approval doesn’t seem to be as much of an issue with virtual
 - c. Put together shell announcement for student travel award - Phillip
4. Fall 2020 Newsletter Response
 - a. No responses re: introduction videos for YouTube
 - b. Potential future feature article on wetland rare plants along transmission line
5. Spring 2020 Newsletter
 - a. Need to ensure that feature articles are not opinion pieces
 - b. Professor Hood has not gotten back to Phillip re: feature article
 - c. Drew will think about other feature article options

6. You Tube Videos
 - a. Private vs. Public/unlisted – allow members to decide
 - b. How do we get more input - it's been like pulling teeth to get videos from members?
 - c. Request to include videos about mission of organization on WWG denied
 - i. Videos are about members and their work/interests related to wetlands
 - ii. Videos should not promote other organizations or be policy statements
7. Google Drive Logistics
 - a. Phillip reorganized most 2020 and 2021 files by year
 - b. Everyone can help finish that if they see files that need to be moved
8. New Business
 - a. Website
 - i. WWG website on TWS platform was out of date
 - ii. Adonia sent updates on activities and new board to Mariah on 1/11/20
 - iii. Need bio and photo from Casey
 - b. Google account
 - i. wwg.tws@gmail.com
 - ii. Need to regain access - Adonia
 - c. Meeting minutes
 - i. Privacy concerns
 - ii. Officer liability
 - d. Photo contest – discussion tabled until next meeting
 - e. Other outreach/involvement/fundraising ideas – discussion tabled until next meeting
 - f. Reports due 1/31/21: All reports were submitted to Mariah on 1/7/2020
9. Next meeting March 3, 2021 @ 11am Central Time via Zoom
10. Meeting adjourned 11:39am Central Time by Phillip

*Meeting minutes compiled by
Adonia Henry, Treasurer/Secretary*