



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Wetlands Working Group Officer Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Date: March 4, 2021; 9:00AM–10:00AM 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 9:08 am Central Time by Phillip
2. Financial Update – Adonia
 - a. Adonia could not deposit check from Drew with Ally funds (\$1,866.67) electronically, so mailed it to Jen who will deposit check into US Bank account.
 - b. Need to regain online access.
 - c. Adonia will update board with ending February balance once online access is regained, but it should be the same as it was on 1/31/21 (\$2,214.68)
3. TWS 2021 Conference
 - a. Theme was not in TWS call for proposal email, 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. Jay will take lead on organizing a wetland-related symposium; Adonia can assist as needed
 - c. Ask WWG membership to help co-lead and/or contribute (Phillip will include in March email to membership)
 - d. Need to have symposium proposals/ workshops submitted to TWS by April 19
 - i. Can have 5, 10, or 15 presenters in symposium
 - ii. Jay will send board potential topics/presenters to discuss at April meeting
4. Student Travel Award
 - a. Award to reimburse one student registration fee for 2021 meeting offered again
 - b. Phillip will include general announcement in March email to membership
 - c. More detailed announcement in Summer 2021 newsletter

5. Spring/Summer 2021 Newsletter
 - a. Need to ensure that feature articles are not opinion pieces
 - b. Adonia will follow-up with member who has previously expressed interest
 - c. Adonia Post newsletter outline to google drive for other board members will volunteers

6. You Tube Videos
 - a. Casey received one new member video
 - b. Phillip will distribute link in WWG email
 - c. Continue to 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 Account
 - a. wwg.tws@gmail.com
 - b. Need to regain access – Adonia & Drew will look for old password
 - c. Casey set up another email account we can use if needed wwgtws@gmail.com

8. New Business
 - a. Photo contest
 - i. Phillip will draft announcement for photo contest to put in Summer newsletter.
 - ii. Offer award as incentive – monetary, WWG bags, other
 - b. Call for officer nominations - include in Summer newsletter
 - c. Other outreach/involvement/fundraising ideas – discussion tabled until next meeting
 - i. Monthly emails are our direct access to membership
 - ii. Facebook & Instagram have not been engaging our members
 - iii. Casey will see if we can post to TWS Instagram page
 - iv. Future webinar(s); need a platform
 1. Meeting to-go
 2. Paid zoom account
 3. Other?
 4. Does TWS have a platform we can use?

9. Next meeting April 7, 2021 @ 11am Central Time via Microsoft Teams

10. Meeting adjourned 10:01am Central Time by Phillip

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