



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Wetlands Working Group Officer Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Date: April 7, 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 11:09 am Central Time by Phillip.
2. Financial Update – Adonia
 - a. Ally funds (\$1,866.67) deposited into US Bank account.
 - b. Mar 31 balance \$2,214.79
 - c. Adonia is in process of getting signing authority.
3. TWS 2021 Conference – Jay
 - a. Proposal due Apr 19th – see conference website - https://twsconference.org/call-for-workshops-symposia-panel-discussions/?utm_source=getresponse&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=current_members_tws&utm_content=Just%204%20weeks%20left%20to%20submit%20your%20TWS%20conference%20proposal%21
 - b. Suggested topic: *virtual approach to wetlands/wetland wildlife. This has been a very virtual year for us all given COVID, and I thought it might be interesting to talk about ways, techniques, or advancements in "virtual" research or programs. This could include topics such as remote sensing, AI, ways researchers have overcome COVID restrictions to continuing research, involvement/engaging with students or underrepresented groups through technology on wetland themes, advanced wetland/wildlife modelling, things along those lines.*
 - c. Expand topic to include pros/cons, more than just technology; reduces overlap with spatial and biometric working group proposed symposium on technology
 - d. Jay has received 2 inquiries for symposium – 1 presenter, 1 volunteer to help facilitate/assist.
 - e. Phillip will send out another email blast Apr 12 with draft abstract/description (Drafted by Jay and Casey) to get additional interest from members.
 - f. Jay will follow-up with other organizations for other support letters.

4. Student Award
 - a. Award to reimburse one student registration fee for 2021 meeting offered again.
 - i. Early student registration is \$75
 - ii. All officers agreed to award registration for up to 4 students due to decreased cost of virtual conference.
 - iii. Awardees will be announced at annual meeting and reimbursed by check.
 - b. Detailed announcement in Summer 2021 newsletter and on WWG website.
5. Summer 2021 Newsletter – Adonia
 - a. Outline is on google drive; see word document for task assignments.
 - b. Articles and information due June 1; newsletter will be ready to distribute by early July.
6. Officer elections
 - a. Drew will draft text for Vice-chair nominations with deadlines for submission
 - b. Voting on (or before) annual meeting
 - c. Also request volunteers for social media liaison at-large board position
7. Current Efforts/New Business
 - a. YouTube videos – ongoing open request for members to submit
 - b. Google account – wwg.tws@gmail.com; Regained access on Mar 5, 2021; reached out to Jen (previous board member) who had record of the password
 - c. Photo Contest
 - i. Phillip will draft announcement for photo contest to put in Summer newsletter.
 - ii. Offer award as incentive – \$50 each category & WWG bag
 - d. Other outreach/involvement/fundraising ideas – discussion tabled until future 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?
8. Next meeting Wednesday May 5, 2021 @ 11am Central Time* via Microsoft Teams
 - a. *Post meeting addition - Phillip will send out doodle poll if we need to reschedule
9. Meeting adjourned 12:02pm Central Time by Phillip

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