



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Wetlands Working Group Officer Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Date: May 5, 2021; 11:00AM–12:00PM Central Time,

Officers Present: Phillip Stephenson (Chair), Jay VonBank (Vice-Chair), Drew Fowler (Past-Chair), and Adonia Henry (Treasurer/Secretary).

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 11:03 am Central Time by Phillip.
2. Financial Update
 - a. Apr 30 balance \$2,386.79
 - i. Includes quarterly dues deposit of \$172 on 4/29
 - b. Adonia has full signing authority and on-line access to bank account.
3. TWS 2021 Conference
 - a. Not enough member interest in presenting at symposium, so decided not to submit a proposal for this year
4. Student Award
 - a. Award to reimburse one student registration fee for 2021 meeting offered again.
 - i. Early student registration is \$75 due July 31
 - ii. 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, on WWG website, and email to members.
5. Summer 2021 Newsletter
 - a. Outline is on google drive; see word document for task assignments.
 - b. Feature article – WWG member agreed to contribute
 - c. Officer elections and student awards – Drew put updated text on google drive
 - d. Photo contest reminder
 - e. Wetlands in the News
 - f. Member publications – Phillip will request from members in May email
 - g. Conferences & Symposiums
 - h. Articles and information due June 4; newsletter will be ready to distribute by early July.

6. Officer elections
 - a. Nominations due July 26
 - b. Voting on (or before) annual meeting
 - c. Social media liaison volunteer for at-large board position (non-voting)

7. Current Efforts/New Business
 - a. YouTube videos – ongoing open request for members to submit
 - b. Photo Contest
 - i. Phillip will draft announcement for photo contest in May email blast.
 - ii. Offer award as incentive – \$50 each category (landscape & wildlife) & WWG bag
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Have bolstered outreach through member videos, photo contest
 - ii. Facebook and Instagram have not been engaging 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?
 - d. Collaborating/Partnering
 - i. North Dakota TWS Chapter Aquatics Group – Jay met with them and they're interested in collaborating with WWG
 - e. Fundraising
 - i. Think about target working budget for sponsoring activities
 - ii. Keep on radar for future WWG activities
 - iii. Silent auction – partner with other working groups

8. Next meeting Wednesday Jun 2, 2021 @ 11am Central Time via Microsoft Teams

9. Meeting adjourned 11:48pm Central Time by Phillip

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