NETWS Second Quarter Board Meeting

Conference call

10 April 2017, 3:00 pm

President Jenny Prenosil starts meeting with a roll call of board members. Present are Matt Steffl, Adam Jones, Caroline Jezierski, Shelly McPherron, Mel Nenneman. Missing on the call were Laurel Badura, John Denton, and Shaun Dunn. Mark Lindvall also joined the call.

Board members approved the notes from the Annual business meeting held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in February. Thanks to Jess Jurzenski for taking notes at the meeting, and to Mark Lindvall for transcribing the notes for the Newsletter. Adam moved to accept the notes, seconded by Shelly. Motion passed.

Adam Jones presented the treasurer’s report, with current bank figures for the Chapter, including a breakdown of income and expenses from the Midwest Meeting (included below). Current balance in checking is just over $20,000 and $4,500 in savings. Matt asked if the auction income included income from the raffle, and Adam indicated that the auction income did include raffle income. Some of the money listed under PayPal was also income from the auction. We paid $2,103.57 for the meeting room and banquet room at the hotel. Jenny thanked Adam for his work at the Midwest. Jenny asked for a motion to accept the treasurer’s report. Mel moved to accept the report, and Adam seconded. Motion passed.

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|  | 1/1/2017- |  | 2/1/2017- | 3/1/2017- | 4/1/2017- |  | OVERALL |
| Category Description | 1/31/2017 |  | 2/28/2017 | 3/31/2017 | 4/10/2017 |  | TOTAL |
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| **INCOME** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2017 Midwest Conference |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,617.50 |  | 0.00 | 1,617.50 |
| Auction Income |  | 0.00 | 1,197.00 | 0.00 |  | 0.00 | 1,197.00 |
| Interest Income |  | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | 0.00 | 0.16 |
| Interst Income |  | 0.00 | 0.15 | 0.16 |  | 0.00 | 0.31 |
| Transfer from PayPal |  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 658.06 |  | 0.00 | 658.06 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** |  | **0.16** | **1,197.15** | **2,275.72** |  | **0.00** | **3,473.03** |
| **EXPENSES** |
| Uncategorized | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CMPS Expense | 0.00 | 119.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 119.00 |
| Fenske Award | 0.00 | 250.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 |
| Midwest F | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,103.57 | 0.00 | 2,103.57 |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** | **0.00** | **369.00** | **2,103.57** | **0.00** | **2,472.57** |

**OVERALL TOTAL 0.16 828.15 172.15 0.00 1,000.46**

**Committee reports**

Nominating committee: As past president, Laurel Badura will be the chair of this committee, and will ask two other NETWS members to serve on the committee. Committee will identify candidates for the next election.

Membership: Discussion about how to encourage members to pay dues. At the Midwest, we had no mechanism to pay chapter dues with registration, so we may be missing renewals from members who usually pay at the annual meeting. Jenny said she would send out a reminder to members via the NETWS Google groups email, and Mark will put a reminder in the newsletter. Jenny will check with Shaun to see if he has other ideas for reaching out to members that have lapsed.

Programs: Matt indicated that he is just starting to work on program ideas. He asked Jenny for a list of program committee members so he could start reaching out to other NETWS members for help with the Programs Committee. Matt asked the board if the general consensus at the annual meeting was to plan the NETWS/CMPS meeting around the Sandhill crane migration, with possible location in Grand Island or Kearney. Board members affirmed this idea. Laurel Badura is the liaison between NETWS and CMPS. Andrea Orabona (CMPS president) indicated that she would be willing to help, so programs committee should work with CMPS folks. Jenny will send the names of program committee members to Matt.

Conservation Review: Eric Zach and Bill Vodehnal drafted a letter in support of the Appropriations bill working its way through Congress. Letter supports funding to USFWS, BLM, USGS, and USFS. Once approved by the board, Jenny will send the letter to the Nebraska senators and representatives.

Information and Education: Mark L. sent out the NETWS newsletter using Mail Chimp, which provides a lot of statistics about recipients of the newsletter. Newsletter was sent to 285 email addresses, and 82 people actually opened the newsletter. There were about 30 email addresses that bounced (email addresses no longer current/active). One person unsubscribed from receiving newsletter emails. Nobody clicked on the link to renew membership. Since we have about 109 members, having 82 open the email to view the newsletter is pretty good. Apparently we have many lapsed members that still have emails listed, and perhaps many were student members who either are no longer in Nebraska or who have ventured into other careers.

Mark will be working on getting the next edition of the newsletter out sometime soon. He is looking for feedback from members on the last newsletter (suggestions for articles or stories, what people liked or would like to see more of). Mark asked for a Presidents message from Jenny and the draft notes from this board meeting to include in the newsletter. He also asked if someone could provide the current contact information for the student chapters so that he can contact them for articles to go into the newsletter. Monica Macoubrie is helping with the newsletter.

Awards: Nothing to report. Laurel Badura would have asked that we as a chapter do a better job at nominating our peers for the awards that we have to give.

Certification: Nothing to report

**Other Business**

APO review: We had a brief discussion about the need to review the Annual Plan of Operations for the Chapter. The previous document is several years old. It is thought that we can build off of the previous document.

Adam brought up the MAFWA meeting that Eric Zach is coordinating. The board decided to support the use of the NETWS chapter PayPal account to handle payment of the registration and meals for the MAFWA meeting. Adam said this is going well and is not a problem for him to handle. There is no cost to the chapter for this.

Caroline asked if it would be possible for the meeting minutes and treasurer’s report to be available in advance of the next board meeting, rather than the day of the meeting.

Jenny called for a motion to adjourn. Matt moved to adjourn the meeting, Shelly seconded and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm CDT.