**Colorado Chapter of The Wildlife Society**

**July Board Meeting**

**9am, Friday July 9th, 2021**

**In-Person and Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)**

Board Members Present: Nate Bickford, Nate Jones, Matt Rustand, Kathy Griffin, Mark Fletcher

Calling In: Nate Galloway, Andrew Don Carlos, Cassidy English, Christine Rhodes, Katie Grey

1. Secretary Report
   1. The May and June minutes need to be approved.
   2. There were no revisions to the May meeting minutes.
      1. **Galloway motions to approve the May meeting minutes. Jones seconds the motion. The board votes and the minutes are accepted (9-0-0).**
   3. There were no revisions to the June meeting minutes.
      1. **Galloway motions to approve the June meeting minutes. Matt seconds the motion. The board votes and the minutes are accepted (9-0-0).**
2. May 2021 Treasurer Report
   1. The chapter is incurring a $20/month bank fee from Bank of the West for our business account.
   2. The chapter is incurring a $50/month charge from MemberPlanet, a membership management website, that is being withdrawn from the boards operating budget.
   3. Will need to close PayPal and Square Space accounts as both accounts are linked to previous treasurer emails. Only way that we are able to resolve is by closing and reopening with CCTWS gmail account. Will begin process after July board meeting.
   4. As of 8 July 2021
      1. Checking account - $9,600.71
      2. Reserve Fund Money Market - $35,232.29
      3. Savings Account – $508.83
      4. PayPal Account - $101.49
      5. CCTWS Target Reserve for 2021 - $37,217.42 (Reserve Fund and Savings account)
3. IDEA Statement
   1. The IDEA Committee has developed a policy statement and the board has reviewed it and suggested revisions.
   2. **Kathy motions to adopt the policy statement. Christine seconds the motion. The board votes and the IDEA Policy Statement has been adopted (9-0-0).**
4. CCTWS Investments
   1. As the CCTWS Investment Liaison, Pat Magee gave the bord several investment options during the June board meeting (see June minutes) with the goal of increasing profit and increasing the amount of the Jim Olterman Scholarship. This year’s projected scholarship is $800.
   2. Bickford has suggested making the scholarship $1000 every year. Years when the investment profit exceeds this amount, the extra money will be reserved to supplement the scholarship when profit is under $1000. The scholarship amount could be increased if the profit regularly exceeds the $1000.
   3. Matt: In lean years of the stock market, CCTWS could supplement the scholarship from our operating budget. The board should decide on a goal for scholarship amounts and use that to help guide investment strategies.
   4. Bickford: We will table the discussion and let the board think on it. We should also get more info from Pat.
5. Jim Olterman Memorial
   1. Mark has had a chance to talk to the bench maker and go over the plaque specifications and other materials from the plaque maker. We have the go ahead to order the Plaques.
   2. Mark, Kathy, and other interested board members will meet to make final decisions on the plaques and give the plaque maker final approval.
6. Student Funding Standards
   1. Katie has developed clearer standards for student funding with the goal of receiving better quality funding requests from the student chapters. These new standards would be posted on the CCTWS website and included in the upcoming newsletter.
   2. **Christine motions to adopt the new student funding standards. Cassidy seconds the motion. The board votes and new student funding standards have been adopted (9-0-0).**
   3. The proposal writing workshop was successful and Katie would like it to continue. The Professional Development Committee could help with this.
7. CCTWS Board Meeting Schedule
   1. Bickford sent out a pole to find the best meeting time for everyone on the board.
   2. Tuesdays from 2-4pm were the best time. Marcella was the only board member that is not able to meet at this time.
   3. Galloway: Marcella is a very active member of the board and has been on the board for a long time. If we choose this time, we need to have a good way of communicating with Marcella.
      1. Bickford will record the meetings.
      2. Mark will commit to a quick turnaround of the meeting minutes.
   4. Starting in August, CCTWS board meetings will be held from 2-4pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.
8. Website Updates
   1. The national website can accommodate most of the websites that we would like to accomplish.
   2. Updates to the national website take more time and coordination but maintaining our own website would be difficult especially with board turnover.
   3. The board will invite Aleshia to meetings.
   4. Each month’s meeting agenda should include an item for website updates.
9. Annual Meeting Preparation
   1. Location: Grand Junction, Colorado Mesa University.
      1. The university now has a hotel on campus. We should also look into at least one other option for lodging. Jones will contact CMU and other hotels.
      2. At the last Grand Junction Meeting, the attendance was 88 people.
   2. Dates: February 9th-11th, 2022.
      1. Kathy will check into the dates for wildlife officer trainings to make sure that they don’t overlap.
   3. Partnership
      1. RiversEdge West is holding their 20th anniversary meeting and are not interested in partnering this year.
      2. We need to make sure that we are not holding our conference on the same dates as the RiversEdge West conference.
   4. Theme
      1. Tails or Trails: Wildlife and Human Dynamics in a Changing West
      2. The theme of wildlife and recreation conflicts was suggested by Emily and Andrew broadened it to include other human and wildlife conflicts. Bickford suggested Changing West rather than Colorado to try to pull in wildlife professionals from Moab and other surrounding areas.
   5. Format
      1. Wednesday February 9th: Workshops and evening social.
      2. Thursday February 10th: Symposium, Board Meeting, Plenary, Banquet/Auction/Awards/Posters
      3. Friday February 11th: Student Presentations, Afternoon Board Meeting
   6. Other Ideas
      1. Zoom Presentations
         1. Bickford: This could allow us to involve wildlife professionals from all over the nation. Major national parks have been dealing with human wildlife conflicts for decades.
      2. Student Presentations
         1. Andrew: We will likely have a lot of students wanting to present as many were not able to last year. At previous meetings we have held concurrent sessions for student presentations.
      3. Student Social
         1. This was very successful at the last in-person meeting, and we should continue it.
         2. Bickford: We could hold another short session before the banquet for students to reconnect with professionals in a relaxed atmosphere.
         3. Bickford: We should ask the students questions about their interests before the social to help match them up with a professional.
      4. Sponsors
         1. Matt has distributed a list of previous year’s sponsors.
         2. Galloway: We should more actively pursue sponsors this year to help recoup losses from 2020.
      5. Wednesday Night Social
         1. We need to make sure that the University will let us bring our own donated alcohol.

**Next Meeting – 2pm, Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021**

**Conference Call (Zoom Meeting)**