



Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

Wetlands Working Annual Meeting via Zoom

Date: November 3, 2021; 11:00AM–12:00PM Central Time

Participants (44 total):

Officers (3) – Phillip Stephenson (Chair), Drew Fowler (Past-Chair) and Adonia Henry (Treasurer/Secretary);

Members (16) – Cheyenne Beach, Mariah Beyers, Dustin Brewer, Angela Burrow, Merci Clinton, Frances DiDonato, Brenton Fetting, Kerry Griffis-Kyle, Jeremiah Heise, Christin Mcdonough, James Morel, Kelly Reiss, Dan Sears, Dylan Shaw, Catrina Terry, Amy Yahnke;

Non-members (22) – Julie Apert, Mike Brasher, David Cobb, Sam Collins, Patrick Crooks, Heidi Gerstung, Jordon Grotts, Carl Howard, Alyssa Johnson, Hannah Karevold, Kyle Kuechle, Mark Lindvall, Doreen Mata, Louis McCallie, Audrey Owens, Phyllis Rose, Pete Strafford, Amanda Summers, Shane Talley, Spike Treadwell, Joy Vaughan, Carl Wolfe,

Other (3) – Rachel [], Andi [], Rick [],

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 11:01 am Central Time by Phillip
 - a. Purpose of annual meeting
 - b. WWG officer introductions
 - c. Attendee introductions via chat (*see Addendum at bottom of minutes*)
 - d. Call for contributions and assistance with newsletter
 - i. Send photos to Adonia Henry
 - ii. Contact any of the officers if you want to contribute a feature article

2. Treasurer Report
 - a. 1 January 2021 balance: \$2,030.78
 - b. Income (dues): \$676.01
 - c. Expenses: \$(159.10)
 - d. 1 November 2021 balance: \$2,547.69

3. Student Conference Grant Award Introductions
 - a. Dustin Brewer
 - b. Reid Viegut

4. Upcoming Election
 - a. Vice-chair nominee introductions
 - i. Kelsey Schumacher

- ii. James Morel
 - b. Bios emailed to WWG members on Wed, Oct. 6
 - c. Election portal information will be emailed to members on Mon, Nov. 8
5. Photo Contest
- a. Received photos from 8 members
 - b. Winners
 - i. Jeremiah Psiropoulos – (Animal category)
 - ii. Julia Olson – (Landscape category)
6. Open Discussion
- a. Amy Y – enjoys the member spotlights sent via email; has photos she would like to contribute
 - b. Dylan S – enjoys the group, commended the officers, would like to be more involved but has limited time due to work
 - c. Jeremiah H – enjoys and reads the newsletter
 - d. Kelly R – enjoys the newsletter and focus on wetlands
 - e. Merci C and Dustin B – willing to help with newsletter
 - f. Chat discussion (*See Addendum at bottom of minutes*)
7. Next officer meeting: TDB (early December)
8. Meeting adjourned 11:45am Central Time by Phillip

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

Addendum – Zoom chat discussion

From Drew Fowler to Everyone 09:58 AM

Hey All! Drew Fowler here, past-chair for the Wetlands Working Group. We'll get started in a second but go ahead and introduce yourself via the chat. Where do you work and what do you do/study?

From Alyssa Johnson to Everyone 10:00 AM

Hi there! My name is Alyssa Johnson. I'm a first year undergraduate student at Purdue University. I'm currently double-majoring in wildlife and aquatic science with a marine and freshwater biology concentration. Thanks for letting me sit in on this meeting!

From Merci to Everyone 10:02 AM

Hi my name is Merci Clinton (PWS). I am a wetland ecologist/biologist working for a private consulting firm in western Washington.

From Dustin Brewer to Everyone 10:02 AM

I'm Dustin Brewer, a PhD Candidate at Central Michigan University. My research focuses on secretive marsh bird ecology and conservation. I'm excited to learn more about the Wetlands Working Group.

From Brenton.Fetting to Everyone 10:02 AM

This is Brent Fetting. I have a background in amphibian community and wetland ecology from grad work at OK State. For the past few years have been working as a Forest Service Wildlife Tech, USACE Water Resources Planner, but primarily been working as a Wetland Specialist for USDA-NRCS in MN and IA

From Shane Talley to Everyone 10:02 AM

Shane Talley - Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Block Management Program. Looking to get into habitat management.

From Jeremiah Heise to Everyone 10:02 AM

Jeremiah Heise, Wildlife Biologist, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resource, focuses on several large managed and coastal wetland complexes in the Saginaw Bay region

From Heidi Gerstung to Everyone 10:04 AM

Heidi Gerstung, new here - sitting in. Wetlands Ecologist in Colorado for a private consulting company ERO Resources - do a lot of 404 permitting and MBTA compliance work.

From Dan.Sears to Everyone 10:04 AM

Hi everyone! My name is Dan Sears. I'm a soil conservationist with USDA NRCS Iowa. I work in private lands wildlife planning, CRP planning, and federal wetland easement programs. My background is in wildlife biology and conservation, and I'm an Associate Wildlife Biologist.

From Rachel to Everyone 10:05 AM

Mark Lindvall, Refuge Manager retired. Interested in carp control.

From Amy Yahnke to Everyone 10:05 AM

Amy Yahnke, Senior Wetland Ecologist for Washington Department of Ecology. My graduate work focused on PNW amphibians. I currently support the science side of wetland protection and management under state and federal laws.

From Mike Brasher, Ducks Unlimited to Everyone 10:05 AM

Hey, everyone. Mike Brasher here. I'm waterfowl scientist for Ducks Unlimited, working out of our national headquarters in Memphis, TN.

From Cheyenne Beach to Everyone 10:06 AM

Cheyenne Beach, new and sitting in as well. Waterfowl PhD student @ Northern Illinois University and Forbes Biological Station.

From cterry to Everyone 10:06 AM

Hello, Catrina Terry - research scientist for Ducks Unlimited and just finishing up a wetland heavy MS at LSU

From Hanna Karevold to Everyone 10:07 AM

Hi all! My name is Hanna Karevold. I work as an environmental specialist for a private consulting firm in North Dakota.

From Frances DiDonato to Everyone 10:08 AM

Hi! My name is Fran DiDonato and I'm new to this group/sitting in as well. I'm currently a waterfowl MS student at Mizzou.

From Kyle Kuechle to Everyone 10:08 AM

Hey everyone, Kyle Kuechle, wetland scientist for Ducks Unlimited out of our Bismarck, ND office.

From Merci to Everyone 10:08 AM

Hi I would be interested in helping out with the newsletter :)

From Jordan Grotts to Everyone 10:09 AM

Hi everyone :) Jordan Grotts with Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Environmental Protection

From Dustin Brewer to Everyone 10:10 AM

I'd also be glad to help with newsletters

From Dustin Brewer to Everyone 10:20 AM

brewe1de [at] cmich.edu

From Mariah S. Beyers (she/her) to Everyone 10:29 AM

Great photos!

From Amy Yahnke to Everyone 10:30 AM

Where should we send photos? I have a lot from the National Wetland Condition Assessment this summer.

From Mariah S. Beyers (she/her) to Everyone 10:30 AM

I have to jump off for another meeting, but great to see everyone and thank you for your work! Feel free to reach out if any questions come up for me/TWS HQ: MSimmons [at] wildlife.org, 301-897-9770 x310

From Adonia to Everyone 10:31 AM

Feel free to email the photos to me: adoniarhenry [at] gmail.com. We will credit the photographer for any we use!

From Brenton.Fetting to Everyone 10:33 AM

I like the emails. Seems like we get just enough to feel active, not so many that it seems forced

From Dan.Sears to Everyone 10:41 AM

I appreciate the newsletter, especially its inclusion of news and literature.

From Zoom10 TWS to Everyone 10:45 AM

Phillipleestephenson [at] gmail.com

From James to Everyone 10:45 AM

Thanks all - appreciate the opportunity to run for office with the group. Look forward to contributing in any capacity I can! Best ~

From Merci to Everyone 10:45 AM

thanks!!

From Cheyenne Beach to Everyone 10:45 AM

Thank you!

From Brenton.Fetting to Everyone 10:45 AM

Thanks for holding this! Good to see a lot of familiar names

From Hanna Karevold to Everyone 10:45 AM

Thank you!