



# Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

## Wetlands Working Group Officer Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Date:** December 8, 2021; 11:00AM–12:00PM Central Time

**Officers Present:** Jay VonBank (In-Coming Chair), Phillip Stephenson (Out-going Chair), James Morel (Vice-Chair), and Adonia Henry (Treasurer/Secretary).

### Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 11:04 am Central Time by Phillip.
2. Financial Update
  - a. All photo contest and student award checks have cleared bank
  - b. Balance as of today = \$2,447.69
  - c. Outstanding expenses \$18.70 (postage) + additional postage to mail bag to Drew as thank-you; board approved to reimburse Adonia after submission of all receipts
3. Officer introductions
  - a. James Morel: wetland and waterfowl coordinator for Oklahoma; population biologist by training; waterfowl use of stock ponds.
  - b. Jay VonBank: Research ecologist at Northern Prairie Research Center in North Dakota focusing on waterfowl ecology, movement ecology, energetics and invasive species.
  - c. Adonia Henry: Self-employed wetland ecologist focusing on wetland restoration and management planning; lives in AK and travels to lower 48 for work.
  - d. Phillip Stephenson: Wildlife biologist at Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma.
4. Winter Newsletter
  - a. Feature article
    - i. Jay's contacts about drought in the west and water management in the western US are not able to contribute a feature article
    - ii. Jay will follow-up with contact about new wetland education program
    - iii. James is willing to contribute a feature article if needed
  - b. Introductions for new chair and new vice-chair – Jay & James
  - c. Front page blurb – Jay
  - d. Upcoming conferences – Phillip

- e. Member publications – Phillip
- f. Wetlands in the News – James
- g. Outline with task assignments will be put on WWG google drive – Adonia
- h. Adonia will follow-up
- i. Articles due January 4<sup>th</sup>
- j. Aim for final during mid-January

5. New Business

- a. Fundraising: sale of bags (\$20 each) for student research
  - i. WWG will match every dollar of sales up to \$250
  - ii. Adonia will summarize 2021 income/expenses to see if WWG could match additional amount.
  - iii. Adonia will into setting up Venmo, Paypal, etc. for Wetlands Working Group
  - iv. Announcement in Winter Newsletter, 2-3 month purchase period, then solicit grant applications from students
- b. Phillip will send out December member email blast
  - i. Member spotlight
  - ii. Election results
  - iii. Alligator snapping turtle comment period
- c. Membership status
  - i. Did any non-members on the WWG annual meeting Zoom call join the WWG?
  - ii. Reach out to non-member attendees through TWS membership directory
- d. Social Media Liason
  - i. Was there any interest at the annual meeting?
  - ii. Follow-up with person who emailed re: position
- e. Reporting deadline January 31
  - i. Tax form - Adonia
  - ii. Annual report - Jay
  - iii. Officer report - Jay

6. Next meeting: Annual Meeting, Wednesday January 12, 2021 @ 11am Central Time via Microsoft Teams; back-up meeting Wed., Jan. 5, 2021.

7. Meeting adjourned 12:20pm Central Time by Phillip

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