



# Wetlands Working Group

The Wildlife Society

## Wetlands Working Group Officer Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Date:** February 9, 2022; 11:00AM–12:00PM Central Time

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

### Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 11:02 am Central Time by Jay
2. Financial Update
  - a. Balance as of 2/9/2022 = \$2,671.99
  - b. Transactions since 1/1/2022
    - i. Withdrawal -\$23.70
    - ii. Deposits (dues) \$248.00
3. Winter Newsletter
  - a. Have everything we need for the newsletter
  - b. Behind on formatting, Adonia will try to get a draft finished by 2/14/22
4. Current Efforts
  - a. Feb. email blast - Phillip
    - i. Member introduction
  - b. All reports submitted!!!
  - c. Scholarship drive will be announced in winter newsletter.
5. New Business
  - a. Symposium proposals due Mar 11
    - i. Did not garner much interest during last year's effort to put together a symposium, so decided to focus on other activities for this year.
    - ii. Keep this on the radar for 2023 – possibly announce it in summer newsletter.
  - b. Wetland policy white paper/position paper status
    - i. Position statement is no longer on the TWS website
    - ii. Adonia will look for old files and share with WWG board by 2/28/22
  - c. Summer newsletter
    - i. James will find or contribute feature article
    - ii. Discuss other content during March meeting

- d. Social media liason
  - i. Jay – will follow up with person from annual meeting
  - ii. Follow-up with email contact
- e. TWS slack account
  - i. Jay and Adonia need to sign up
  - ii. Share info with James
- f. Treasurer transfer challenges – tabled until March meeting
  - i. Explore options to improve this
  - ii. Split secretary & treasurer positions
  - iii. Keep them combined, have an at large “check-writer” position
  - iv. Other??? Jay will check with Mariah
- g. Membership status
  - i. Membership up to 197
    - 1. Largest quarterly dues in recent history suggest increase in members following Annual Meeting
    - 2. Jay recognized a couple of new members on the roster from the October annual meeting
  - ii. Retention is important
    - 1. Continue with monthly update emails
    - 2. Newsletter
    - 3. Need new ideas!!!
- h. What new activities
  - i. Scholarships for professional trainings for new professionals
  - ii. Reach out to companies or individuals to support continuing the \$1,000 wetland research scholarship

6. Next meeting: Wednesday Mar. 9, 2022 @ 11am Central Time via Microsoft Teams

7. Meeting adjourned 11:50pm Central Time by Jay

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