

Habitat Restoration and Conservation Working Group Business Meeting
28th Annual Wildlife Society Conference
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Facilitators: Ray Dueser – Past Chair
Mariana Nagy-Reis – Newly-elected Chair

Board Members Present

Mariana Nagy-Reis – Chair, nagy.reis@ualberta.ca

Ray Dueser – Past-chair, ray.dueser@virginia.edu

Julien St-Amand – Board member at-large (Communications Chair), julien.st-amand@alumni.ubc.ca

Drew White-Jacobson - Board member at-large (Scholarships and Awards Chair), drewaw84@gmail.com

New Business

Recruitment

- Member at-large (Audits Chair)
 - Call for volunteers to help with 2022 TWS conference planning and other business

Sponsorship for TWS 2022 (November 6 – 10, Spokane, WA)

- Field Trip
 - Members are highly interested in a field trip to a restoration project
 - We got a few contacts and members that could help facilitate a field trip during TWS 2022
- Symposium
 - Restoration symposium in collaboration with International WG and Native American WG (possibility of a native restoration workshop involving TEK)
 - Landscape restoration
- Travel grants
 - Members are interested in travel grants for students to either participate in restoration projects or to attend TWS2022

Social Media outlets

- Facebook and LinkedIn
- Instagram (young members and students)
- Share posts/stories to highlight restoration/conservation projects and students/professionals in the area
 - Send a call for stories through eWildlifer, TWS member maillist, and WG member maillist

Webinars

- Virtual field trip
 - Recorded field activities (or interactive interview at the field) followed by a live Q&A
- See what topics members are interested in
- A list of potential presenters may be drawn from the meeting chat

*Interface with the United Nations *Decade of Ecosystem Restoration**

- We got a contact that might be helpful in facilitating this
- International WG could be part of this as well

Other business

- Sub-groups within HRCWG
 - Create sub-groups (committees?) with different areas of expertise or regional interest to facilitate coordinating activities (seminars, webinars, field trips, etc)
- Bring something forward before Council
 - Issues/ideas
 - Proposal for seeking funding