NETWS Quarterly Board Meeting –February 2021

Conference Call

22 Feb 2021, 3:00 pm CST

NETWS Board

President-elect: Will Inselman

President: Shelly McPherron

Past-president: Shaun Dunn

Secretary: Melvin Nenneman

Treasurer: Matt Gruntorad

At-large board members: Sarah Nevison, Jenny Prenosil, Andrew Little, Mercy Mananares

Members present: Shelly McPherron, Matt Gruntorad, Andrew Little, Sarah Nevison, Jenny Prenosil, Eric Zach, Mercy Mananares, Erin Considine.

Meeting called to order at 3:04pm

Meeting began with a welcome and introduction from Shelly.

**Secretary’s report:** Shelly gave a summary of Mel’s secretary report from December 2020 quarterly board meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Matt began with the NETWS 2020 End of Year Report. Noted that we do have the income from NGPC yet. Need to explore options with the Joe Gabig CD. Something to consider as we move forward. Matt to check with Jessica on that. Andy stated we will not have a recipient for the Joe Gabig CD this year. Shelly motioned to approve. Andy seconded Approved 2020 EOY of Report.

Matt went over 2021 proposed budget. Matt asked Sarah on projected auction income. Sarah to talk to Will regarding that. Education and Information Expense may be used for occasional awards. No workshop, lunch with a professional to take place at 2021 Annual Meeting due to meeting being virtual. Also, there will be no posters and workshop expenses. No plaques or checks going out to recipients - Andy. Reviewed all expenses. Sarah – only have to pay for auction and photo contest platform ($35). Sarah to check with Will on what we are paying for platforms for annual meeting. Erin corrected on photo contest awards should change to $150 to $200.

Eric reminded Matt there is an audit. Eric volunteered, recommended Jess to help too. Eric, Matt and Jess to coordinate.

**Committee Reports:**

Nominating: Shaun not on call.

Membership: Shaun not on call.

Programs: Will not on call.

Conservation Review:

Eric – Discussed lobbyist proposal. Putting together sub-committee to help on this.

Eric – signed off on Recovering America’s Wildlife Act letter that we singed on to last spring. Carl Wolf represented us at the Env. Trust public meeting. Submitted 2 letters recently, on LB 126 and LB 127, companion bills to make property owners to get reimbursed. There are several 2021 Legislative bills targeting NPGC. Eric sent email to NETWS Board with list of bills for comment. Board commented opposing most bills on list. Eric provided updates on other bills but hasn’t had time to write letters for.

Information and Education:

Erin – not a lot to report. Mostly working on photo contest. Going through our NETWS page to see what is needed and what is missing. Looking at newsletter platforms. Looking for someone interested in newsletter.

Awards:

Andy – Committee members did not receive any nominations for awards this year. Did receive an email with names but not acceptable where no content was included. Committee decided not to choose recipients as it is not their place. 1. TWS website list of past award winners, not up-to-date. Andy is seeking for who was an award winner who is not on the list. Keep a running list and display it at annual meetings. Lacking detail records. 2. Shaun/Mark/Andy – creating an outstanding student chapter award. Suggested $200 and plaque for award. Andy to bring up these ideas during annual business meeting. Seeking suggestions on how to improve receiving nominations for awards. Matt suggested it would be good know what sets the bar or general suggestions past recipients did or what activities they did to receive the awards. Not awarding Joe Gabig award this year. Erin – asked if banks have pictures of past checks written to see who has received one for award. Matt asks how far back does awards go? Andy not sure. Eric suggested looking at NEWTS dropbox folder. Andy went through NETWS drop box to look for past recipients. Eric to send file to Andy. Andy said Shaun said there is no criteria for the Lifetime achievement award.

Certification: Carl not on

Andy – google survey to send out after this year’s annual meeting to get suggestions. Had students draft some questions. Need to get questions finalized then send to board for review and then sent out in an official format.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11