

Fall Board Meeting Minutes
Southeastern Section of The Wildlife Society
Hilton Head Marriott Resort Hotel, Hilton Head, SC
27 October 2019

ATTENDEES

Executive Board Position

Mike Mengak President Ray Iglay President-elect Mark Smith Past President Kelly Douglass Secretary/Treasurer Mike Conner SE Section Rep to Council

Members in attendance: Katie Edwards, SETWS Newsletter Editor.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. EST.

Welcome and Opening: Mike Mengak welcomed everyone.

Meeting Minutes: Kelly Douglass distributed copies of the meeting minutes from the Spring 2019 Board meeting (16 July 2019) and they were reviewed by the Board. No comments or questions were received. Ray Iglay motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Mike Conner seconded. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

Kelly Douglass distributed copies of the meeting minutes from the Fall 2018 Board meeting (21 October 2018) that were not approved last year, due to lack of a quorum. Minutes were reviewed by the Board. No comments or questions were received. Mark Smith motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Ray Iglay seconded. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

No need to vote to approve the Fall 2018 business meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Douglass distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report, covering the calendar year to date (1 January 2019 – 27 October 2019). The current account balance is \$16,426.66. Income received: \$7,648.81, from 2018 fourth quarter dues, 2019 first, second, and third (partial) quarter dues in addition to receiving the SETWS Fur Resources Committee funds. [The Board voted via email on 25 July 2019 to accept SETWS Fur Resources Committee funds, and function as their Treasurer.] Expenditures made: \$2,805.59, including 2019 Conclave support, award plaques, and payment for Newsletter Editor/Webmaster duties. Ray Iglay motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Mike Conner seconded. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

Kelly then distributed the 2019 CY budget, as of 27 October 2019. Estimated budget items (predicted and actual income and expenses) were reviewed by the Board. Our baseline goal to retain \$10,000 in our account has been achieved, and continues to be maintained. Dues income is on par with last year (membership remains relatively the same) although it remains below the

estimated \$6,000 in income. The 2019 Southeastern Wildlife Conclave, at ABAC, was supported this year at \$1,000, as per the budgeted line item. Monetary student awards (\$700) and the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster (\$1,500) will be expended and presented at the awards banquet on 29 October 2019. TWS did not request funds for hosting the 2019 Annual Conference, and since it was also not in the Southeastern Region, that budget line item remains \$0. SEAFWA did not request funds for hosting the 2019 SEAFWA Conference, so that budget line item remains \$0. Support for other meetings (\$500 line item) is included in the budget and is typically included for contingency purposes; however, this year the SETWS agreed to pay half of one TWS staff member's registration to attend the SEAFWA Conference (\$216.67) which will be invoiced to the SETWS shortly.

Kelly then distributed the proposed 2020 CY budget. The Board decided there was a need to report separately the income/expenditures of the SETWS Fur Resources Committee funds, and thus decided two new budget line items (one under income, and one under expenditures) needed to be added. The Board decreased the expected income from dues from \$6,000 to \$5,500 (given our current membership is 570). The Board increased the expected expenditures for the TWS Conference line item to \$1,000, as the 2020 TWS Conference will be held in the Southeast Region – in Louisville, KY – so we will be prepared to support the conference if TWS requests funding assistance, as we have in the past for years in which the TWS Conference is held in the Southeast Region [the most recent times the TWS Conference was held in the Southeast Region was 2016 in Raleigh, NC (SETWS donated \$1,000) and 2008 in Miami, FL (SETWS donated \$5,000 for the student mixer)]. Mike Conner suggested that if SETWS were to ask SEAFWA to support the field course financially, then we may want to consider supporting the SEAFWA Conference in return, regardless of whether they ask or not; the Board decided to keep this line item at \$0 for now, and discuss any contributions once an ask has been made. The Board decided to increase expenditures for award materials (plaques) from \$200 to \$350, given the rise in plaque prices over time. The Board also decided to add two new budget line items (one under income and one under expenditures) to account for any funds received or remitted for to the new SETWS Field Course, and to add an expenditure line item for \$100 for general business expenses (ordering checks, etc.). Kelly will revise the 2020 CY budget and distribute to the Board. Mark Smith made a motion to accept the 2020 CY budget, as revised; Mike Conner seconded. All were in favor. Motion was approved.

SE Section Rep to Council: No report.

Committee Reports

Standing Committees

Audit: Steven Castleberry is chair. A written report was submitted. The 2019 audit was conducted on 09 October 2019. The committee found that the financial records were in good order.

Conservation Affairs: Nelson Lafon and Lisa Lord are co-chairs. A written report was submitted late September 2019. Lisa Lord now co-chairs the committee. The SE CAC fulfilled TWS

request for a list of policy priorities, continues to focus on RAWA including participation in a July webinar, and serves as a communication hub for SE states regarding regional and local issues including the potential de-listing of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.

Membership: Chair is vacant. No report.

Nominations: Ray Iglay is chair. Elections are open, with 14.2% of the membership voting so far. Elections will remain open until tomorrow at 5p.m. EST. The results will be announced at the annual business meeting on 29 October 2019. Two positions will be filled: President-elect and Secretary/Treasurer.

Resolutions and Bylaws: Mark Smith is chair. Proposed modifications to the bylaws were distributed, and included revisions to Article V Section 2 (Balloting) to allow for electronic voting, Article V Section 3 (Officers) to further define the role of the immediate Past President, and Article VI Section 3 (Quorum) to redefine what constitutes a quorum.

Special Committees - Permanent

Deer: Steve Shea is chair. No report. Chair reported a new partnership between Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) and the National Deer Alliance (NDA) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to fund a large survey of the economic impact of deer hunting on local economies. USFWS is funding, QDMA is handling the money. Steve does not yet know who will be conducting the survey.

Fur Resources: Colleen Olfenbuttel is chair. No new activity.

Publications: Lora Smith is chair. A written report was submitted. Ten manuscripts were published in the 2018 *Journal of Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies*. The committee selected as the winner of the SEAFWA 2019 Outstanding Wildlife Technical Paper Award: Schummer, M.L., A.M. Smith, R.M. Kaminski, K.M. Hunt, and S. St. James “Achievement-Oriented Effects on Waterfowl-Hunt Quality at Mississippi Wildlife” for the SEAFWA 2019 Outstanding Wildlife Technical Paper Award. Mike Mengak has the award plaque [the 2019 award is presented for 2018 manuscript].

Awards: Andy Madison is chair. A written report will be submitted soon. Awards will be presented at the SEAFWA awards banquet on 29 October 2019 for the Best Student Chapter, the Best Student Poster, and the Best Student Presentation. Mark Smith will assist with printing the award certificates (obtaining card stock, printing pages, etc.).

Wildlife Management Excellence Award (WMEA): Steven Castleberry is chair. A written report was submitted. One nomination was received this year for the WMEA. The winner will be announced at the SEAFWA awards banquet on 29 October 2019.

Special Committees - Joint Section-Association Committees

CW Watson Award: Emily Jo Williams is chair. No report.

Minorities in Natural Resource: David Buggs is chair. No report.

Wetland Wildlife: Jamie Feddersen and Dale James are co-chairs. No report. The

Wildlife Professional Editorial Advisory Board: Matt Chopp is chair. No report.

SEAFWA Editors: Dr. Robert Gitzen (Auburn University) is Associate Editor. Dr. Daniel Greene (Weyerhaeuser) is Assistant Editor. No report.

Newsletter Update: Katie Edwards continues to serve as Newsletter Editor & Webmaster. A written report was submitted. She has three boxes of old newsletters. Katie will coordinate with Kelly to make sure all published issues are archived on the Section's Google Drive.

Other Business

Section Files and Archives: Discussions were had about how to handle old boxes of Section files, passed down to new officers over the years. Kelly Douglass has 1 box from David Cobb; Mark Smith has 2 boxes; Mike Conner has 1 box; and Katie Edwards has 3 boxes (newsletter stuff). Mike Mengak tasked each person with going through said files, to look for and keep the following: meeting minutes, annual Treasurer Reports, old newsletters, position statements, and important correspondence such as the Section's inception letter.

Mike Conner motioned to adjourn; Ray Iglay seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M. EST.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Douglass
SETWS Secretary/Treasurer