

## The Wildlife Society, Southwest Section

### Board Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2023, 3:00–4:00pm MST

Attendees: Nicholson Kay, Nicole Tatman, Erika Nowak, Masahiro Ohnishi

#### Past Business

- Member attendance at the Section's other chapter meeting where not affiliated
  - **Motion:** The SW Section will provide a \$250 stipend to the incoming President (or other SW Section officer, if the incoming President is not available) to attend the annual meeting in the state where that SW Section officer does not reside if the board members of the Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas chapters all vote to approve the following: the SW Section officer's meeting registration fee will be waived and each chapter will provide a \$250 stipend to assist in covering the SW Section officer's travel costs.
  - Waiting on responses from the three state chapters
- Incorporation
  - The SW Section is pursuing incorporating in Texas to take advantage of the longevity associated with the Texas chapter's Treasurer position.
  - Paperwork has been filed, awaiting a response.

#### Action Items

- Kay will let Scott know the request to sponsor the WAFWA Deer and Elk Workshop was approved.
  - Done
- Kay will reach out to the presidents of the Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas chapters to request approval from their boards of the motion to waive the registration fee and provide a \$250 stipend for the SW Section incoming President to attend the annual chapter meeting in the state where they do not reside.
  - Done
- Kay will reach out to Cameron Kovach to find out his opinion on whether incorporating in one state would be better than the others legally or financially.
  - Done

#### New Business

- Treasurer's Report
  - Erika's report (attached): Membership fees from Texas has been delayed, but it should be deposited soon.
  - Any interest in fundraising? TX past president suggested that the SW Section provide an auction item for the silent auction at the TX annual meeting and money raised on that item would go to the Section.
  - The section joins the fundraising in the Texas Chapter meeting (raffle ticket).
- Fund Students for Chapter Meetings
  - In 2023, the Section funded up to 3 students for the JAM and 3 for the TX Chapter meeting for \$150 each – do this again for the 2024 meetings? Yes, all agreed.
- Elections
  - Candidates needed for President-Elect (Texas or Arizona) and Treasurer this year
  - Based on Erika, treasurer is not a time-consuming task. (Few hours in month)
- Graduate Scholarship

- One application received so far
- Application deadline is December 15
- A reminder announcement is needed
- Connecting Section Members
  - Officer attendance at “other” state annual meeting
- Hold webinars for Section members: Send a Doodle poll to survey the topics that members would like to see.
  - ListServ no longer works
    - SW Section now uses Google Groups to organize member contacts and send emails.
  - Email address for announcements
    - Old email address was not working. A new one has been created.
    - New email address: [tws.southwest.section@gmail.com](mailto:tws.southwest.section@gmail.com)
- SW Section website
  - The parent society no longer manages the website, it is now up to each unit to manage their own website
  - Kay has been working on updates over the past several months.
  - Webmaster – do we need to appoint one? Tatman Nicole will work on it.
- Officers’ Manual
  - Updates are needed
- Conservation Affairs Committee
  - John is no longer available to serve as the Section’s committee chair
  - Look forward to finding the new chair:
- Open forum

Southwest Section of the Wildlife Society  
Financial Report  
November 28, 2023

Prepared by Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society Treasurer, Dr. Erika Nowak  
For TWS SWS Executive Board Meeting November 28, 2023

The following financial statement is a partial accounting of financial transactions and current account balances of the Southwest Section of the Wildlife Society for the period between January 1 and November 1, 2021.

**Balances**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Beginning Balance (1/01/23)</b>	<b>Ending Balance (11/28/23)</b>
Chase Business Checking	\$12,872.79	\$12,745.45
Cash on Hand	\$180.00	\$190.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,052.79</b>	<b>\$12,935.45</b>

**Transactions**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Details</b>
Chase Business Checking		500.00	SW Section Student Award Winner (Natalie Hamilton)
		500.00	WAFWA deer and elk meeting support
		450.00	TX TWS meeting student support
		223.34	AZ-NM JAM meeting student support
			Texas chapter SW section dues (Jon Purvis) – pending (~\$1,145)
	1545.00		Four quarterly deposits from TWS
	10.00		Student dues paid in cash
<b>Total</b>	<b>1555.00</b>	<b>1,672.34</b>	
Net gain/loss for the year to date	\$-117.34		

Memberships were the only source of annual income in 2023. As of November 28, we estimated 550 members.