

Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society Executive Board Meeting Notes March 8, 2022, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Google Meet Conference Call

## **Participants**

Sara Hansen, President Matt Wilson, President Elect Lisa Dowling, Past President Bruce Thompson, Treasurer Candace Bennett, Secretary Alex Pavlinovic, At Large Board Member Jen Syrowitz, At Large Board Member Tony Fuchs, Grants Bill Vogel, Awards

## Meeting Action Items

- 1. National Mtg Section Prep
  - a. **Matt**, **Sara**, and **Jen** will meet on Thursday to finalize the submission to parent TWS.
- 2. Grants
  - a. Tony will send information to Bruce so he can send a check to recipients.
- 3. Awards
  - a. **Sara** will send out information on proposed awards to EB and Committee by Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. **Sara** will send out a meeting invitation for a meeting specific to Awards for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 4pm.

## Meeting Agenda

- 4. Review February 15<sup>th</sup> Action Items (blue completed, black needs additional work)
  - a. Member Survey Follow-Up
    - i. Candace will send out a member email about a Chapter Business Meeting (late April), appreciation their responses, and next steps after receiving draft from Sara by Friday, February 18th.
    - **ii.** Completed 02/23/22
  - b. Scholarship Grant
    - i. Merci will add the Scholarship Grant to Facebook.
    - **ii.** Completed 02/18/22
  - c. Conservation Grant
    - i. Sara and Lisa will work to finish language, criteria.
    - **ii.** Completed 02/11/22
  - d. Elections
    - i. Sara will check again with Parent on how voting will happen.
  - e. Annual Business Mtg
    - i. Sara will send Candace the email draft to go out via email.

## **ii.** Completed 02/23/22

- f. National Mtg Section Prep
  - i. Matt, Sara, and Jen will work on this.
  - ii. See below for further discussion.
- 5. TWS 2022 symposia proposal (10 min)
  - a. Matt put together a symposia proposal (found in Google Drive under Major Meetings)
    - i. Topic: recreation, hunting, camping, etc.
    - ii. Which type of panel discussion or symposia should the Chapter host?
      - 1. Six talks symposia with a Chapter gathering after in the free meeting space offered by Parent. This could be a half day event.
- 6. WA-TWS Sponsored Webinars (20 min)
  - a. Platform options discussion
    - i. Use Google Meet for now.

Options	Zoom-Free	Zoom-\$149	Zoom-\$199	Google Meet-NP
Participants	100	100	300	100
Time of Mtg	40 mins	30 hrs	unl	24hr
Record	no	no	yes	no
Licenses	-	1+	1+	-
Hand Raise	yes	yes	yes	yes

- b. Presentations from the member survey
  - i. First on in April or May
  - ii. Sign-up for presenters
  - iii. Frequency: quarterly or more
  - iv. Time of day:
    - 1. Mid-morning (10-1130am)
    - 2. Mid-afternoon (1-3pm)
    - 3. 4-6pm
- c. Topics to peruse
  - i. Wildlife Diseases
    - 1. Stephanie Norman just published (talk to Alex)
    - 2. Reach out to Kristin Mansfield
  - ii. Federal Laws (Bill)
    - 1. Four sessions
    - 2. Start in December
    - 3. 1.5 hr each
- 7. Election process and business meeting update (5 min)
  - a. Sara spoke with Parent
  - b. Use Google Forms or Parent can set it up just need a few weeks
    - i. We will use Google Forms for voting
- 8. Research Grant discussion and approval (5 min)
  - a. \$1305 to River Otter Project
  - b. \$1195 to Nutcracker Project (highest scoring, but we have funded twice)
  - c. Bruce motions to fund recommended projects, Lisa seconded. All: agreed.

- i. Motion passed.
- 9. Awards discussion and approval (10 min)
  - a. Send things out via email.
    - i. Proposal for new awards.
    - ii. Have a meeting next week to discuss.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022, at 4pm.