



## Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society

### Executive Board (EB) Meeting Notes

June 27, 2022, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Google Meet Conference Call

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#### Participants

Sara Hansen, Past President  
Alex Pavlinovic, President Elect  
George Ritchotte, Vice President  
Bruce Thompson, Treasurer  
Candace Bennett, Secretary  
Kristina Ernest, Board Member at Large  
Jen Syrowitz, Board Member At Large  
Merci Clinton, Board Member At Large  
Bill Vogel, Awards Committee Chair  
Tony Fuchs, Grants Committee Chair

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#### Meeting Action Items

1. EB meeting planning
  - a. **Alex** will finalize the Doodle Poll for July.
  - b. **Alex** will let **Candace** know the July meeting and she will send out a calendar invitation.
  - c. **Candace** will send out a Doodle Poll for future meetings days/times.
2. July meeting agenda
  - a. **Matt** will add an item to discuss incorporation status of the Chapter.
  - b. **Matt** will add an agenda item to discuss results of member dues increase survey.
  - c. **Matt** will add an agenda item to discuss Chapter incentives for students and early professional at 2023 meeting.
  - d. **Matt** will add an agenda item to discuss Wildlife Webinars and Member Webinar feedback.
3. Member Survey
  - a. **Bruce** and **Candace** will work together for a short survey to members for feedback on dues increases.
4. Sponsorship
  - a. **Bruce** will coordinate with **Sara** on payment for the sponsorship to Out in the Field.

#### Meeting Agenda

1. Speaker for Annual Meeting Discussion
  - a. Hillary Franz
  - b. UC Davis
2. 2023 Annual Meeting Planning
  - a. Save the Date and Call for Papers coming soon
    - i. Email, newsletter, and social media announcements
  - b. Sessions starting to be planned, please reach out to Alex or Bruce with thoughts

- c. Members will begin to place information on Google Drive
- 3. Monthly Meetings
  - a. July 13, 5-6pm
- 4. WA-TWS move to Incorporation status
  - a. Consider this process to complete in 2023
  - b. Parent TWS is encouraging chapters to do it
  - c. Many values to making the switch
  - d. Will discuss more in July
- 5. Financial status
  - a. Declines in investments due to economy
    - i. Decrease of around \$20,000
  - b. Need to discuss grants and scholarships for the future
  - c. Discussed new cost of operations (Wild Apricot, etc.)
- 6. The Chapter has seen an increase in membership in the last year
- 7. Discussion of Chapter member dues increase
  - a. Set by EB, prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, per the bylaws
  - b. What are our value added to members?
    - i. Need to outline these
    - ii. Wild Apricot
    - iii. Wildlife Webinars
  - c. **Alex motion to raise the dues by \$5, seconded by Jen/George**
    - i. Discussion:
      - 1. Reach out to members to identify what additions we have made to the Chapter, also without an increase we may not be able to do grants.
      - 2. **Motion is tabled by Alex until next meeting on dues increase to see feedback from member survey.**
- 8. Chapter has historically provided incentives for students and early professionals at Chapter meeting
  - a. This has been free lodging by donation of the EB in the past
  - b. EB will need to make an action on how to proceed.
- 9. Out in the Field
  - a. Looking for sponsorships for the Spokane meeting
  - b. Add different buttons for donations for this purpose
  - c. **Alex motions to add a sponsorship, Candace/Jen seconds.**
    - i. All ayes
    - ii. **Motion carries to provide a \$500 sponsorship to Out in the Field for attendance to the November TWS Conference/Meeting.**

**Next Meeting: July 13, 2022, 5:00-6:00pm**