



## Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society

### Executive Board (EB) Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Google Meet Conference Call

- a. Meeting to be held next week
3. Northwest Section Update (Matt W.)
  - a. Meeting yesterday
  - b. Working on returning to by-laws for elections of board members
  - c. Choosing one or two topics to parent TWS
    - i. wages
    - ii. looking for paid support staff
    - iii. discussion on other chapters/sections not having enough applicants for scholarships or grants.
      1. brainstorming on ideas to generate more applicants.
4. JAM 2024 (George R.)
  - a. Looking for sponsors
    - i. Bruce T. has a spreadsheet with over 100 contacts with about a 30% fund rate.
      1. How to navigate that the meeting is in Idaho.
        - a. We should do our own search.
      2. Student lodging has not been offered by IDTWS in the past, just free entry.
        - a. There is a person who is assigned to student liaison.
        - b. Bruce T. will meet with George R.
  - b. Session
    - i. Indigenous Knowledge is moving forward.
      1. Mark Thompson may participate.
  - c. Advertising on WA-TWS website
    - i. November - calls for abstracts.
5. Recruitment Letter
  - a. No responses from members.
  - b. 51% open rate of the email campaign.
6. Chapter Incorporation (Claudine R.)
  - a. Mandatory to incorporate.
  - b. Annual fees
    - i. Fees include about \$175/year.
  - c. Insurance
    - i. Will add a topic for October.
7. Membership Committee (Katie S.)
  - a. Four members
  - b. Vision and Mission Statement completed.
  - c. University Chapters development
    - i. 26 different schools
    - ii. Going to WSU at the end of the month
  - d. Wants to collaborate with DEI and Education/Outreach Committees
  - e. 5k event as an option
  - f. Social media
    - i. working on Instagram account

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#### ii. Motion:

1. **Alex P.** motioned to create an Instagram account for WA-TWS.
  - a. Seconded by **Claudine R./Candace B.**
  - b. Discussion
    - i. Important for outreach
    - ii. Google drive: add a folder for content.
    - iii. Candace can help link account with Facebook.
    - iv. Add videos about presentations to universities and introductions to EB members.
  - c. Vote: 8 ayes (all)
    - i. **Motion carries**
8. Budget (James B.)
  - a. Donations
    - i. \$5000 donation from the estate of Ruth Igrass (spelling)
      1. Placed in checking account.
  - b. WAFed
    - i. \$12,000 money market
    - ii. \$8,000 CD that matures this year.
      1. will need to roll it over into another CD.
    - iii. \$5500 in checking
9. Conservation Committee (Jen S.)
  - a. What projects to move forward?
    - i. Three of six members attended.
    - ii. monthly scheduled meeting
    - iii. Working on topics for the Committee
      1. Statewide Connectivity Action Plan
        - a. sagebrush initiatives in this section as well.
      2. Beaver and beaver management
      3. DFW Commission and relevancy
      4. Solar site and transmission (also parent TWS)
        - a. sagebrush initiatives in this section as well.
  - b. At national TWS conservation training
10. OSF/NWPT Conservation Project (Bill V.)
  - a. Maps sent to EB.
  - b. Looking for support for this project
11. TWS National Meeting
  - a. Attendance?
    - i. No one is planning on attending.
    - ii. Should we set up lunch?
    - iii. Ideas?
12. Newsletter (Alex P.)
  - a. Working on finalizing.
13. General Updates
  - a. Nothing additional

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**Next Meeting:** October 19, 2023; 4:00-5:00pm

*Adjourned at 5:15pm*