

AZTWS Board Meeting
August 24, 2015
Meeting Minutes – Draft
3:00 – 4:00 PM

Attendees: Melanie Culver (President), Scott Sprague (President-Elect), Dana Warnecke (Treasurer), Holly Hicks (Board Member)

Board Members Absent: Kay Nicholson (Recording Secretary), Ryan Revells (Corresponding Secretary), Tiffany Sprague (Board Member)

Action Items:

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Motions:

- Holly motioned, Scott seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Proceedings:

Housekeeping

- None

Old Business

- None

Current Business

1. International Dark Sky Association Annual Meeting Sponsorship
 - This sponsorship is a no-cost show of support for the mission of the Dark Sky Association, acknowledging the ecological impacts of light pollution.
 - As wildlife professionals, we see impacts of light pollution on wildlife so this seems like a reasonable group to support, and it costs us nothing other than allowing them to use our name as a sponsor.
 - Voted in favor (unanimous vote) in favor of being a sponsor of the Annual Meeting of the Dark Sky Association to be held in Scottsdale in November 2015
2. AZTWS Letterhead – Ryan
 - Letterhead finalized and has been sent out to membership in Word and PDF, for everyone's use as needed.
3. Treasurer Report – Dana
 - The Chapter awarded a \$500.00 travel grant to Jonathan Derbridge to attend the 22nd Annual Conference of TWS in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Chapter was recognized in the event program.
 - Dana contacted Mariah with National TWS to let her know the Chapter would sponsor a second \$500.00 travel grant for AZ's second student applicant to attend National. Mariah notified the remaining AZ applicant, but the applicant declined because they already had grant funding in place. No additional funding was provided to National by the Chapter.
4. Webmaster Report – Dean Pokrajac
 - The poll on raising membership fee from \$5 to \$6 was left open beyond August.

5. Student Chapter Report – Holly Hicks
 - Nothing to report as students have just returned to school
6. Newsletter Report – Kay
 - No update
7. Awards and Nominations – Scott
 - Nothing to report
8. JAM Report
 - All committees now have a committee chair
 - Poster Boards
 - Old boards are in need of replacement.
 - It would cost about \$300 to replace with the same composite boards and keep the same 2 x 4 frames.
 - Alternative: entirely replace boards with new aluminum models.
 - We don't have an estimate yet for what this will cost but they should last longer and be less trouble to haul around from meeting to meeting than the 2 x 4s and composite boards.
 - Bottom line is the cost.
 - We would be willing to pay up to \$1500.
 - If each of the three chapters is willing to \$1500, that would allow us to spend \$4500 on new boards.
 - Can new boards be purchased for \$4500? We don't know but will wait to hear back from Sharon Lashway.
 - Plenary
 - Overall, the plenary planning is coming along nicely.
 - A few of the speakers are confirmed.
 - One speaker, from Utah, will need us to pay his room and registration; the Board agreed to do this.
 - Charge for plenary-only registration will be \$25.
 - Registration
 - Obtain costs and budgets from committee chairs by October 22.
 - Registration will go live on November 22.

New Business

- None

Good of the Order / Other?

- None

Adjournment

- Holly motioned to adjourn, seconded by Scott.
- 4:00 PM meeting adjourned