



Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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AZTWS Board Meeting

March 28, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

3:00-4:30PM

Attendees: Scott Sprague (President), Kay Nicholson (President-Elect), Dana Warnecke (Treasurer), Mike Sorum (Recording Secretary), Ryan Revells (Corresponding Secretary), Holly Hicks (Board Member), Tiffany Sprague (Board Member), Jon Hanna (Conservation Affairs Committee), Erin Nigon (Newsletter)

Housekeeping: None

Approval of January Minutes: Approved unanimously

Old Business

JAM Debrief

- **Financial report summary** (Dana Warnecke)
Total Income: \$65,655.10 Total Expense: \$45,613.41 Total Profit: \$20,041.69
More detailed report available.
- **Plenary dissemination** (Jon Hanna)
Media coverage included interviews with some of the speakers. A Flagstaff paper also provided coverage. The New Mexico Wildlife Federation had the proceedings on a webcast.
- **Student Travel Reimbursements** (Holly Hicks)
Yuma's application does not have receipts for gas for the amount of \$70. Will be reimbursed for now but may be required in the future to provide proof of purchase. Board approved unanimously for payment. Payout of expenses to attending universities will occur within the near future.
- **JAM Manual Updates** (Melanie Culver) Not present

Update AZTWS Operations Manual (Scott Sprague)

- **Editing** Melanie Culver has sent out unedited versions. Ryan Revells will compile and edit the new document.
- **Timelines for officer and award nomination** (Tiffany Sprague)
Should be early November.

Current Business

Techniques Workshop (Holly Hicks)

- **Number of people registered**
31 total, several are veterinary students from Midwestern University Veterinary Medical School.
- **Support team** Samantha Vaughan and Jon Hicks may be available.
- **Services** Porta potties and firewood will be available.

- **Planning** As usual. Coordinating with ranch and include parking plan.
- **Conference Call** Needs to be scheduled. Holly requests this meeting sometime within the next two weeks.

Continuing Education Committee Chair Selection

- Stan Cunningham appointed to the position. Motion passed unanimously for his appointment.

2015 Audit (Dana Warnacke)

- **End of year loss**
Approximately \$6800
More detailed report available.
CE awards and student travel grants were greater.
- **Audit recommendations**
Set budget for 2016.
Track inventory and sales
At next board meeting will discuss budget and expenditures.
- **Assets are liquid with low interest**
Need to remain liquid for expenses and CE grants.
Discussion of investment of these funds may occur later.

Newsletter report (Kay Nicholson)

- Working on spring newsletter.
- For the summer newsletter, need some articles that cover pending projects.
- Will introduce board of directors in spring newsletter.
- Erin Nigon and Jon Hanna will review the newsletter.
- All board members need to send Kay a photo and revised biographies for newsletter (Scott and Dana need to send bios).

Membership report (Chris Carrillo) Not present

- Will present information at next meeting.
- Membership down due to transition to webpage renewal.

Webmaster report (Dean Pokrajac) Not present

- Working on website revision.

Other Reports

- Jon Hanna will have a conference call with the southwestern division.
- Statement on burros and horses will be updated.

New Business

Sponsorship Contacts for 2017 TWS Annual Conference

- Need more ideas for sponsors.
- Add these to Excel document already provided.

Board discussion JAM hosting options

- Board members are supporting 'business as usual'.
- AFS hosts in 2017 in NM (or AZ?)
50th anniversary of the JAM

- AZTWS hosts in 2018.
- 50th anniversary of the AZTWS
- May consider pushing back 2018 meeting.
- May have conference call with AFS in reconsideration of co-hosting the 2017 JAM.
- Board members feel that co-hosting may be a problem in splitting profits and excessive responsibility in hosting another JAM within a short period of time.

WOW Scholarship

- Women of Wildlife scholarship draft proposal.
- Reimburse males and females for travel to conferences.
- Need a volunteer to get this initiated.
- Open to any student.
- Have an exclusive account for donations and create self-perpetuating scholarship.

Fun shoot

- To make available to students.
- Teaches the use of firearms.
- Possibly make available funds for the event (\$200).
- Need someone to make this event happen (Jon Hicks)

Other ideas about camping or symposiums should be emailed to the board.

Volunteer opportunities sent to Dean to be put on website calendar.

Discussion about membership fees

- To cover administrative costs.
- Do not need to increase.
- To cover newsletter.

Adjournment