



Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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AZTWS Board Meeting

April 25, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Conference Call

3:00-4:30PM

Attendees: Scott Sprague (President), Kay Nicholson (President-Elect), Dana Warnecke (Treasurer), Mike Sorum (Recording Secretary), Holly Hicks (Board Member), Tiffany Sprague (Board Member), Jon Hicks

Housekeeping

- Board members of the AZTWS need to be members of the national TWS. The chapter will pay for all board members registration.
- Tiffany Sprague, Kay Nicholson, Scott Sprague, Dana Warnecke, Mike Sorum and Holly Hicks request reimbursement pending proof of payment.

Approval of March Minutes

- Tiffany motioned and Kay second with unanimous approval.
- There was a request from board to add action items to minutes.

Old Business

Techniques Workshop Debrief (Holly)

- **Report of Activities**
Over 70 people registered; 65 in attendance with over 20 people on waiting list. Classes included net gun, mobile aps, necropsy, telemetry, bat netting, herp walk amongst other wildlife techniques. Considered very successful. Thank those sponsors including sportsman groups and NGOs.
- **Follow-up with Students**
ACTION ITEM: Email workshop registrants by May 9th (Also found below under student opportunities). Tracking class information has been emailed to participants.
- **Merchandise Sales**
Several shirts were sold at the workshop (\$100). Holly and Tiffany suggest having a way of using credit cards and pay pal for merchandise at the workshop. The website is not yet a good place for sales because of shipping issues and monitoring. Students could order ahead and pick up the items at the workshop.
- **Porta-potties**
2 were used instead of 3. Didn't seem to be an issue.

Travel Reimbursements (Holly)

- **Prescott College, ASU and Yuma**
Prescott did not have any receipts and no request was made for reimbursements. ASU and Yuma paid.
- **Scott Sprague reimbursement** for the 2015 national conference.
Has been processed. Dana suggests the reimbursements need to be done during the year the travel has occurred; this is in response to a 2015 Chapter Audit Committee recommendation.

Financial Items for 2016 JAM (Dana) – Outstanding Business

- Robby Henricksen (NM-AFS) owes \$307. Hannah Griscom (AZ-TWS) is troubleshooting why AGFD PO was not processed to pay her registration. Southwest section has not reimbursed the chapter for over \$1000. This is for the breakfast and room charge.
- **ACTION ITEM: Scott Sprague needs to email southwest section for awards and finances. Scott will be available for the audit of the conference at the beginning of June.**
- Need volunteers to for the audit.

Sponsors for National Meeting

- More sponsors and vendors needed for national meeting.

Current Business

Fun Shoot

- **Volunteers**
Jonathen Hicks, Jon Hanna, Dan Sturla, Jeff Sturla may be available with Dan and Jeff will lead the event.
- **Time of Year**
Need at least a month to prepare. Late August and early September appear to be the best time for this event. This is when internships are over and school begins.
- **Purpose**
For students that haven't had much firearms experience whom may be interested in wildlife manager positions. The cost of ammunition and other costs will be covered by other members participating and the chapter.
ACTION ITEM: E-mail Jonathen, Jon, Dan and Jeff to get the 'Fun shoot' event organized.

Update AZTWS Operations Manual (Ryan)

- Not present at meeting
- Has not made any headway on Manual.

Women of Wildlife (WOW) Travel Support Award (Scott)

- **Progress**
No headway made on this project.
Hoping Stan Cunningham would be able to connect with this as continuing education chair.
- **ACTION ITEM: E-mail Stan Cunningham and see if he is interested in heading up the travel grant program.**

Treasurer's Report (Dana)

- **Balance of checking account**
\$41,809.47
- **Quarterly Report**
Will have report at next meeting and plan on a budget proposal.

Newsletter report (Kay)

- Behind on spring newsletter. Should be done by this weekend.

Membership report (Chris Carrillo) Not present

Webmaster report (Dean Pokrajac) Not present

- No report
- Dana will be researching with GoDaddy to make sure that the chapter has not been double billed for the website over the years; this is in response to a 2015 Chapter Audit Committee question.

New Business

Opportunities/Contacts/Information for distribution (All)

- Need volunteer for compiling the information.
- Fence project for pronghorn. (Scott)
- Liberty Wildlife orphan care, daily care. (Mike)
- Put resources on website and calendar as soon as compiled.
- **ACTION ITEM: boards members should send a couple of contact or events.**
- **ACTION ITEM: follow-up email to Techniques Workshop registrants by May 9th.**
- **ACTION ITEM: add resources to calendar/website.**

2017 JAM (Scott)

- Kay Nicholson is the chapter liaison for 2017 planning calls.
- Chapter not interested in co-hosting the 2017 JAM.
- May be interested in assisting in the 2017 JAM.
- NM in process of deciding location (Pinetop or Farmington).

Other Events (CE, Camping Symposium Certification) (All)

- Dove hunt camp out for students after the 'fun shoot'.
- Holly Hicks will help coordinate the event through the student chapters.
- Follow-up plenary symposium with more detail including Colorado and Canadian case studies.
- Membership has an interest and perhaps presenting solutions and scientific argument may provide a basis for chapter engagement in what perhaps is a very political issue.

Topics for symposia or CE

- **Follow-up plenary symposium** with case studies. Provide solution and scientific argument with chapter engagement in a very politically motivated issue.
- **Certifications:** Capture class, National TWS certification
- **ACTION ITEM: Send out a survey to membership to determine their interest in continuing education, certifications and other forms of educational opportunities.**

Adjournment

Motion by Kay Seconded by Dana
Motion carried.

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