



Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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AZTWS Business Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2017

50th Joint Annual Meeting

4:30-5:30PM

Call to Order and Welcome from Scott Sprague; President of the AZTWS

TWS Retired Professional Wildlife Committee (Reed Sanderson Chairman)

- Purpose-To involve retired wildlife professionals in the wildlife community.
- Will be available on the national website.
- Will be involved with state and student chapters.
- Suggests presenting this in newsletter.

Women of Wildlife (WOW) Southwest Section (Leland Pierce chairman)

- Need WOW at Southwest Section level.

Approval of 2016 JAM Business Minutes

- Jon Hanna motioned and Carol seconded. Motion carried.

Outgoing President's Report (Scott Sprague)

- Use sound science in the management of resources.
- Employment opportunities (online) and techniques workshop.
- Next year is the 50th anniversary of AZTWS as a chapter; asking for volunteers for JAM planning.
- National TWS is in Albuquerque, NM. NM and Texas are supporting.
- Fundraising discussions.
- Board member recognition.
- Committees: Dean Pokrajac (webmaster), Callie Hartson (opportunities coordinator), Stan Cunningham (continuing education), Chris Carrillo (membership), Kay Nicholson (newsletter, election, and awards), Holly Hicks (student chapters, techniques workshop).
- Written President's Report available.

Treasurer's Report (Dana Warnecke)

- Report of 5 business accounts.
- Continuing education and memorial garden.
- \$51,264 balance at end of year.
- 420 attendees at last years JAM in Flagstaff.
- Paid for President-elect to go to national TWS
- Techniques workshop
- Pay-pal account
- Written treasurer's report available.

Membership Report (Chris Carrillo)

- Increase in membership by 83%. 218 members this year.
- Over 300 emails go out so there is potential for increased membership.
- Exploring raffles for increasing membership.

Awards Nominations (Kay Nicholson)

- Notifications of awards have been sent and will be presented on awards night.

Election Committee Report (Kay Nicholson)

- One nomination per board position except board member-at-large which had two nominations.

Newsletter Report (Kay Nicholson)

- Posted on website quarterly.
- Wildlife and habitat restoration in the Chiricahuas, the public lands issue, San Pedro River wildlife, Oracle Road wildlife crossing.

Wildlife Memorial Garden

- Nothing to report.

Wildlife Techniques Workshop (Holly Hicks)

- This was the sixth year of the workshop.
- Attendance good. Included veterinary students from Midwestern Veterinary School.
- Capture techniques, necropsy, mobile apps, and tracking.
- April 15, 2017

Student Chapter Updates (Holly Hicks)

- NAU: weekly meetings, created a weekly newsletter, professionals as guest speakers, sent two students to the national meeting, volunteered with native fish surveys.
- ASU: meetings with professionals as guest speakers, participated in national quiz bowl, black-footed ferret spotlighting, black-tailed prairie dog trapping, Grand Canyon trip, jackrabbit survey, net gun tutorial.
- U of A: member photo contest, quiz bowl team, wash cleanups, pulled buffelgrass, built nest boxes for Lucy's warblers, hosted net gun workshop, volunteered with bighorn sheep translocation, sent 3 members to nationals.

Board Members

- Outgoing- Mike Sorum (Recording Secretary), Dana Warnecke (Treasurer), Scott Sprague (President)
- Incoming- Kay Nicholson (President), Tiffany Sprague (President-elect), Andrew Jones (Treasurer), Melanie Tluczek (Recording Secretary), Jessica Moreno (Corresponding Secretary), Holly Hicks (Board Member), Audrey Owens (Board Member), Scott Sprague (Past-president)

2018 JAM Planning

- Volunteers, Carol Chambers, Tony Bush, Jon Hanna

National TWS (Caroline Murphy)

- Journals complementary with membership.
- Membership directory available soon.
- Mentor/Mentee function.
- Policy library will be available.
- Burro and horse position statement.

Adjournment