



Iowa TWS Business Meeting

September 4, 2019

Whiterock Conservancy, Coon Rapids, Iowa

Call to Order (Nick Baumgarten) at 12:40 P.M. (#56) People in Attendance

Welcome Nick Baumgarten welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the fall workshop. He also thanked all the presenters for their informative presentations.

Winter Meeting Minutes Nathan Schmitz had previously sent out the Winter Meeting Minutes through email and asked if anyone had any corrections or changes that were needed. No issues were raised

Motion to approve minute's by Greg A. Schmitt 2nd by Susan Cort

Treasurer's Report Nathan Schmitz sent out the treasurer's report before the meeting through email. He gave a brief description of the expenses and income in the past 12 months. Current budget after the fall meeting is \$9,130.74

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Matt Dollison 2nd by Dusten Paulus

Committee Reports

Audit Committee (Travis Russel) – Not Present, Nathan mentioned that we will be conducting an audit this fall

Awards Committee (Stephanie Shepherd) - Not Present- Nick mentioned that we will be sending out an email with info on the awards and that the nomination deadline is Nov.1

Conservation Review (Katy Reeder) – Not Present

Education and Information (Pete Eyheralde)- Pete asked that if anyone had any idea for the newsletter to send them to him. He also wants Field Notes (anything interesting you are seeing throughout the year). The committee is also work on T-shirts and Pete passed around sheet of paper for people to write what species they wanted on the back. Any question or thoughts on the newsletter can be sent to Pete at Eyheraldep@wmpenn.edu

Membership (Matt Dollison) – Matt is working to get the membership roster put together and asked that everyone vote in favor of mail chimp and Wild apricot in the new business. If you need to update for membership you can do that online at IowaTWS.org or by writing Matt at Matt.Dollison@dnr.iowa.gov.

Resolutions and Public Statements (Brian Sauer) – Not Present

Nominations and Elections (Pete Hildreth)-Former President – Pete talked about the timeline for him sending out information. He also encourages people to run as it is a great opportunity to work on leadership skills. He is looking to fill the President-Elect position and the Member-at-Large position. For more information, people can speak with Pete at Pete.hildreth@dnr.iowa.gov.

Old Business

February 12-13, 2019 Iowa AFS/TWS Joint Winter Meeting – Honey Creek Resort Nick and Nathan spoke about the winter meeting briefly and asked if people had any recommendations or things that they would like changed. No one spoke up. They additionally asked folks to be thinking about speakers that they would like to hear from or themes

that they are interested in. Any thoughts or suggestions can be conveyed to Kelsey Dray at kfleming@pheasantsforever.org

Operations Manual- At the winter meeting a committee was formed to create an Operations Manual for easier transmission of information as the officers turn over. The committee met in June and delegated responsibilities for section to write. The committee plans to have this document completed by the Winter Meeting. If you would like to review the document or have any questions, please contact Nathan Schmitz at Nathan.schmitz@gmail.com.

New Business

Apricot Membership Services Tyler Harms spoke about a program that he has used with other groups that assists in member information organization. He mentioned that it is time intensive and can be cumbersome to keep track of the members over time, especially with officers changing on 2-year rotation. He estimated the cost would be \$500-\$700. Nathan Schmitz had folks look to the back of their nametags to see if they were current member. He mentioned that a lot of folks believe that they are members but for one reason or another may not be. This software allows the executive board to send automated reminders and keep better track of our members. Matt Dollison made a motion to approve the executive board moving forward with Wild Apricot. Dusten Paulus seconded the motion. Nick Baumgarten had a vote with all Ayes and zero Nos. Nathan Schmitz and Tyler will work to get the program up and running and will give an update at the winter meeting.

Mail Chimp – Nathan Schmitz just mentioned that Mail Chimp is the new service that the executive board is using to send out mails. This service allows for the members to subscribe and unsubscribe at their leisure. The Executive Board is working to get a link posted on the website for people to enroll on their own.

Announcements

Iowa TWS Winter Meeting – Quality Inn and Suites – Starlight Village Ames, Iowa February 11-12 2020

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Meeting 2022 to be held in DSM.

Nov 1. Deadline for Award Nominations.

Adjourn

Move to adjourn- A motion was made by Pete Hildreth, 2nd by Kelsey Fleming

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 P.M.

Executive Board

Past President – Pete Hildreth	Pete.hildreth@dnr.iowa.gov
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