

**Iowa TWS Business Meeting
February 12, 2019
Honey Creek Resort, Moravia**

Meeting Attendance - 65

Start Time - 4:48 pm

End Time – 5:56 pm

Call to Order - 4:48 pm – Nick Baumgarten, President

Election Results and Welcome of New Officers – Nick Baumgarten

Nick announced the election results as follows:

- President-Elect: Kelsey Flemming (def. Matt Dollison)
- Secretary/Treasurer- Nathan Schmitz (def. Sarah Nizzi/Alex Fosado)
- Member at Large: Jared Elbert (def. Jeremy French)

Newly elected Officers will begin their terms immediately, with a short transition period.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary: Dusten Paulus

- Reminded the membership that the minutes had been sent out to current members via email
- Read a condensed version of the business meeting minutes from the 2018 Fall Meeting held at Lewis and Clark State park.
- Pete Hildreth motioned to approve the business meeting minutes from the 2018 Fall Meeting. Matt Dollison second. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Dusten Paulus

- Reminded the membership that the treasurer's report had been made available during the day in hopes that everyone has had a chance to see it. Told anyone with questions to contact him.
- Gave a condensed version of the treasurer's report from 2 February 2018 through 6 February 2019 (see attached). Balance was \$6,166.60
- Katy Reeder motioned to approve the treasurer's report as read. Todd Bogenschutz second. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: Travis Russell-Chair

- Travis was not present. Nothing to report.

Awards Committee: Stephanie Shepherd-Chair

- Stephanie discussed the need for nominations, must have by January.
- Continue to work to get last years' award recipient his award.

Conservation Review Committee: Katy Reeder-Chair

- Katy reported that the committee was not very active this year.
- Katy stated that she receives a conservation review newsletter that she is willing to send out to anyone who is interested.

BOARD MINUTES

Education and Information Committee: Pete Eyheralde-Chair

- Pete E. asked folks to give input for the next newsletter to go out in the spring. Pete received a round of applause for his work as the newsletter editor.

Membership Committee: Dusten Paulus-Chair

- Dusten reported that the committee had done nothing this year. He would like to vacate the chair position to have some 'new blood' step in. (Note- Matt Dollison has offered to take over duties as chair of the Membership Committee.)

Resolutions and Public Statements: Brain Sauer-Chair

- Nothing to report.

Nominations and Elections: Pete Hildreth.-Chair

- Pete is working on finding nominations, and encouraged folks to run for TWS office positions, reminding folks that it is a great leadership opportunity and looks great on a resume.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Workshop Overview

- Pete H. /Dusten Paulus discussed the 2018 Fall Workshop that was held at Lewis & Clark State Park in late September that focused on restoring royalty to the prairie. Nearly 70 in attendance at the workshop, 48 at business meeting, very well received workshop.
- They gave a brief overview of the workshop, presenters and discussions. Special thanks to Doug Chafa, Steph S., Bill Johnson, Jeff Sego, Matt Dollison, Matt Molls, and Brian Hickman.

NEW BUSINESS

New Technical Committee/Working Doc. Formation

- Discussion was brought up to get some relief for Tyler Harms who currently is the technical guru for the membership. Suggested that a technical committee be developed to try and keep a working document going to keep up with registration, website maintenance, etc.
- Committee volunteers will be made up of Todd Bugenschutz, Steph S., Katy R., Tyler Harms, Jared Elbert and Nathan Schmitz to work on a document to cover all TWS IT needs. The working document will then transfer to the new executive TWS officers.
- Decided that the Member at Large will be responsible for email list maintenance, rather than paying for the APRICOT software that would annually cost around \$1,000.00
- Decided that Sec. /Treasurer will handle registration and voting responsibilities.
- Nathan Schmitz announced that if you are not currently receiving emails, please contact him.

Letter of support for canine tracking legislation

- Dave Hoffman announced that he would like to see a letter of support from the chapter regarding new legislation that would allow leashed dogs to track/blood trail deer.
- Dave stated that the legislation would require landowner permission a 50 foot leash and allow the tracker to carry a weapon.
- It was decided that the membership would like to see more information on the bill before committing to any support. Moreover, Todd Bogenschutz, Greg S. and Steph S. said it may be more appropriate to go through ICA.
- Todd Bogenschutz is working with Nick B. and Nathan S. to get the most up to date info on that particular bill, concerns one way or another need to go through the TWS Executive officers.

BOARD MINUTES

REAP Alliance Membership

- Steph S. for Karen K. REAP is scheduled to sunset in 2021 and asked for continued support at \$150 annually. Karen will send out info on Capitol day for IWILL and REAP.
- Motion was made by Steph S. to renew TWS' REAP Alliance membership, second by Greg A. Schmidt, motion carried.

ICA Membership Renewal

- Dusten asked if we wanted to support ICA at the same level as last year (\$2,500)
- Matt Dollison stressed that this year it needs support more than ever regarding bills.
- Steph S. pointed out that the chapter only has \$6,166.60 and that \$2,500 would be a significant portion of our financial reserves. Dusten mentioned that the TWS rarely has a large budget that often gets replenished at the winter meetings. Moreover, since the ISU student chapter was not hosting a conclave this year, there would be an additional \$1,000 in the coffers.
- Todd Bogenschutz pointed out that the lobbyist for ICA costs nearly \$25K, and is mainly funded by NGO's. So the support is very much needed and appreciated.
- Motion was made by Matt Dollison to renew the membership at \$2,500, second by Kelly Smith. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa TWS 2019 Fall Workshop

- Nick B. mentioned that the location for the Fall Workshop is TBA; please look at emails for more info to come regarding the 2019 fall workshop.

Paulus to step down from Fundraising/Raffle duties

- Dusten stated it was time for someone else to run the fundraiser/raffle for the chapter. (Alex Fosado has stepped up and is now the lead for the annual fundraiser)

T-Shirts for next year????

- Pete E. asked if anyone would be interested in getting t-shirts made up for meetings in the future. Membership showed interest, Pete E. will send out info when relevant.

TWS North Central Section

- TWS is looking for folks to join the NCS Membership team in 2019
- Offers training and leadership skills. If anyone is interested, please talk with Katy R. and/or TWS executive officers.

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Meeting 2022

- Steph S. for Karen K. stated that the meeting would be held in D.M. in 2022 and is looking for volunteers to help plan and put on the conference. Volunteers appreciated.

Todd Bogenschutz made a motion to adjourn. Shannon Hansel second. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:56 p.m.