



## Iowa TWS Fall Business Meeting

October 5, 2021

### Brushy Creek State Recreation Area

**Call to Order** (Matt Dollison) at 12:24 PM (#56) People in Attendance

**Welcome** (Matt Dollison)

**Minutes** (Sarah Nizzi)

Motion to approve minutes by Clint Maddix 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dusten Paulus

**Treasurer's Report** (Nate Schmitz) Nate gave an overview of the income from January 1<sup>st</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021; current balance as of September 28<sup>th</sup> \$8,643.34

Motion to approve treasures report by Stephanie Shepherd 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Baumgarten

#### **Committee Reports**

Audit Committee (Travis Russel) – Not present

Awards Committee (Stephanie Shepherd) – Award deadline November 1<sup>st</sup>; Steph will be stepping down as the chair of the awards committee, so we need to be looking for a new chairman (in the past the chair has been a past award winner), nominations can be completed via the TWS website

Conservation Review (Katy Reeder) – Not Present

Education and Information (Pete Eyheralde) – August newsletter coming out this winter, need content; new t-shirt design for Iowa TWS coming soon

Membership (Ryan Kurtz) – Not Present

Resolutions and Public Statements (Brian Sauer) – Not Present

Nominations and Elections (Kelsey Fleming, Former President) – 2 officer elections, President-elect and Member-at Large open for 2022

#### **Old Business**

No reports

#### **New Business**

Letter of support for National Grasslands Act (Matt Dollison) – Partners are advocating for Grasslands Conservation Act; the ICA has not discussed thus far; the act will focus on restoration of grasslands; planning for a statewide grassland plan for if and when this passes; Todd Bogenschutz motions for the chapter to draft a letter of support, Brian Hickman seconds, motion passes

RAWA (Stephanie Shepherd) – \$13 million to Iowa; bills in the house (Cindy Axne) and senate (25 co-sponsors); positive feeling on passage, DNR has sent support (director, commissions); Stephanie Shepherd motions for TWS to draft a letter of support, Dusten Paulus seconds, motion passes; Stephanie will draft the letter

Request for TWS to match AFS \$750.00 as a contribution towards the Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference raffle (Matt Dollison) – Nick Baumgarten motions to approve this contribution, Greg Schmitt seconds, motion passes

Request for TWS to contribute \$250.00 towards 2022 Fenske Memorial Award Wildlife Scholarship to be awarded at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Stephanie makes a motion to approve the donation, Todd Bogenschutz seconds, motion passes

### **Announcements**

TWS Winter Meeting March 2-3, 2022 to be held in Ames (Nathan Schmitz) – Quality Inn and Suites following DNR Wildlife Statewide meeting

Midwest Fish and Wildlife Meeting Feb 13-16, 2022 to be held in DSM (Matt Dollison)

- Volunteers are needed for the Iowa TWS chapter booth!
- May still be cancelled due to COVID-19

ICA Update (Todd Bogenschutz) – legislative breakfast prior to session, opportunity to chat with legislators; Bills the lobbyists focused on in 2021 were REAP (extended to 2026), deer de-population (never made it out of the house, passed through the senate), IWLL; 2022 Priorities: Pay increase for hunting and fishing licenses, DNR needs additional letters of support to increase dues; deer de-population bill, method of take for deer, IWILL, channel catfish to be state fish (none currently)

### **Adjourn**

Move to adjourn - A motion was made by Todd Bogenschutz 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Baumgarten

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM