



Iowa TWS Business Meeting September 8, 2022 Fall Meeting – Pella, Iowa

Call to Order: at 10:48 A.M.
(# 25 in attendance)

Welcome (Nathan Schmitz)

Fall 2021 Meeting Minutes (Nathan Schmitz)

Motion to accept made by Stephanie Shepherd, second by Greg Schmitt

Treasurer's Report (Nathan Schmitz)

Motion to accept by Greg Schmitt, second by Drew DiAllesandro

Committee Reports

Audit Committee (Travis Russel): Not present; Sarah Nizzi will send out this spring

Awards Committee (Stephanie Shepherd): Kelsey Fleming will be the new chair beginning winter 2023; many thanks to Stephanie for a job well done. Open Nominations for “new blood” in this group, has been the same for quite some time.

Conservation Review (Katy Reeder): Not present

Education and Information (Pete Eyheralde): Pete is looking at January for the next newsletter, please send ideas as articles are needed.

Membership (Ryan Kurtz): Not present

Resolutions and Public Statements (Brian Sauer): N/A; conversation came back to Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) and re-issuing a position/support statement. Matt Dollison made motion to support re-sending Senate letter, second by Stephanie Shepherd (who will draft statement)

Elections – (Matt Dollison): President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, At-Large will be open in winter 2023, keep an eye out for announcement and please forward any names of potential candidates.

Old Business

TWS Board Handbook (Nathan Schmitz) – goal for 2022 to complete for board duties and streamline our processes

New Business

Incorporation (Nathan Schmitz): This is voluntary right now, but that may change. Conversation revolved around mitigating risk to officers of the chapter. Nationally, several chapters are exploring this and/or have gotten officers

liability insurance via a private insurer. Members discussed bringing in a lawyer to get outside counsel/advice on any vulnerabilities.

Announcements

Iowa Native Plant Society Annual Meeting September 10th, 9 AM – 1:00 PM, Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt Joint - Iowa TWS/ AFS Winter Meeting March 1st – 2nd, 2023 at Quality Inn & Suites in Ames, IA

Adjourn: 11:22 AM

Motion made to adjourn by Greg Schmitt, second by Drew DiAllesandro