



Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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Date and Time : Thursday, January 8, 2014, 3 pm, EST (12 :00 PST, 1:00 MST, 2:00 CST)

- **Roll Call** (Darren)

Present	
Affiliation(s)	Name(s)
CSTWS President	Darren Sleep
Section Rep to TWS Council	Art Rodgers
CSTWS President-Elect	Mark Boyce
CSTWS Secretary-Treasurer	Matt Dyson
TWS Section Coordinator	Mariah Simmons
Saskatchewan Chapter President	Tom Perry
CSTWS Vice-President	Jennifer Psyllakis
Manitoba Chapter Delegate	C.J. Breitner
TWS 2015 Conference Arrangement Co-Chair	Merlin Shoesmith

Regrets	
Affiliation(s)	Name(s)
CSTWS Past-President	Evelyn Merrill
Alberta Chapter President	Kashif Sheikh
British Columbia Chapter President	Michel Lavallee
Conservation Committee Chair	Jim Allen
Education Committee Chair	Meagan Hainstock

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ACTION : Art to activate and send registration link

ACTION : Matt and Tom to discuss QuizBowl.

ACTION : Darren to send a link to the awards page to the exec

ACTION : Matt to edit Sec-Tres manual for sharing.

ACTION : Tom to send Matt new executive information.

ACTION : Please contact Matt if you have any suggestions for a student rep.

- **Review of Agenda** (Darren)

Mark moves for approval, Matt Seconds, Agenda Approved

- **Minutes of last meeting** (December 4, 2014)

Matt moves for approval, Jenn Seconds, Agenda Approved

- **Updates :**

- Finances and Membership (Matt)

Account	Balance
Paypal	\$ 326.75
Chequings	\$ 4,758.58
Savings	\$ 5,004.68
Accounts Receivable	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 10,340.01

Memberships 248

- News from TWS :

- Headquarters (Mariah)

Featuring chapters and sections on the website each month. Send information to Mariah.

Couple of new interns for policy and publications. New Science Writer Josh Learn working on Wildlife Professional and Website.

- Board (Art)

Council has also been quiet over the Christmas break. Code of Ethics is being creating and virtually finalized, being sent to Comittee for review. This will make it easier to change bylaws by only referencing this document.

Still working on conservation affairs document. Waiting on reviewers. SPecifically revising agencies responsible for certain activities.

- CSTWS Elections 2015 (Darren, for Evie) - Tabled
- Winnipeg 2015 (Merlin)

Opening night at the Manitoba Museum, including a walk around to get to know Manitoba including food and beverages. Still working on student professional mixer including location. Final night will likely be something at the Delta Hotel with a Manitoba social theme. Probably including a live band. Negotiating with a bus company to handle

all of the bus requirements. Number of inquiries about sponsorship looking for information on content of the conference, providing information from past conferences.

Delta is the hotel, most meetings are at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, including an indoor walkway.

Art : Symposia and workshop accept/reject notices will be sent March 11th. Deadline for submission is Feb 6th.

- Educational Webinars (Darren for Meagan)

Getting a lot of good feedback from the webinars and people are really enjoying the format. First talk had (Registered/Attended) 49/20, second had 25/17, third had 20/ ?.

Two webinars left after Jan 16th.

- **New Business :**

- CSTWS AGM, Saskatoon (Mark, Tom)

March 13th, 14th, 15th

Mark : Big day will be the 14th, 13th is a Student run operation including an RSF workshop by Mark, student colloquium. On Sunday, there will be the business meeting and potentially more papers depending on the number of contributions. Will be trying to wrap things up by noon.

Tom : Looking to finalizing the weekend agenda to see how the student conclave will fill in. Not sure about number of members, but there will be representatives from saskatchewan. Field trip with Ryan Brook for moose tracking – will likely be Friday morning. Friday evening for the mixer and Saturday for the banquet.

The venue only has one room. 30 people presenting is 7.5 hours.

Will speak tomorrow about more particulars.

Need to send a call for papers, and registration. Existing site should still exist, we need to provide information to Art to update the pay pal page.

Canadian Section handling the call for abstracts

SWS Hall is a drive outside of the city.

Quizbowl happened during the mixer in QC. The mixer and quizbowl could be held on campus at U of S.

Block of hotels, would be good to have everyone staying at same place. One motel has offered to shuttle for free if a block is booked. Heritage Inn had a block of 20 rooms. Morning and Evening Shuttle. Airport Shuttle ?

Merlin – Great that meetings are being held at the Sask Wildlife Federation.

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- Awards nominations (Art, Darren)

Received a note from George Mitchell's daughter thanking us for sending the award to George in the mail.

There are a number of TWS Awards coming up with Feb 15th deadlines. What we need to do is try and get a few names in for them. Would be good to have a good representation of Canadians receiving awards at the Winnipeg Conference.

Art – There are a number of categories that we can compete in, including Student Chapters, Advisors, Publications, and Fellows.

Merlin – There will be a submission for a Manitoba fellow this year

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- Sub-unit collaboration - documents (Darren)

Darren – Are there any documents we are not willing to share ?

Matt – We can share an example of the Sec-Tres manual, however we would need to edit out sensitive information.

ACTION : Matt to edit Sec-Tres manual for sharing.

- **Chapter Updates :**

- BC (Michel) - Tabled
- Alberta (Kashief) – Emailed

Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society is hosting its 25th Anniversary and annual conference in Edmonton Alberta from March 20-22. 2015 conference planning is going ahead actively as planned on the subject of Conservation Advocacy. Ed Struzik will be the Key Note Speaker for conference and we are inviting a host of folks with extensive background in Conservation Advocacy for the plenary talks and discussions. 2015 conference is a special one due to the 25 years celebrations and a large number of travel grants and new scholarships are being planned for students and young professionals. For more details; please visit at <http://www.actws.ca/conference/>

We are in the process of updating our bylaws and hopefully this process will be completed within next few months.

- Saskatchewan (Tom)

Had new election at November AGM. New executive members with different TWS backgrounds. Organizing various events as a chapter including a photo contest ice fishing derby and CSAGM.

ACTION : Tom to send Matt new executive information.

- Manitoba (CJ for Stephen)

Preparing for the winter getaway, just opened registration. March 26 will be the Manitoba AGM, it will just be an evening event. Few awards and contests coming up. Will elect new executive at AGM. Will also vote for an increase in membership dues to promote more professional development activities. Includes spring bird banding.

- Ontario - Tabled
- Student Chapters (Matt)

Searching for a new Rep, former student stepped down.

ACTION : Please contact Matt if you have any suggestions for a student rep.

- **Old Business**

Next Meeting : February 12th 2015 3PM EST.

- **Adjourned at 3 : 59 pm EST**