



## Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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**Date and Time** : Monday, February 16, 2014, 3 pm, EST (12 :00 PST, 1:00 MST, 2:00 CST)

Meeting called to order at 15 : 03 EST

○ **Roll Call (Darren)**

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Affiliation(s)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>
CSTWS President	Darren Sleep
Section Rep to TWS Council	Art Rodgers
CSTWS President-Elect	Mark Boyce
CSTWS Secretary-Treasurer	Matt Dyson
CSTWS Vice-President	Jennifer Psyllakis
Saskatchewan Chapter President	Tom Perry
CSTWS Past-President	Evelyn Merrill
Awards Committee Chair	Marco Festa-Bianchet

<b>Regrets</b>	
<b>Affiliation(s)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>
TWS Section Coordinator	Mariah Simmons
TWS 2015 Conference Arrangement Co-Chair	Merlin Shoemith
Alberta Chapter President	Kashif Sheikh
British Columbia Chapter President	Michel Lavallee
Conservation Committee Chair	Jim Allen
Education Committee Chair	Meagan Hainstock
Manitoba Chapter Delegate	Stephen Petersen

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- **Review of Agenda (Darren)**

*Approved*

- **Minutes of last meeting (January 15, 2015)**

Matt motions, Tom Seconds, Approved

- **Updates :**
- **Finances and Membership (Matt)**

Account	Balance
Paypal	\$ 3,060.90
Chequings	\$ 4,754.83
Savings	\$ 5,005.04
Accounts Receivable	\$ 260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,080.77</b>

Memberships **262**

- **News from TWS :**
- **Headquarters (Mariah) - TABLED**
- **Board (Art)**

*Things have been quiet with preps for mid year council meeting including final reports for council review. Looking for replacements for Editors in Chief (Evie in July, Christine in December).*

- **CSTWS Elections 2015 (Evie)**

*46 Ballots turned in, last email blast needed.*

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- **Winnipeg 2015 (Merlin)**

*Update from Kerri Krawshaw (Re : Organizing committee minutes)*

Art : 26-27 Symposia submitted, 8-9 workshops, and 4-5 panel discussions have been proposed. Conjecture is that a number are from invited speakers/organizers for out of country participants.

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- **CSTWS AGM, Saskatoon (Mark, Tom)**

Darren : *Currently have received 20 abstracts, hoping for 25-30 including the plenary.*

Mark : *Everyone waits until the last minute, we will likely be okay.*

Tom : *Promoting at Sask hard. Currently at 33-34 for registration and know there are more abstracts coming in based on names registered. TWS has approved \$500 for the conclave grant and after the conference they give you another additional \$500. If CSTWS could sponsor drinks and appetizers then that would be wonderful. Expect some additional registrations for the day of. For the workshop, there are 32 people registered including students (15) with another 18 Canadian Section members. There is a computer lab booked 130-430, which can hold approx 30 people. Tom has another lab booked that holds 50 from 430-730. So we would have to cap the smaller workshop.*

Mark : *My thought is the smaller room would be better and priority should be to students. Will be bringing a graduate student along to help.*

Tom : *With that said, we will have to cap the registration for the workshop now. We are working on a grant with the Ministry of Environment, but they are on a spending freeze. Will be giving a grant from Saskatchewan government, and will be using to pay for registration costs. For the social on Friday, they have booked the upstairs of the University bar including a projector.*

Darren : *I have buzzers and some questions to include for quizbowl.*

Tom : *Sask will have some questions to add. Executive has an idea to pick Quizbowl teams (i.e., bears, wolves etc.) including a professional advisor. Finish with a winning team vs an all star team. Been promoting for Sask folks to come out, but also holding a research meeting for wildlife research in Saskatchewan to increase membership and active members. Trying to reduce the disconnect between Regina and Saskatoon.*

Darren : *Do we have an estimated cost for the banquet ? Tom : not yet.*

Darren : *Do we have sponsorship lined up ? SFI is tentatively interested, but Winnipeg might get their sponsorship over Saskatoon. U of S, U of R, beer reps, etc.*

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- **Educational Webinars (Meagan) – Tabled**

Darren : *Ken's webinar is cancelled for Feb 20th 2015*

- **Awards (Marco)**

*Nomination for Ian McTaggart Award has been received, and it is the only nomination so far.*

*Art : This is a Section Award that was created last year that would be awarded at the AGM.*

*No applications currently for the Student Travel Award for Saskatoon*

*This would be the first award, no plaque or lapel pin created yet.*

*Evie : Can we organize this by the AGM ? We should not give out the award until we have a plaque and lapel because it is a family tribute.*

*Darren : We have a month and we can probably get this done.*

*Art : No suggestions really towards the design with the exception of the Canadian Section Logo. Do we have a Distinguished Service Award plaque example that we could model it off of ?*

*Evie : Alberta has a wooden plaque with the name of the person. Standard award that awards shops can likely make.*

*Darren : Merlin is putting a distinguished service award nomination for Robert Jones (Manitoba), which goes through the Canadian Section Awards Committee. Aside from those, 2 other special recognition service awards are being put together (1 BC, 1 ON), which are TWS awards therefore straight to TWS.*

*Art : Resubmitting the Laval Student Chapter nomination ?*

*Matt : What do we do with the Student Travel Award money ?*

*Evie : We have typically paid food.*

*Darren : We can have cash awards for best posters/talks, and pay for drink tickets*

Evie : *Can we offer more travel awards for Winnipeg ?*

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- **New Business :**
- **Conservation Affairs Network (Jim, Darren)**

*First call occurred this month for developing initiative between Sections and Chapters talking to each other about conservation priorities. Has there been any interest in committee chairs for the conservation committee ? We want to have this committee receiving more action. Does Jim want to continue, or is there someone wishing to take over ?*

- **TWS Monthly Activity Reports (Art)**

*Council and others are sent these reports from head office that outlines activities within departments. Eg. Exec director, and department heads give a briefing etc. These are quite informative and they are available on the TWS website. The suggestion was made to make them more available to CSTWS members. Do we email blast ?*

*Matt : Email blast would be appropriate.*

*Darren : Email blast a summary, and point to the webpage for more details ? I would be willing to put the points together.*

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- **Chapter Updates :**
- **BC (Michel) - Tabled**
- **Alberta (Kashief) - Tabled**
- **Saskatchewan (Tom) – See AGM comments**
- **Manitoba (Stephen) - Tabled**
- **Ontario - Tabled**
- **Student Chapters (Kristin) - Tabled**
  
- **Old Business**
  
- **Do we want another conference call before the meeting ?**

*Consensus : Yes*

*Based on schedules, why dont we do business over email and set up a call on an adhoc basis.*

- **Adjourn by 4 pm EST**

*Meeting adjourned at 15 :56 EST*

APPROVED