



## Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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**Date and Time** : Tuesday, Nov 17, 2015, 2 pm, MST (1 :00 PST,  
3:00 CST, 4:00 EST)

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Affiliation(s)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>
CSTWS President	Mark Boyce
CSTWS President-Elect	Dee Patriquin
Section Rep to TWS Council	Art Rodgers
CSTWS Secretary-Treasurer	Matt Dyson
Manitoba Chapter President	Stephen Petersen
Student Representative	Kristin Denryter

<b>Regrets</b>	
<b>Affiliation(s)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>
CSTWS Vice-President	Laura Trout
CSTWS Past-President	Darren Sleep
TWS 2015 Conference Arrangement Co-Chair	Merlin Shoemith
TWS Section Coordinator	Mariah Simmons
Alberta Chapter President	Jason Fisher
Manitoba Chapter President-Elect	C-Jae Breiter
Saskatchewan Chapter President	Tom Perry
Awards Committee Chair	Evelyn Merrill
Conservation Committee Chair	Jim Allen
Education Committee Chair	Meagan Hainstock

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- **Roll Call (Mark)**
- **Review of Agenda (Mark)**

*Approved*

- **Minutes of last meeting (Matt, attached to Nov 10 e-mail)**

Comments unrecorded by Matt from Stephen do not need to be included in minutes.

*Stephen motions, Dee Seconds, Minutes Approved*

Updates :

- **Finances and Membership (Matt)**

Account	Balance
Paypal	\$ 300.81
Chequings	\$ 4,280.85
Savings	\$ 5,005.05
Accounts Receivable	\$ 420.00
Accounts Payable	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,006.71</b>

Memberships 295

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

Not much activity since the AGM. In a holding pattern as the new executive takes control.

- **Winnipeg 2015 recap (Art, Mark)**

Mark : Winnipeg was a really first rate meeting with excellent quality presentations. The Canadian Section and Manitoba Chapter reception was standing room only (over 200 people).

Art : I have heard similar comments that the quality of presentations was very high. TWS head office is more than pleased, and it may rank in top five in terms of conference attendance. Everything was also sold out, with excellent sponsorship funding, so the financial benefit was also likely good.

Mark : My only dissapointment was that U Alberta didn't have a group in the student quizbowl.

Art : Kudos to to conference organizers and the MB Chapter for their involvement.

- **Venue for CSTWS AGM, July 2016 (Dee, see notes below)**

Notes from Eric Vander Wal about the AGM with CSEE:

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- (1) Head count. We can do this on our registration page. We'll need to think about what the question is, e.g., Are you a CSTWS member? Changing the pay structure or cost sharing is a non-starter.
- (2) Reception. Currently there are no events planned (though there will be) on the days that aren't the 7th (opening mixer and plenary) and 10th (banquet). I think our best bet is to look into booking the Grad Pub Bitters. It accommodates 50-70 and is on campus. They do a decent job of events like this and this could act as a fundraiser. Drink tickets included in the cost of an event ticket could be included in registration packages.
- (3) Time for the AGM. We just need to pick a time and the conference organizers will book a room.
- (4) Contributed session/symposium. It turns out we got lots of very complete symposium applications. We didn't anticipate getting so many. CSEE SK didn't get many and even after extending their deadlines they didn't have a surplus. I guess we now wait to see if the CSTWS symposium is accepted. Because CSEE is a titles first-come-first-served registration, we'll likely add a set of key words for presenters to select from. We can make one of these wildlife and from these we can pull together a room dedicated to wildlife-type questions.

Dee: Comments from the board re: Eric's comments

Mark: I think that the benefits outweigh the costs, and that we should consider this as a great option, particularly related to increasing CSTWS awareness in the Atlantic provinces

Art: It may cost up to \$5000 for travel costs

Dee: Some of it may be supplemented by people already travelling, or folks that are willing to cover their own costs. Additionally, CSEE may cover some costs if the speaker is a plenary speaker.

Art: We should consider what the maximum amount of money we are willing to spend and plan accordingly. Are we willing to foot the bill?

Mark: I think the majority of people would come at their own expense and honoured to have the opportunity. Perhaps we can offer a small token amount of money as an alternative to offering full coverage.

Dee: Bonnie and Alistair are on the ground support at MUN, and have been asked about local fundraising options as well.

Art: One option suggested previously for the CSTWS AGM was the possibility of putting on a workshop as a potential fundraising option.

Mark: Is there a call for workshops?

Art: There was an R workshop for several years, but it may not be as relevant as in the past.

Mark: Eric said that the 7<sup>th</sup> was workshop day.

Dee: The nice thing about this venue is that we do not have a large cost (i.e., covered by CSEE). So far, no request to cost-share facilities. CSEE membership might be an additional cost for our members.

Matt: It might be a fair trade-off to assume that CSEE may expect additional memberships by association with us.

Dee motions for executive approval of venue and forward planning of the joint meeting from 7-11 July.

*Matt moves, Stephen seconds, Motion Approved*

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- **Educational Webinars (Meagan distributed list for remainder of 2015-16)**

The following is the line-up of speakers for the remainder of the 2015/2016 webinar season. Actual titles and short descriptions will be circulated soon.

**Ethics, Wolves and Management (and some human dimensions)** – Alistair Bath, Memorial University Nov 27, 12:00-1:00 central time

**An Ecological Overview and Threat Assessment for Feral Pigs in Canada** - Ryan Brook, University of Saskatchewan - Jan 22, 12:00-1:00 central time

**Human dimensions of wildlife management** - Kristen Leong, US National Parks Service - Feb 26, 12:00-1:00 central time

**Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge in Wildlife Management** - Donna Hurburt, Acadia University - April 1, 12:00-1:00 central time

- **Canadian Clips (Rachel)**

Keep up the great work Rachel !

- **Awards (Evie)**

Evie: I have put out a second call to committee and am getting names from a number of sources including Art who has been most helpful. But I have no actual nominations- the hard part.

Please encourage each Chapter president to get help from chapter to nominate someone for the:

1. Canadian Section Distinguished Service - Lu got it last year
2. TWS fellows - none last year
3. McTaggart-Cowan section award- Doug Heard got it last year.

As well as other - see short list in newsletter. Details on TWS web site.

- **Conservation Affairs Network (Jim) - TABLED**

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

Art : Do we need to make these accessible to the general membership ?

Mark : I think just the executive

Art : Will continue to deliver to the executive

- **Newsletter/Website (Laura and Matt)**

**Newsletter:** the October newsletter went out in good time but had a glitch due to the size of a photo. A simple SOP should resolve future issues. Folks should submit items in word documents and as JPGs for the newsletter to prevent any further issues.

**Website:** progress is delayed momentarily but still on track for a 2015 launch. Big thanks to those of you who submitted content requests! A reminder to submit content of you were asked to do so (i.e. Chapter descriptions). Matt, please add any further information as needed.

**Chapter Updates :**

- **BC (?)**
- **Alberta (Jason)**
- **Saskatchewan (Tom)**
- **Manitoba (Stephen)**

Stephen : Not much of an update, first meeting since the AGM is later tonight. Recently held a volunteer banquet as a karaoke fundraiser that Merlin put together. Provincial election upcoming in MB, so it will be interesting to see what draft strategies get out before the election.

Art : Please extend the gratification from CSTWS and TWS to the MB Chapter and organizing committee.

- **Ontario (?)**
- **Student Chapters (Kristin)**

Kristin : Two most active seem to be UNBC and Lakehead. Lakehead working on volunteer opportunities, camp getaway, and other talks. UNBC is working on their photo contest fundraiser, as well as volunteer opportunities involving salmon and mule deer. Excited about the student highlights in the CSTWS Newsletter.

Mark : U of A is active with various activities, but not a very cohesive group.

**ACTION : Mark and Kristin to set up a conference call with all of the student chapters.**

Art : There seems to be interest in a BC Chapter. Art was contacted by a few folks and following up with them may be beneficial.

**ACTION : Dee will follow up with Darryl KroekerRE : BC Chapter**

Old Business

Adjourn by 3 pm MST

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Dec 15

**ACTION: Matt to send out a doodle poll to exec to find a time.**

Stephen motion to adjourn, Dee seconds, Meeting Adjourned @ 4:40 PM EST

APPROVED