



Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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Date and Time : Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 4 pm, EDT (1 :00 PDT, 2:00 MDT, 3:00 CDT)

Meeting called to order at 16 : 05 EDT

- **Roll Call (Mark)**

Present	
Affiliation(s)	Name(s)
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
Saskatchewan Chapter President	Tom Perry
TWS 2015 Conference Arrangement Co-Chair	Merlin Shoesmith

Regrets	
Affiliation(s)	Name(s)
CSTWS Past-President	Darren Sleep
CSTWS Vice-President	Laura Trout
TWS Section Coordinator	Mariah Simmons
Alberta Chapter President	Jason Fisher
Conservation Committee Chair	Jim Allen
Education Committee Chair	Meagan Hainstock
Awards Committee Chair	Evelyn Merrill
Student Representative	Kristin Denryter

ACTION: Merlin to send Mark an email about suggestions for chairs of symposia.

ACTION: Matt to send cheques to Merlin for \$3500

ACTION: Mark to send out an email to the executive with the motion of increasing the number of student chapter awards to four. Please refer to the minutes for the current balance of our bank too!

ACTION: Matt and Laura to provide a proposal of options to the executive for a new website and newsletter format

ACTION: Matt to forward the email to Stephen soliciting information on successful workshops.

ACTION: Dee to ask Jason Fisher if he will participate in audit committee.

- **Review of Agenda (Mark)**
- **Minutes of last meeting (Matt, Apr 17)**

Art sent Matt some revisions, they will be included in the final minutes.

Stephen motions to approved the minutes, Art seconds, Minutes Approved

Updates:

- **Finances and Membership (Matt)**

Account	Balance
Paypal	\$ 253.11
Chequings	\$ 6,814.30
Savings	\$ 5,005.04
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,900.00
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,500.00
Total	\$ 8,572.45

Memberships 276

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

Should have new editors in chief for the fall meeting

Laura Bies is taking over the leadership institute on a contract basis and will be leaving her post as government affairs, TWS will be looking to fill that position.

Finances are good, up 185% from where they are expected. Membership is at about 9000 and concerns of decline seem to have levelled off. Future efforts should focus on increasing membership, which we have been doing (re: U of Winnipeg Chapter, ON Chapter and possible Fleming Chapter)

One common thread is that awards are not getting enough nominations, so we need to drum up nominations for awards.

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

See newsletter for brief update provided by Merlin.

Sage grouse people have pulled out of program of symposia because sage grouse protection is going to be reviewed in congress during the same time, so they felt that they would be overwhelmed.

Received lots of contributed papers for presentations and concurrent sessions.

ACTION: Merlin to send Mark an email about suggestions for chairs of symposia.

We are matching contributions of Manitoba by \$2500 and \$1000 by Alberta.

ACTION: Matt to send cheques to Merlin

Students can volunteer, and interested students can contact Merlin and he will forward their information onto the correct committees

Manitoba/Canadian Section Reception:

Dennis Brannen has been the front person, the reception will be Monday or Tuesday from 5-7. Our reception and the student events will be at the host hotel. Everything should be underway. The Manitoba Chapter will be emailing members to attend the reception as well.

- **Venue for CSTWS, March 2016 (Matt)**

Matt is working to revitalize the Ontario Chapter and does not yet have a location set. Once a new executive is established, he will be working to select a location and an organization committee.

Art: Are there any efforts of establishing a Chapter in the east? Possibly Newfoundland (Eric van der Wall, Yolanda?)

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

ACTION: If you are interested in participating on the committee or giving a talk, please contact Mariah. The agenda will be developed over the coming weeks.

- **Canadian Clips (Rachel) - Tabled**
- **Awards, announce student travel awards! (Evie)**

Deadline for student travel awards is 31 August 2015.

Mark motions that we offer 4 student travel awards this year. We do not have quorum, so we will solicit an email vote to approve this motion.

ACTION: Mark to send out an email to the executive with this motion. Please refer to the minutes for the current balance of our bank too!

- **Conservation Affairs Network (Jim) – Tabled**
- **Newsletter and Website (Matt and Laura)**

We are working to develop a new website and newsletter format to better serve the members. As part of this we are researching options that we have (i.e., Blue Host, Go Daddy, and Word Press). We are looking to improve the ease of use of the website for both administrators as well as users. The new website will hopefully house our membership database, a member's portal, and AGM websites. The newsletter will be electronic in format and hopefully increase viewership. We will be putting together a proposal to the executive with options in hopes of getting approval to move forward.

Tom: Any way of involving the provincial chapters on the section website

Stephen: We have a subcommittee looking at the same sort of questions. We would be interested in knowing what we settle on.

ACTION: Matt and Laura to provide a proposal of options to the executive

Chapter Updates:

- **BC (Michel) - Tabled**
- **Alberta (Jason) - Tabled**
- **Saskatchewan (Tom)**

The SWF has been approaching the chapter in regards of collaboration with research activities. They came up with a proposal to have SCTWS to operate as a branch of SWF, but the executive decided it was best to maintain their autonomy, but would like to continue to collaborate with the SWF.

- **Manitoba (Stephen)**

They will be having their fall mixer at the conference (joint CSTWS). They had a necropsy workshop that was well attended with 2/3 professionals and 1/3 students. They also ran a bird banding workshop. The Manitoba Chapter has been trying to increase the number of professional development opportunities within the Chapter.

Dee: Most student chapters offer courses through other organizations (e.g., chainsaw, electro fishing etc.) The Alberta Society of Professional Biologists also host workshops for members.

ACTION: Matt to forward the email to Stephen soliciting information on successful workshops.

- **Ontario (See Venue for CSTWS, March 2015 Above)**
- **Student Chapters (Kristin) - Tabled**

- **Old Business**

Dee: Audit committee still needs one more person to make 3.

ACTION: Dee to ask Jason Fisher if he will participate.

Art: Has there been any word on the BC Chapter?

No new news, but Mark will be talking with Winnie, potentially asking Doug Heard.

Art: We need to encourage more government participation at the provincial level to help grow our chapters as witnessed as a successful model in the US.

- **Adjourn by 5 pm EDT**

Matt motions to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dee, Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 17:03 EDT

Approved