



## Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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**Date and time:** Tuesday, 13 October 2015: 2:30 pm MST (1:30 PDT, 3:30 CDT, 4:30 pm EDT, 6:00 pm Nfld)

Meeting Started at 04:35 EDT

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Affiliation(s)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>
CSTWS President	Mark Boyce
CSTWS President-Elect	Dee Patriquin
CSTWS Vice-President	Laura Trout
Section Rep to TWS Council	Art Rodgers
CSTWS Secretary-Treasurer	Matt Dyson
Manitoba Chapter President	Stephen Petersen
Awards Committee Chair	Evelyn Merrill
Manitoba Chapter President-Elect	C-Jae Breiter
Student Representative	Kristin Denryter

<b>Regrets</b>	
<b>Affiliation(s)</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>
CSTWS Past-President	Darren Sleep
TWS 2015 Conference Arrangement Co-Chair	Merlin Shoesmith
TWS Section Coordinator	Mariah Simmons
Alberta Chapter President	Jason Fisher
Saskatchewan Chapter President	Tom Perry
Conservation Committee Chair	Jim Allen
Education Committee Chair	Meagan Hainstock

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**ACTION: Mark and Matt to continue to work on signing authority issue with RBC**

**ACTION: Laura to try and encourage some early submissions from students so we can have some Student Travel Award write-ups in the Oct and Dec newsletters.**

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**ACTION: Executive to visits [cstws.ca](http://cstws.ca) to provide some feedback to Laura on website design and content**

**1. Agenda approval**

*Removed Kristin’s name from the BC Chapter Section, Agenda Approved*

**2. Approval of minutes of Executive Board Conference from last meeting**

*Motion to approve the minutes, Dee, Stephen seconds, minutes approved*

**3. News from TWS – TABLED**

**4. Canadian Section representative update: Art Rodgers**

*Conference coming together including reports, budgets, and tax forms. U of Winnipeg has interim status as a Chapter and will be approved for full status after a year or so.*

**5. President’s items: Mark Boyce**

*Our next AGM will be at Memorial University in St. John’s, Newfoundland in July 2016. In conjunction with CSEE meeting. Sessions may be concurrent, or before/after. Will be CSTWS’ first venture east. One implication is extending the length of executive tenures (March – July)*

*Winnipeg 2015 rapidly approaching: everything appears to be OK and on track. We have a schedule for the Reception shared internally that includes awards and acknowledgements.*

**6. Secretary-treasurer’s report: Matt Dyson**

Account	Balance
Paypal	\$ 281.73
Chequings	\$ 6,984.60
Savings	\$ 5,005.05
Accounts Receivable	\$ -
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,571.38</b>

Memberships 261

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**7. Old business: Action items**

- **Student Chapter updates and ideas –**

*U of A not attending quiz bowl, couldn't get enough members for this year. Kristin has just returned from the field. Likely more news to come from student chapters over the next few months.*

- **Update on Winnipeg 2015 – Merlin Shoemith - TABLED**
- **Mixer at TWS Winnipeg: Stephen Petersen & Dee Patriquin**

*Dennis and Dee have been working on the mixer, and everything seems to be moving smoothly. The current pre-registered poll is at 1425.*

#### **8. New Business:**

- **Next newsletter: end of Oct 2015?**

*Based on timelines, may push into November. Student Travel Award Sections are due on November 15, so we should try and see if they can speed up their submissions.*

**ACTION: Laura to try and encourage some early submissions from students so we can have some Student Travel Award write-ups in the Oct and Dec newsletters.**

- Other items?

#### **9. Committee reports-**

- **Education committee - Meagan Hainstock**

*The first webinar of the year will be on Oct 30, 12:00 – 1:00 pm central time. Jim Leafloor (CWS) will give a webinar entitled “Modernization of Canada’s Migratory Birds Regulations”*

*We’ve welcomed a new member (Jenny Rodgers) to the team. She will be sending out the announcement for Jim’s webinar soon, and will handle all webinar-related announcement going forward.*

*Schedule for remainder of the year will be circulated soon.*

- **Conservation Affairs committee: Jim Allen - TABLED**
- **Membership & Recruitment committee: Matt Dyson**

*Matt has had difficulty gaining traction in Ontario. Currently trying to encourage student chapters.*

*Jason Fisher has government contacts for Newfoundland and could help with East Coast memberships, along with the AGM in 2016 at MUN.*

- **Awards committee: Evie Merrill**

*Student Travel Awards are done. Currently working on preparing applications for next year.*

*We all need to approach people at the mixer to identify people for awards nominations.*

**ACTION: Executive to help identify members to help put together awards nominations for deserving members.**

- **Canadian Section AGM Planning committee: Dee Patriquin**

*Dee and Jason plan to work on putting more effort in and Shane Mahoney and Eric vanderWal are in St. Johns to help as well.*

- **Nominations: Darren**

*As we ramp up the search for candidates for the executive (to be elected in July 2016 in Newfoundland) I would ask folks to forward any suggested candidates to me. Also, please keep your eyes open for potential candidates in Winnipeg.*

- **Website: Laura Trout**

*Laura has been working to develop the website and add content. If the executive could take a look and provide feedback, that would be helpful.*

**ACTION: Executive to visits [cstws.ca](http://cstws.ca) to provide some feedback on website design and content**

#### **10. Chapter reports:**

- **Alberta – Jason Fisher**
- **British Columbia – Kristin Denryter**
- **Manitoba – Stephen Petersen**

*Looking to start a bursary at U of W for TWS students. Already have a bursary at U of Manitoba. Starting to think about annual winter getaway. AGM in the spring will be a one day conference, starting to look for speakers.*

- **Ontario - TABLED**
- **Saskatchewan- Tom Perry - TABLED**

**Next conference call: Tuesday, 17 November 2015**

*Motion to adjourn, Stephen, Matt Seconds, Meeting Adjourned*

**Meeting adjourned at 05:11 EDT!**