



Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

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Date and time: Tuesday, 15 Sept 2015: 2:30 pm MDT (1:30 PDT, 3:30 CDT, 4:30 pm EDT)

Meeting brought to order at 4:34 PM EDT

Present	
Affiliation(s)	Name(s)
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
Alberta Chapter President	Jason Fisher
Manitoba Chapter President	Stephen Petersen
Awards Committee Chair	Evelyn Merrill
Education Committee Chair	Meagan Hainstock

Regrets	
Affiliation(s)	Name(s)
CSTWS Past-President	Darren Sleep
TWS 2015 Conference Arrangement Co-Chair	Merlin Shoesmith
TWS Section Coordinator	Mariah Simmons
Saskatchewan Chapter President	Tom Perry
Conservation Committee Chair	Jim Allen
Student Representative	Kristin Denryter

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ACTION: Mark to speak to Kristin and make some calls to know what is happening in the Canadian Student Chapters/spark future Chapters.

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ACTION: Stephen to inform MB conservation that they have time for awards

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ACTION: Dee to contact Jason offline and look into potentials for Newfoundland as well.

ACTION: Executive to consider options for a new logo. Contests etc.?

1. Agenda approval

Approved, no objections

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

Dee moves to accept the minutes, Laura seconds, Minutes Approved

3. **News from TWS** – TABLED

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

Not much new to report from over the summer. Headquarters is busy preparing for the council meetings and the conference. All information in monthly updates. Keith Norris is now the director of government affairs, looking for an assistant and one other. Laura Bies has left her position, but is on contract to continue the leadership institute. Financially everything is said to be good!

5. **President's items:** *Mark Boyce*

- Number of student travel awards that will be given by ACTWS, 2 – 6.

Mark moves that we support all six students at \$500, Laura seconds that motion. No objections to the motion. Motion Approved

ACTION : Evie to notify students and send congratulatory letters to Matt so he can forward cheques.

- Winnipeg 2015 rapidly approaching: everything appears to be OK

-Everything has run smoothly and the Ignite Session is underway again.

-Printed agendas are not yet ready for moderators

-Meagan has been contacted about moderating and has confirmed a time

- Lotek has offered an additional \$800 for reception so we can offer first drinks

How should we recognize Lotek, and should we be concerned about setting a precedent?

MB Chapter Facebook and Instagram

CSTWS Facebook, Newsletter, and Webpage

Art: Short term recognition is good, but we don't need to recognize them for a year. We need to be careful that recognition is not mistaken for endorsement of their product.

Stephen: Social media is a good way to provide short-term recognition. We just need to make it clear that they are sponsoring the event, not that we are endorsing them.

Laura: We can use our Facebook page, Newsletter, and a poster for the actual event. Lotek logo in the August newsletter already with the announcement/reminder of the CS reception.

Stephen: Could we design one that we use across chapters?

ACTION: Laura to create a poster of Lotek/Canadian Section/Manitoba Chapter logos to share for Section use.

ACTION: Laura to include Lotek recognition (Lotek logo and thank you) on Facebook post of CS mixer (the day of the event) and in the October newsletter along with CS mixer photos.

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

Account	Balance
PayPal	\$ 272.19
Chequing	\$ 7,631.51
Savings	\$ 5,005.04
Accounts Receivable	\$ 800.00
Accounts Payable**	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 13,508.63

Memberships 260

7. **Old business:** Action items

- Student Chapter updates and ideas

Matt: Can we encourage growth of student chapters across Canada taking example from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Mark: U of A has some engagement with Augustana campus now

Dee: We need to hit up the faculties and that consistent member to keep the flame going.

Art: We used to have annual conference calls between the Presidents and Student Chapters Presidents

Matt: We have continued that tradition, but have not had one yet this year.

Art: Agrees that student chapters are critical to future membership.

ACTION: Mark to speak to Kristin and make some calls to know what is happening in the Canadian Student Chapters/spark future Chapters.

- Update on Winnipeg 2015 – Merlin Shoemith

Merlin E-mailed the following update:

I offer this as a progress/update report on the conference to all: Registration is now about 1100 and this number will swell to another 100 soon with university and high school student registration. Two registrants will win a fly in fishing trip to northern Manitoba for registering for the conference. The Field trips at Churchill and Winnipeg area are essentially full right now. Fund raising is collectively at \$250,000 and has greatly exceeded our expectations. The high school environthon teams in Manitoba are considering attending the second plenary session with a one day registration and then involved in a wildlife shrub planting project at a "new" wildlife rehab facility being developed on a reclaimed gravel pit to offset the carbon footprint of the conference. This is a work in progress to get this set up but early interest has been expressed by high schools from Swan River, Carmen and The Pas as well as Winnipeg. We are attempting to have these students develop a project at their home site to plant shrubs as well upon their return. This is taking a significant amount of my time in setting this up and I hope that we are on top of it by October 1st. A friend of mine where I hunt turkeys in Iowa has carved a plaque of the Canadian Section logo that will be presented to Mark during the Canadian reception. What more to say? Again thank you Canadian Section for the fund-raising support and all of the Section people involved in the Program side and volunteering for the conference. I would like to encourage all of you to keep pushing registration one more level and try to hit the 1500 goal we set for this one time in 10 years Canadian conference. Let's not take the foot off the gas pedal now. See you soon in Winnipeg and the party will be on!!!! Merlin

8. New Business:

- Mixer Update

Stephen: Request from MB to recognize staff, and I would like to also give an award. Can we include that in an agenda?

Mark: Seems like a good idea.

Dee: Email's seem to suggest that people are in favour. Mixers have lacked formal speaking in the past, what would an agenda look like?

Matt: Include information about TWS Awards too

Stephen: Does not need to be long, maybe some CSTWS announcements, followed by MB Conservation and himself. We also need to mention the Lotek sponsorship.

Laura: We can announce the new website as well!

C-Jae: Quizbowl co-organizer, there is only one Canadian Team currently registered. UNBC is the only team currently registered.

ACTION: Laura to advertise Quizbowl on Facebook page

ACTION: Stephen to inform MB conservation that they have time for awards

- Next newsletter: end of Oct 2015?

Laura: We will wait until we have pictures from conference to feature. Feedback on newsletter? Looks fresh and nice.

Art: Can you PDF the newsletter for archiving etc.?

Laura: Yes, and we will be doing so.

ACTION: Laura to PDF the August Newsletter for archiving

9. Committee reports-

- Education committee - *Meagan Hainstock*

We have our list of speakers, Meagan is working to contact all speakers and set schedule. They will be the last Friday of the month at noon central. The education committee is also looking for ways to better serve the members.

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

Evie: Winnipeg is a good place to recruit new members

Laura: We can have a sign up at the reception.

Evie: We typically do, but we could have a poster, or potentially a pamphlet.

- Awards committee: *Evie Merrill*

Members Appointed: Marco Festa-Bianchet (Quebec), Ken Abraham (Ontario), Nicola Koper (Manitoba), Al Arsenault (Saskatchewan)

Evie: We have had emails of people considering submitting nominations. Can you receive an award if you are on council? I would like to see the executives get more involved, specifically the Chapter Presidents

ACTION: Chapter Presidents to solicit nominations from their Chapters so that we can get some good nominations for November.

- Canadian Section AGM Planning committee: *Dee Patriquin*

Ontario is not looking very promising right now. Do we have any suggestions of alternatives?

Mark: Can we do it in conjunction with CSEE?

Art: Another opportunity to try and get a chapter going out there?

Dee: Suggested on email to link up with Alberta again if possible?

Jason: They would be happy to try and coordinate, but planning is well underway.

Dee: Any preferences from the executive?

Suggestions of Yolanda and Eric being candidates to help organize the meeting.

ACTION: Dee to contact Jason offline and look into potentials for Newfoundland as well.

- Nominations:

Darren Sleep will be the chair of the nominations committee

- Website: *Matt Dyson/Laura Trout*

Laura: We have a new domain CSTWS.ca. It is a fairly slow process but we are working to get content to fill the site up. Will be emailing the executive for any questions about the website content over the next month. Functionality will come later, such as PayPal. Can we update the Section Logo?

Kathreen Ruckstahl developed the original logo.

Mark: Post-pone new logo development because someone (name?) is carving and presenting the CS logo at the TWS CS reception in Winnipeg.

ACTION: Executive to consider options for a new logo. Contests etc.?

10. Chapter reports:

- Alberta – *Jason Fisher*

Full speed ahead, AGM is in Drumheller on March 7th. Looking for turnout of around 200, but potentially less because it is not a major centre. Chapter is in good shape, but trying to loosen up the pockets. Conservation Affairs Committee has slowed, but moving forward in the fall. Field Biology Skills Exchange Program has been tossed around for the Chapter to help on other projects across the province.

- British Columbia – **TABLED**
- Manitoba – *Stephen Petersen*

Mostly all devoted to the conference that is coming up. Conservation Affairs committee has finalized their terms of reference. All Conference All the Time 😊

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

11. Student Chapter updates: *Kristin Denryter* - **TABLED**

Mark motions to adjourn, Stephen seconds, All Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 EDT

Next conference call: Tuesday, 13 October 2015

APPROVED