

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Executive Board Meeting
April 2, 2006**

Meeting at Drury-Mincy Conservation Area, in Taney County at 8:15 am

Present:

Vicki Jackson, Past-President
Tim Russell, President
Mike Schroer, President-Elect
Chris Newbold, Secretary
Tom Kulowiec, Treasurer

Post Spring Workshop Evaluations

Discussion

Expenses and income from the event were about equal.

Most input from workshop participants was positive. Some suggested “improvements” were to include more Forestry, Fisheries, and Local Habitat activities/learning opportunities. Overall though most feedback was positive and that the students enjoyed the opportunity to participate. The Board agreed that early planning and organization is a key in putting on a successful and smooth running workshop. Discussion was brought up about where to hold next year’s workshop. Southeast Missouri was briefly discussed, as was the idea of central Missouri with the Missouri River habitats as a central theme. Central Missouri may hold the best opportunities for housing and logistics. Mike and Tim will discuss this further and make a recommendation to the Board as to where to hold the Spring Meeting. Finally a suggestion was made to involve the Missouri American Fisheries Society and their student chapters into the Spring Meeting for 2007. Timing should stay about the same: late March and early April. Next year’s Meeting was set for **March 31st and April 1st, 2007.**

Action Items

Mike and Tim will work together to finalize where to hold the 2007 Workshop and will look into inviting the American Fisheries Society in the workshop.

Travel Application

Discussion

The travel application will be made available this year to get the process going. Applications will be accepted for the National TWS meeting in Alaska. Emails will be sent out to remind members to look for and apply for travel assistance. The deadline for receipt of applications was set at May 15, 2006

Action Items

Tom will get an email sent out to members to remind them of the travel application and encourage them to consider using it.

Spring Newsletter

Discussion

Tim is working to get newsletter materials (i.e., CD, templates, etc.) to Mike so he can complete the Spring Newsletter. Mike will solicit news from members and Board Members to put in the Spring Newsletter. The Newsletter should be going out in May. The Newsletter will be available online and will be announced via email.

Action Items

Mike will ask the student chapters to submit items for the newsletter.

Tim will get all Newsletter materials to Mike for use in development of the Newsletter.

Tom will send out an email reminder of the Newsletter to members when it is ready.

Farmer Conservationist Award

Discussion

The Farmer Conservationist Award recipients from the 2006 Annual Meeting received their award and were very appreciative of it.

Catch-all

Next meeting was set for June 5th, 2006. Location will be set later.

Adjourn. 9:00 am