

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Executive Board Meeting
January 31, 2007**

Meeting started at 5:00 pm
Tan Tara Resort, Osage Beach, MO

Present:

Tim Russell (President)
Mike Schroer (President –Elect)
Vicki Jackson (Past – President)
Chris Newbold (Secretary)
Tim Nigh (Board Member-at-Large)
Gary Potts (North Central Section Representative)

Absent:

Tom Kulowiec (Treasurer)

2007 Annual Meeting Agenda

Discussion:

Mike Schroer discussed the 2007 Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting Agenda with the Executive Board.

Mike pointed out the Josh Millspaugh was unable to attend the Annual meeting so he would present the Graduate Student Award for Josh and the Graduate Award Committee.

The rest of the Agenda sounded good to the Board and was accepted with a few minor editing changes.

Mike also suggested the Board try to consider ways to get others involved in the Annual meeting. The Board agreed to offer a few door prizes at the 2007 Annual Meeting to drive home this point to attendees.

Spring Workshop

Discussion:

Mike made the Board aware that if we continue planning for the Spring Workshop at University Forest, and we continue to assume registration will be around \$25 a person, the Chapter will have to pick up around \$2,000 - \$3,000 of the cost. This is unique in that the facilities picked this year were more expensive than past year locations. Chris pointed out that the Workshop was never intended to be a money maker and that the Board should consider always spending some money on the event. The Board agreed but was reluctant to commit to this level of funding every year. Mike suggested that future

years be less expensive to pay for the one year every 3-4 years that will have higher costs. Also the Board projected that as the Workshop moves around the state, future cost will be less than 2007. In other words, the Board agreed that the 2007 Workshop would be a year that would cost the Chapter more money than in past and future years. The Board agreed to absorb this one year cost with the understanding that future years will probably be less expensive. The Board voted to bring this issue before the membership at the Annual Meeting for discussion.

Tentatively, the Board set the 2007 registration fees at \$25 per person if camping and \$35 per person if staying in the cabins.

Tim and Chris reported that they had visited about planning the “field professional” workshop portion of the Spring Meeting. They mentioned that they were planning on a one day workshop that would look at ELT’s and landscape issues in regard to management decisions and actions. They asked the Board for input into planning and for approval to purchase lunch for the attendees. The Board decided that the workshop will start at 8:30 am Friday, March 30 and will end at 3:30 pm. The Board agreed to purchase sack lunches for the attendees, but to let them take care of their own lodging and other costs that may be incurred. Attendees could stay at University Forest for \$20 a night.

Budget

Discussion:

Gary Potts pointed out that in our budget we have a \$150 web page fee. He suggested we contact the national Chapter to see about help in supporting our web page, as they now have a service to State and Student Chapters to help design and host web pages. This service would help standardize web pages and save costs to Chapters.

Mike raised the question of how to treat Student Chapter members in regards to the State Chapter. Mike asked if the Board should extend a “free” membership in the State Chapter to any Student Chapter members. Mike believes this would encourage more participation and professional development in State Chapter activities. The Board liked this idea and discussed that there would be no fee since the purpose was to get people involved and not to raise money. This led to a discussion that an Executive Board Member be identified as having duties to visit each Student Chapter in the State once a year. This duty should be included in a revision of the Operations Manual. Mike decided to bring this issue up to the membership at the Annual Meeting for Discussion.

Online Voting and Elections

Discussion:

Mike provided a list of candidates and results of the online voting that Tom Kuloweic had provided him. Online voting had closed at 12:00 pm on January 30, 2007 and 22 people had voted online. There were no reported problems.

Catch all

Discussion:

Tim Russell mentioned he had secured some display ball caps for a MoTWS fund raiser. He had distributed samples to the Board earlier and asked the Board if they wanted to continue with this fund raiser. The board agreed to spend the money purchase a 100 caps to sell as a fund raiser. Tim would offer the displays at the MoTWS MNRC booth and would take orders at that time. If the caps did not sell well, they would be used as give away items, such as door prizes, future raffle items, etc.

Adjourn 6:17 pm.