

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Executive Board Meeting
June 5, 2006**

Meeting at Mike Schroer's residence, in Jefferson City, MO at 6:45 pm

Present:

Tim Russell, President
Mike Schroer, President-Elect
Chris Newbold, Secretary
Tom Kulowiec, Treasurer
Kim Wells, Board-Member-at-Large

The minutes of the April 2, 2006 Executive Board Meeting were approved. (A copy of the Official Minutes was not available at the meeting so the minutes were passed around via email June 6th, and subsequently approved.)

Membership

Discussion

Discussion was raised about increasing Chapter Membership. The Board decided that they would ask John Vogel to go ahead and assume the membership committee chair. A list of current and old members can be generated and provided to the membership committee to facilitate contacting ex-members and asking them to reconsider joining.

Kim Wells suggested sponsoring/organizing a symposium or workshop geared toward professional development. She suggested we look at the Society of Conservation Biologists as a model. Suggestions were made that this symposium could be done at MNRC each year. Chris Newbold suggested that incorporating something geared toward professionals at the spring meeting be considered. For example, have a professional gear workshop on Friday followed by a student oriented workshop on Saturday, with both groups invited for both days. The Board agreed that any workshop or symposium should reach out to "other than MDC" professionals, including the private sector.

Mike suggested that a "questionnaire" be sent out to members and co-workers to gauge what topic may be of interest in a potential workshop.

Mike suggested that MOTWS get a booth at the Quail Unlimited Conference in Kansas City as a way to advertise to more professionals.

Action Items

Mike will send out general request to co-workers to gauge what topics may interest professionals and could potentially be incorporated into a workshop. (Mike sent out a request to his co-workers on 6/7/06.)

Kim will forward an example of the Society of Conservation Biologists' symposium to the Board for their review (This was done on 6/6/06.)

Kim will contact Jef Hodges to see about the MOTWS acquiring a booth at the National QU Conference in Kansas City.

Board-Member-at-Large Vacancy

Discussion:

Kim Wells will be leaving Missouri for another position in California in the summer of 2006. This opens up an Executive Board position that will need to be filled. An occupancy created by the resignation of one member is filled by the president (per by-laws). Discussion revolved around a potential replacement. Tim Nigh will be approached about the possibility of filling the role of Board-Member-at-Large since he ran for the office in 2006.

Action Items

Tom Kulowic will contact Tim Nigh to gauge his interest in the Board-Member-at-Large position.

Finances

Discussion

Tom provided the Board with a report of the Finances. Tom has completed the Tax report to the parent Society to maintain the MOTWS' tax exempt status.

The Spring Workshop cost was higher than originally planned. However the Executive Board agreed that the Workshop income does not need to equal the expense since it is an outreach program that we want to fund annually in our annual budget process. This will be especially true if we expand the workshop to include more professional development activities.

The Board reviewed the 2006 Budget and suggested that we look at increasing the amount budgeted for the Workshop in 2007.

Newsletter

Discussion

Mike is close to completing the Newsletter and asked for any final comments before going to editorial review and release. The only content change was to add an announcement about the graduate fellowship award. Also the travel application was referenced on the web page. Since no applications were received the Board voted to extend the deadline for applications to July 15th for professionals and August 31st for Students. Another announcement would be sent out reminding professionals and their supervisors in June and finally another to students in August when classes commenced in the fall. Otherwise only minor editing and grammatical changes were made.

Mike asked that the photo gallery of the 2006 Spring Workshop be updated on the MOTWS web page since he referenced the photos in the Newsletter.

Action Items

Mike will finalize the newsletter and get it to Tom for inclusion on the MOTWS web page.

Tom will update the photo gallery of the 2006 Spring Workshop, include a copy of the travel application, and post the Newsletter on the web page (This was done by 6/16/06.)

Operation's Manual

Discussion

Tim reminded the Board to review their described office duties and provide any comments or edits to Margie Mitchell for the Operation's Manual revision process.

Tim also reminded everyone to be mindful of any potential award nominees for 2006.

Committee Chairs

Discussion

Tim pointed out that we have several vacant committee chairmanships. Tim strongly encouraged the Board to consider who could be approached to fill these vacancies. Several names were suggested. These include:

Aaron Jefferies for the Farmer Conservationist Committee
Bob Alexander and Deb Burns for a committee chairmanship
Don Martin for the Raffle Committee

Action Items

Who's contacting who???????

Travel Application

Discussion

As discussion about the travel application again arose, the Executive Board decided that it should be the MOTWS standing policy that either the President or the President-elect attends the National Wildlife Society Conference. His or her travel expenses should be paid for by the Chapter, along with any travel grants awarded to other members. Again this will necessitate the need to increase the annually budgeted amount for travel grants.

Catch-all

Discussion

The MOTWS should look into updating the table top display with a tri-fold display board. Tom Kolowic will be working in this.

The Board recommended that a committee and committee chairmanship be created for the Spring Workshop. This will become even more important if the Spring Workshop is expanded.

The next meeting was set for September 11th, 2006 in Warrensburg.

Adjourn. 8:52 pm