

**Missouri Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Executive Board Meeting
October 26, 2006**

Meeting at MDC's Sedelia Office, in Sedelia, MO at 6:30 pm

Present:

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

The minutes of the June 5, 2006 Executive Board Meeting were approved and were passed to Tom Kulowiec to post on the web site.

Committee Chairs and Executive Board Update

Discussion

A few Committee Chairs are still vacant and Tim is working on recruiting people to fill those rolls. Tim thinks Chairs may soon be filled.

Dean Stucker was tagged to fill the Raffle Committee Chair.

Tony Mong was nominated a Committee Chair.

A Stephens Award Chair is needed and nominations are needed soon.

The nominating committee chair needs to be filled.

Tim Nigh will fill the vacant Board-Member-at-Large on the Executive Board.

Action Items

Vicki will contact Dean to see if he is still willing to sit in the Raffle Committee Chair.

Tim will make an appointment to the Stephens awards and solicit nominations.

Finances

Discussion

Tom provided the Board with a report of the Finances.

Discussion was raised about the status of the Endowment Fund. The Board discussed paying the Fund off versus paying installments when we often have trouble finding funds earmarked for the Endowment Fund. We have funds in our operating budget that could

cover our commitment and get us out of the yearly scramble to find Endowment Fund grants. The Board decided it was best to pay off the funds with our operating budget. Since at the 2006 Annual Meeting the membership voted to make a plea in the newsletter, the Board decided to pay off the \$2,000 remaining on the Endowment Fund Commitment with existing general operating funds and then write an article in the Newsletter that would ask the membership to consider reimbursing the general operating funds.

Action Items

Tom will write the check to pay off the Endowment Fund. Mike will contact Dave Murphy to write an article for the Fall/Winter Newsletter.

MNRC

Discussion

Tom informed the Board that the Society would be receiving two booths at the MNRC and we could buy two more booths at \$9/booth. The Board voted to do this.

Tom mentioned that MNRC had received 50 posters, all conferences were full and the program would be out in November. Tom also mentioned that the Conference “Smoker” would have entertainment this year.

Comprehensive Wildlife Strategies would be this year’s theme and registrations would be: early - \$70, Student - \$50, and onsite - \$90

Approved workshops were: Invasive Species, Successful Partnerships, GIS with Comprehensive Wildlife Strategies, Comprehensive Wildlife Strategies, Building Partnerships in Grasslands, Managing Forests and Woodlands for Wildlife, Missouri Biodiversity, Human Dimensions and Comprehensive Wildlife Strategies, Monitoring and Evaluation Projects, Stream Advocacy and the Farm Bill.

Since the Call for Papers for the MNRC comes out in September, the Board thought it would be a good idea to next year coordinate with the Student Chapters and encourage more students to submit papers to present at next year’s MNRC.

Action Items

Vicki will contact Student organizations to begin them thinking on submitting papers when they come back to school in the fall 2007 semester.

Tom will reserve a room at MNRC for the Executive Board meeting and will invite all the Student Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs to observe.

Education Committee

Discussion

Vicki made the point that the education Committee should be made up of a true “committee” (faculty from several schools) and not just a Chair-person. It was suggested

that at this years MNRC the Society use the opportunity to create a true Education Committee by having several faculty from various schools come together and create this committee.

Action Items

Vicki and Mike will work to facilitate this at the upcoming MNRC.

Conservation Federation of Missouri Scholarship

Discussion

Applications for the Conservation Federation Scholarship have been put out in the November Newsletter of the Conservation Federation. This year the Conservation Federation will coordinate the scholarship application process and distribute applications to each individual professional society. The deadline in November 15, 2006.

2007 Budget

Discussion

Tom will work with Tim and Mike to draft a 2007 budget for the newsletter so the membership can see it and be prepared to discuss it and vote on it at the Annual Meeting.

Spring Workshop

Discussion

The Board decided to pursue the Spring Workshop at University Forest since the US Fish and Wildlife Service will not be taking possession of housing located in Central Missouri along the Missouri River. The 2007 Spring Workshop will focus on Forest Wildlife Management and Issues.

The Spring Workshop will try to incorporate activities for the field staff.

Action Items

Chris will work to get a workshop developed that will be of interest to professional field staff and not just students.

Newsletter

Discussion

Mike is about done with the Fall/Winter Newsletter and only needs a few articles to complete it.

Action Items

Everyone of the Board Members are asked to write and submit a short Newsletter Article.

Adjourned 8:20 pm