



Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Annual Business Meeting Notes

April 28, 2022, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Google Meet Conference Call

Participants

Sara Hansen, President
Matt Wilson, President Elect
Lisa Dowling, Past President
Bruce Thompson, Treasurer
Candace Bennett, Secretary
Merci Clinton, Board Member at Large
Jen Syrowitz, Board Member at Large
Alex Pavlinovic, Board Member at Large
Tony Fuchs, Grants Committee Chair
Bill Vogel, Awards Committee Chair
Mike Hall - Newsletters

Attendees: Molly Alves, Wendy Arjo, George Ritchotte, Mel Waters, Leland Brown, Allison DeCracker, Cynthia Easterson, Harriet L. Allen, Tony Carnahan, Julia B. Smith, Richard Whitney, Heidi Newsome, Craig Hansen, Kristina Ernest, Ben Turnock, Rick Spaulding, Mark R. Johnson DVM, Mari MacLane

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions – Sara Hansen
- WA-TWS updates - Sara Hansen, Matt Wilson
 - 2020 JAM canceled due to pandemic
 - No financial impact on Chapter
 - Board refocused on improving Chapter operations and member services
 - Created new website/domain (watws.org)
 - Online member management/dues paying
 - Event management
 - Transitioned to Google Workspace for Nonprofits
 - No cost to Chapter
 - Simplified member communication with Chapter
 - All Board positions now have watws.org emails
 - Committee emails created as needed
 - Shared drive for online document storage and collaboration
 - Virtual Webinars
- Election results - Sara Hansen
 - Executive Board Results
 - President-Elect: Alex Pavlinovic (1 year term, part of a series)
 - Vice-President: George Ritchotte (1 year term, part of a series)
 - Secretary: Candace Bennett (2 year term)
 - Board Member at Large (1,2,3)

- Kristina Ernest (2 year term)
- Jen Syrowitz (2 year term)
- Wendy Arjo (1 year remaining in term)
- Treasurer’s Report - Bruce Thompson
 - Chapter Financial Operations Implemented According to “*Financial, Investment, & Business Practice Policies*” (Approved 2 March 2021)
 - Part 1 – Financial Planning & Budgeting Policies
 - Part 2 – Investment Policies & Management
 - Part 3 – Accounting & Operating Policies
 - Associated Ethics Considerations and Obligations are included
 - Y2022 Budget (1 Jan to 31 Dec 2022)
 - See tables below

Expenses	-\$9,250
Research Grants	\$2,500
Conservation Grant	\$2,500
Scholarship Grant	\$2,500
Awards & Recognition	\$650
Member/Web Services	\$1,000
Admin. Supplies	\$100
Revenue	\$4,300
Membership Dues	\$2,200
Investment Returns	\$2,000
Donation	\$100

- Deficit Spending ≤ \$4,950 to come from Chapter Supplemental Funds
- Current Chapter Financial Resources

Account	Balance (as of 20 April 2022)
WaFd Checking	\$6,866.31
WaFd Money Market	\$3,140.16
WaFd CD	\$7,928.59
Janus Henderson - General	\$22,593.39
Janus Henderson - Scholarship	\$53,255.68
TOTAL	\$93,784.13

- NOTE: Required Reserve Accounts, Meeting Sponsor carry-over funds, and Pending Payments total \$80,280. Thus, available supplemental funds = \$13,500
- Overall Chapter Financial Position
 - Firm Documentation of Financial Policies & Practices
 - Solid Positive Balances
 - Sufficient Reserves to use Beyond Annual Revenue

- Committee Reports
 - Awards - Bill Vogel
 - William H. Lawrence - Special Achievement Award
 - MOLLY ALVES (Tulalip Tribes)
 - Commitment, dedication, and contributions to conservation and restoration via beaver relocation programs
 - Leadership Award
 - MEL WALTERS (Puget Sound Energy)
 - Leadership in avian conservation through his outgoing personality, directness, expertise, and long-term commitment.
 - PAUL DAHMER (WDFW)
 - Leadership in the management of WDFW lands by providing direction to and empowering employees, while anticipating and addressing potential challenges
 - Partnership Award
 - CHERYL BARTLETT & KAREN HOLTROP (Olympic National Forest)
 - Long-term substantial accomplishments in pollinator conservation through more than a decade of partnerships on the Olympic National Forest
 - Foresight Award
 - LELAND BROWN (Oregon Zoo),
 - CHRIS PARRISH (Peregrine Fund),
 - DAVE WHIPPLE (WDFW), and
 - MICK COPE (WDFW)
 - Development of partnerships and efforts in educating hunters regarding nonlead bullets and the conservation of wildlife
 - Stewardship Award
 - FOREST HEALTH TEAM (WDFW)
 - Restoration of ecological function and integrity, and increased wildfire resiliency, across WDFW-managed lands
 - Conservation Award
 - SCOTT PEARSON (WDFW)
 - Long-term sustained scientific integrity and leadership in conservation of multiple species and ecosystems
 - WILLIAM RITCHIE (WDFW & USFWS)
 - Long-term sustained conservation of marbled murrelets, streaked horned larks, western snowy plovers, and other threatened wildlife
 - Grants - Tony Fuchs
 - Research Grant
 - Partial funding awarded to 2 proposals
 - Taza Schaming - Clark's nutcracker project

- Awarded \$1,195 for travel expenses
 - Yasmine Hentati – River Otter Study
 - Awarded \$1,305 for DNA extraction
 - Conservation Grant
 - Few applications lately, none meeting criteria
 - Board will work with Grants Committee this year to retool/clarify focus and criteria to improve recruitment
 - Scholarships - Merci Clinton
 - Richard E. Fitzner Memorial Scholarship
 - ALLISON DECRACKER (UW)
 - Webinars - Candace Bennett
 - Upcoming Webinars
 - ARUs and Gray Wolves
 - May 12th, noon-1pm
 - Cetacean Standings in the US Pacific Northwest
 - June 9th, noon-1pm
 - WA Wildlife Diseases
 - July 14th, noon-1pm
 - History of WA Management on Carnivores
 - August 11th, noon-1pm
 - Wildlife Conflict
 - September 8th, noon-1pm
 - I.D.E.A.S
 - October 6th, noon-1pm
 - Send us your ideas for topics and presenters! Secretary@watws.org
 - Newsletter – Mike Hall
 - Planning for three between now and the next WA-TWS Business Meeting.
- 2022 TWS Conference – Matt Wilson
 - Poll: Are you attending the meeting in November?
 - Yes: 3
- 2023 Meeting – Alex Pavlinovic
- Q&A with the Board
- Listening Sessions on any topics that came up during the Q&A?
 - Opportunities to get involved with WA-TWS
 - Student mentorship/discussion
 - Other ideas???
- Adjourn