



**Washington Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**Executive Board Meeting Notes**  
January 11, 2021, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Google Meets Conference Call

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**Participants**

Sara Hansen, President  
Bruce Thompson, Treasurer  
Candace Bennett, Secretary  
Alex Pavlinovic, At Large Board Member  
Merci Clinton, At Large Board Member  
Jen Syrowitz, At Large Board Member  
Bill Vogel  
Tony Fuchs, Grants

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**Meeting Action Items**

1. Google Drive
    - a. **Lisa** will try to find the missing shared drive info and check for backup files.
    - b. **Sara** will contact Katy to ask about other backup files she may have.
  2. JAM 2022
    - a. **Candace** will create a Survey Monkey and send to Board, then members this week about JAM participation.
    - b. **Candace** will see how to set up WildApricot for JAM registration and work will Bruce.
    - c. **Sara** will have the Great Wolf Lodge send a lower participant proposal amount.
    - d. **Candace** will send a Save the Date to members by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> (or as soon as a contract is complete). (possibly)
  3. **Scholarship Grant**
    - a. **Merci** and **Candace** will resend an email about the scholarship award with a deadline of the end of March.
  4. **Conservation Grant**
    - a. **Sara, Tony,** and **Bruce** will work on a description of Devon Comstock's work towards conservation for renaming the grant.
  5. **Audit**
    - a. **Bill** will send **Sara** an email with Mr. Hansen (a possible auditor) contact information.
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**Meeting Agenda**

6. Review December Meeting Action Items
  - a. Committees
    - i. Sara will post another reminder to FB (NA)
  - b. Google Drive
    - i. Lisa will try to find the missing shared drive info and check for backup files (in-progress)
    - ii. Sara will contact Katy to ask about other backup files she may have (in-progress)

- c. WATWS JAM 2022
  - i. Sara will submit RFPs to venues based on late April dates ASAP (complete)
  - ii. Board will send Sara session ideas to include in straw dog meeting plan (complete)
- 7. Update on planning for 2022 meeting (30 min)
  - a. General
    - i. Vaccinations required
    - ii. Student lodging paid
    - iii. Student resume review
    - iv. Great Wolf Lodge is venue
      - 1. sent a proposal, but planner on leave for a few weeks
      - 2. contract good until Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>
      - 3. most of proposal was food and lodging
    - v. They have boxed meals available
    - vi. 150 people max attendance
      - 1. How will the facility keep track of the maximum and possible overages?
    - vii. 40 people staying overnight
    - viii. Social distancing required
    - ix. What is the family suite?
    - x. How many rooms?
    - xi. March 4<sup>th</sup> deadline for abstracts?
    - xii. Concerns with COVID
    - xiii. Breaking workshops into smaller into ones throughout year with members
      - 1. Something quarterly
      - 2. Student interactions
  - b. workshops
    - i. Workshops on the front end seem to flow a little better
    - ii. Three workshops the first day
    - iii. Workshops can be half day or full day
    - iv. Instructor can determine number of participants
    - v. Workshop possible topics
      - 1. Indigenous lead conservation (Jen)
      - 2. Structured decision making (Sara)
      - 3. Conservation communication (Bruce)
      - 4. Federal wildlife laws (Bill)
      - 5. Conservation Conflict Transformation (Candace)
  - c. timeline
    - i. April 25-26
  - d. plenary/special session topics
  - e. planning committee
- 8. Conservation grant dedication (5 min)
  - a. One scholarship application but does not qualify.

- b. Re-announce for end of March deadline.
- 9. Research Grant
  - a. Four grants to review
    - i. Jen, Heidi, and Merci on committee with Tony
- 10. Chapter involvement in TWS national this November.
  - a. Discussed requesting members to submit abstracts and other information for meetings, etc.

***Next Meeting: February 8, 2022, at 4pm***