

Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society

Business Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2014, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

50th Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Austin, Texas

Recorded by Rachel Lange

Officers Present: Carol Chambers (AZ, SW Section Representative), Misty Sumner (TX, Outgoing President), Leland Pierce (NM, Incoming President), Annaliese Scoggin (TX, Incoming Secretary/Treasurer), Mark Wallace (TX, President Elect)

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm by Misty Sumner

Previous minutes from February 8, 2013 meeting were read by Annaliese Scoggin.

- Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Annaliese reads Treasurer's report

- 5 fewer memberships this year
- opened Business Savings Account
- contributed to WOW event, Leadership Institute (LI), 1 Certified Wildlife Biologist (CWB) application reimbursement
- Net loss for the year of \$1692.51; ending 2013 balance \$9470.29

Misty discusses:

- Importance of membership
 - workshops to drive participation/membership
 - encourages membership to suggest workshops or other products
- Scholarship for CWB
 - no longer covers cost of application; maybe time to evaluate
- Changes next year with new by-laws:
 - Treasurer position; split out to own position
 - Dues increase (\$5 > \$15 for regular members)

Other news: New SWS website, SWS now has 16 Student Chapters, and members from Costa Rica and Mexico

Acknowledgement of Board members, officers, chairs

Terry Blankenship reports on audit; any questions have been resolved and audit came out clean

Selma Glascock reports on archives, requests record from President re: their term's activities

Finance chair- nothing to report

Misty reports on newsletter

-distribution method; electronic vs paper

-solicits contributions

Misty discusses TWS awards and solicits nominations (future; no nominations made during meeting)

Misty announces the establishment of the Bumstead Award, and that the inaugural award will go to Roger Bumstead

Misty announces the inaugural Outstanding Service Award goes to Selma Glascock

-Selma speaks acknowledging Carol Chambers' work revitalizing SWS

Misty turns the meeting over to Leland (incoming president)

Leland gives info on his background (herps, GIS, T&E spp recovery) NMFG; acknowledges Misty; explains projection of where SWS is going

- TWS wants to increase coordination and efficacy re: conservation issues
 - become proactive vs reactive
 - do more than inform; act and affect
 - need to determine what committees there are and exactly what the duties are

Organize where state chairs have involvement in the same committee at Section level, and the Section Chair has some involvement at National level...integrate in some way

- TWS looking to shift some of workload down to Section/State level
 - Important to increase membership to support new workload
 - What values can SWS provide that won't be in competition with State chapters?
 - What input can past leadership give?
 - Accomplish something by 2017, in time for TWS Albuquerque meeting
 - Carol Chambers suggests something involving water issues

Conference call for leadership planned

Pronghorn workshop planned for 12-15 April 2014, Alpine, TX

SWS will have presence there - need to get the tabletop display for this and other events

Carol announces new officers, facebook page, changes in TWS staff (loss of people), TWS budget in black this year, LI, Fellows nominations, positive response to WOW mixers/lunch/symposia

Carol proposes student conclaves for SWS

Mark Wallace presents question on LI: Are we getting too many? Does there need to be specialization, or clarification of existing specialization among LI's?

Mark Wallace also expresses thanks for his election, gives some background info on himself

Leland adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.

Present at business meeting:

Selma Glascock + Teer LI participants

Annaliese Scoggin

Maria Araujo

Joe Beach

Mark Wallace

Don Worhtington

Terry Blankenship

David Synatzke

Carol Chambers

Leland Pierce

Mike Frisbie

Matt Wagner

Rachel Lange