

2017 ICTWS Business Meeting

March 2, 2017

The Annual Business Meeting for the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society began at 1232 PM MST, March 2, 2017, in Boise, Idaho.

Aren Eddingsaas, President; Anna Owsiak, President-Elect; Quinn Shurtliff, Past-President; Becky Abel, Treasurer; and Lisa Nutt, Secretary, were present for the meeting. Vice President position is vacant.

Old Business

The business meeting notes from February 23, 2016 were read by Lisa Nutt and approved by the Membership.

New Business

Treasurer's Report – Becky Abel

The audit found a \$103.49 discrepancy in accounting that appears to be an undocumented expense. There are no recommended changes needed per auditor Chuck Blair.

Beginning balance - \$62,180; Ending Balance \$54,941. Even though it appears the Chapter is deficit \$7,239 this is an artifact of monies being outlaid for the current meeting that have not yet been recouped post-meeting. Discussion occurred about potentially adjusting the time period the Treasurer's Annual Report covers. There would still be a report out at the Business Meeting each year but the time period the report out covers would be adjusted. Becky Abel and Laura Wolf (Treasurer from the 2016 Annual Meeting) think the chapter is \$7-8,000 in the black.

2016 Detailed Income

2017 Annual Meeting Registration (in 2016)	\$2,035	5%
2016 Annual Meeting Sponsorship	\$8,031	19%
2017 Annual Meeting Sponsorship (in 2016)	\$4,000	9%
Auction Proceeds	\$3,004	7%
Membership Dues	\$1,565	4%
Fidelity Change in Investment Value	\$1,492	4%
Basic Business Checking Interest	\$1.37	0.003%
Total Income	\$42,113	

Note that membership dues were low last year since renewal was not part of registration.

2016 Detailed Expenses

Annual Meeting Expenses	\$32,192	65%
Annual Meeting Supplies	\$191	0.38%
Annual Meeting Auction/Raffle (2016 = \$104; 2017 = \$59)	\$163	0.33%
Annual Meeting Prizes, Awards, and Gifts (2016 = \$2,321; 2017 = \$2,448)	\$4,769	10%
Student Registration	\$1,175	2%
Grants	\$3,500	7%
Student Scholarships	\$2,000	4%
ICTWS Website Maintenance - Handmade Design	\$567	1%
Miscellaneous – PayPal fees (2.49%)	\$1,008	2%
Payments to meeting partners	\$4,063	8%
Total Expenses	\$49,628	

Note that the ICTWS cost for the 2017 Annual Meeting is \$32,192

Correction to the report from membership - \$2000 graduate and \$1500 undergraduate scholarship for 2017.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with this correction was made. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE REPORT WAS APPROVED.**

President's Report – Aren Eddingsaas

Aren expressed appreciation to individuals on the Board who helped make this meeting successful, highlighting other members of the Chapter who also contributed to planning the meeting. This included: Maria Pacioretty, Deniz Aygen, Greg Servheen, Ross Winton and Devon Warren, as well as individuals helping with judging posters and papers and the many volunteers.

Thank you to the membership for participating in elections either by running and/or voting

Climate Summit - Greg Servheen

The membership was invited to get involved in the development of the Climate Summit if interested. Help is needed to identify potential sponsors and supporters, and ideas are welcome. Members were asked to contact Greg Servheen if interested in helping participate or engaging others like the media in the upcoming Climate Summit.

President-Elect Report – Anna Owskiak

Anna expressed a thank you to everyone on the planning committee and requested members please take time to thank folks who are on the committee. A special thanks was extended to Maria Pacioretty for her work on putting the 2017 Annual Meeting Program together. Maria stepped in

when the planning committee needed assistance and did an outstanding job. A call was made to the membership to please get involved in future Chapter annual meetings and committees; there are both big and small jobs that could use assistance. Involvement in the Chapter gives you an opportunity to network and contribute to a successful annual meeting.

Committee Reports

- **Conservation Affairs Committee (Robert Magill, chair)**

- Committee goal is to identify and review any actions or issues affecting wildlife or wildlife habitat and identify or recommend action that should be taken by the Idaho Chapter.
- Process for the committee to write a position statement: Proposed state chapter positions on an issue are run by the national level and a position statement is drafted following the national review; once drafted then the Chapter Executive Board reviews and approves, following Executive Board review/approval, the statement then goes to the membership for approval, then again back to national for approval before going out with an official position statement.
- The committee is currently working with Backcountry Hunters and Anglers on a position statement addressing the issue of transfer of public lands out of federal ownership

Invited Speaker- Land Tawney Executive Director for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

- Background info: Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) is a group interested in pursuing conservation of wild places – they were founded in 2004 in Oregon and decided to focus on public lands and work on public policy from the local level up to Washington, D.C. – the group was a volunteer effort until recently – now have members in 50 states and chapters in 26 states - one of the strongest chapters is in Idaho – currently the group has 15 staff
- BHA is a non-partisan group
- Recently Congress made it easier to transfer public lands from federal ownership to state ownership; also a U.S. representative from Utah introduced a bill to sell 3.3 million acres of federal land identified as worthless – the introduced bill was pulled a week later after the public came together (hunters, anglers, backpackers, etc) and expressed an outpouring of opposition resulting in the congressman removing the bill – this was a result of people working together and being focused on a Keep it Public message
- Historically in the country's history there has been opposition to federal land ownership, even from the start with Theodore Roosevelt and seems to recur on a 10-15 year cycle
- BHA is trying to create state-level momentum in support of federal lands – want to carry the message to D.C by holding rallies to keep public lands public in state capitals throughout the west – this weekend in Idaho there will be a rally, anyone recreating, benefitting, or otherwise utilizing public lands can participate in the rally
 - Concerns with transferring lands from federal ownership
 - Divesting federal lands to states creates a problem when states can't maintain the lands - In Idaho 41% of land originally granted to the state has been sold into other ownership
 - Transfer of federal lands affects management of wildlife populations and management becomes increasingly difficult to implement – funds such as Pittman-Robertson Funds generated by hunters and anglers goes down with less access and results in less money available to manage wildlife populations
 - Only have to lose this battle over retaining lands in federal ownership once and won't get it back – important to step up and play a role in supporting public lands

- Thank you to everyone in ICTWS for their role in conservation and wildlife management
 - Tips for ICTWS members to have their voices heard - Find an organization to help amplify your interest
 - Examples of ways to stay aware of resolutions and amendments being proposed are to be in contact with the staff working for your legislators or join an organization like BHA who have folks also watching out for these things and can alert you.
 - BHA is an education advocacy organization not a political group
 - Robert Magill stated that ICTWS members should talk to the Executive Board or the Conservation Affairs Committee if they would like to be involved in developing a position statement on this issue
- **Fundraising Committee (Deniz Aygen, chair)**
 - Chapter has \$12,000 worth of items donated – Deniz spent \$1000 procuring donations – we are hoping for a good profit- the chapter made almost \$10,000 net profit from the auction 5 years ago and hoping for similar success – great donations this year
 - This is Deniz’s final year as fundraising chair - she has all the spreadsheets and contact information for whomever takes over the position in 2018
- **Education Committee (Alana Jensen)**
 - Trying to build a bridge between teachers and scientists
 - Place-based education desired by teachers
 - From the Chapter’s Bylaws this committee’s role is to inform the public about wildlife activities in Idaho and secondly to educate the public about wildlife
 - Alana wants to share information on ICTWS issues by strengthening communication with teachers and students and getting the info into the classroom
 - She would like to capitalize on the natural inclination of children’s love of the outdoors and connecting education about wildlife to state science standards
 - Suggested methods for ICTWS to improve –
 - Develop a Teach-a-Teacher program to exponentially increase the number of kids reached every year could do a Breakfast-with-a-Scientist event for teachers
 - Provide a Website page to bring together education outreach tools for teachers to use attached to the ICTWS website
 - Do a Meet-a-Scientist event at a Teacher Conference
 - Hold Contests or Scholarships to involve students
 - Provide teacher classroom grants
 - Use Social media to get info out
 - Alana needs help to move these or other ideas forward and welcomes new ideas
 - Requested chapter members contact her to become involved in the committee
- Scholarships Committee Report (Jon Dudley, chair)
 - Did not report out
- Grant Review Committee Report (Toni Holthuijzen, chair)
 - Did not report out
- Awards Committee Report (Paul Makela, chair)
 - Did not report out
- Student Affairs Committee Report (Drew Rutherford, chair)
 - Did not report out

- Membership Committee (Quinn Shurtliff, ICTWS Past President, chair)
 - Did not report out
- Election/Nominations Committee (Curtis Hendricks, chair)
 - Did not report out
- Paper/Poster Judging Coordinator (Ross Winton)
 - Did not report out
- Sponsorship Committee (Greg Servheen, chair)
 - Did not report out

More New Business – Aren Eddingsaas

Sponsorship Request

The WAFWA Deer and Elk Workshop will be held May 1-4 in Sun Valley, Idaho. IDFG has requested ICTWS be a sponsor

MOTION: A motion to sponsor the WAFWA Deer and Elk Workshop at the \$500 level was made. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

Future Joint Meeting with Idaho Chapter AFS

There was discussion on interest in holding a joint meeting with Idaho Chapter of AFS (ICAFS) again, given the success of this meeting. There was support from membership but interest in holding off for a few years before doing it again.

MOTION: A motion was made to jointly host a meeting with ICAFS in four years. It was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

Changing the Treasure Report Period

Becky and Laura Wolf (current and past Chapter Treasurers) proposed the annual treasurer reporting period for the Chapter's funds would be more useful if it did not end and begin during the annual meeting when funds for the current meeting are outlain before incoming funds for that meeting are received. There was discussion to change this to the federal Fiscal Year, further discussion ensued about the best time period.

MOTION: A motion was made to allow the Treasurer to define when the best time period would be. The motion was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

VENUE FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Next year's chapter meeting is to be in Idaho Falls – Aren suggests to move the next meeting to Fort Hall Resort and Casino – benefits are that they are nice facilities, number of hotel rooms sufficient, drawbacks are not a lot of food options other than catering and driving some distance from the casino –opened the topic to discussion by the membership – costs are typically less in the eastern part of the state – casino cost is comparable to quote on the Shiloh Inn – \$30,000 to host annual meeting but this does not include additional meals at this time which would need to be part of an event at the Fort Hall Casino – evening activities would be limited – dietary options at this site? i.e. vegan, vegetarian, etc. – would need to see if these could be met – benefits are it is a nice facility for

av equipment conference rooms is improved compared to other – opportunities for field trip – overall just a nicer venue.

MOTION: A motion was made to have the Executive Board evaluate venues in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and the Fort Hall facility and make a decision. The motion was seconded. **THE MOTION PASSED.**

Award Recipients (Grants, Scholarships, Special Recognition) – Aren Eddingsaas

Management, Conservation, & Education Grant 2017 Recipients – 3 recipients for \$3000

1. Deniz Aygen - \$1,500
Project: *Bird by Bird – Bringing Birds to Classrooms and Classrooms to Birds*
Objectives: To demonstrate the effectiveness of Bird by Bird as a citizen science program that is valuable for all youth; show the indirect benefits that come along with teaching kids about birds; inspire funders, facilitators, administrators, and parent to get involved in the program or help set up similar projects in other parts of the country.
2. Meghan Camp - \$1,000
Project: *Connecting Idaho youth to local wildlife and wilderness through a climate change research initiative.*
Objectives: Monitor pika populations along an elevational gradient at Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve and the Pioneer Mountain Range in Idaho. Conduct monitoring activities with largely student scientists from local high schools.
3. Bill Dell’Isola – \$500
Project: *Teton Basin Trumpeter Swan Restoration Project*
Objectives: Translocate/release 5-10 captive-bred Trumpeter Swans (70-day old cygnets or yearlings) annually for 10 years on suitable wetlands identified in the Habitat Suitability Assessment and work with schools in Teton Basin to engage local students in the project, the Swan releases, and conservation science and to continue to permanently protect and restart Trumpeter Swan habitat in Teton Basin.

Scholarships

Undergraduate – Elise Goslin –

Graduate student – Alexander Killian

Special Recognition Awards – Aren Eddingsaas

Wildlifer Award

Friends of Scotchman Peak accepted by Bill Plough – missed this and need to get from AREn

Charles E. Harris Wildlife Award – Paul Makela

Randall B. Smith for Young Professionals Award – Corey and Colin Smith, Randy S – John Guthrie

Update from the NW section – no update in 2017

Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn the meeting occurred. A 2nd motion was made. **THE MOTION PASSED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

The Business Meeting ended at 1354 MST, March 2, 2017 in Boise, Idaho.

ICTWS Board Elections - Aren Eddingsaas

Aren announced that Ross Winton has been elected President-Elect and Andrew Mackey has been elected Vice President. Bruce Schoeberl has been elected Secretary.

/S/ LISA M. NUTT

Secretary

Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Summary of Motions Passed at the March 2, 2017 ICTWS Business Meeting

1. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report with this correction was made. It was seconded. The motion passed and the report was approved.
2. A motion to sponsor the WAFWA Deer and Elk Workshop at the \$500 level was made. It was seconded. The motion passed and the Chapter will sponsor the WAFWA Deer and Elk Workshop for \$500.
3. A motion was made to jointly host a meeting with ICAFS in four years. It was seconded. The motion passed.
4. A motion was made to allow the Treasurer to define when the best time period would be. The motion was seconded. The motion passed, the Treasurer will identify a more appropriate report period.
5. A motion was made to have the Executive Board evaluate venues in Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and the Fort Hall facility and make a decision. The motion was seconded. The motion passed and the Executive Board will select the best available venue for the 2018 meeting.
6. Meeting was adjourned via motion, seconded and the motion passed.