

## Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society Executive Meeting

Sunday, 14 April 2019

Start time: 1:00pm

Attendees: Tammy Colt, Emily Just, Scott Williams, Michael Fishman, Megan Linske, Tom Decker, Jim Cardoza, Caroline Murphy, Paul Johansen, and John McDonald

- Committee Updates:
  - Awards (Tammy Colt and Megan Linske)
    - Award ceremony will be held Monday April 15 at NEAFWA
    - 4 certificates of recognition
    - 1 Pearce Award
    - 1 P.F. English Award
  - Communication (Megan Linske)
    - Need to confirm a second year for Tammy Cloutier as newsletter editor
  - Conservation Affairs
    - In need of a new chair
      - Eric Schradung is looking to step down
    - Need to solicit feedback on the rewording of the Forest Diversity document
  - Membership (Emily Just and Caroline Murphy)
    - Held a conference call with headquarters on March 12<sup>th</sup>
      - Discussed “sun-setting” of joint membership initiative
      - Will end with this fiscal year
        - We will have to adjust budget accordingly
      - Follow-up
        - We will be sending out a survey about what members want/need from their section
      - Next year we will vote on new dues
        - \$8 for students/early professionals and \$10 for professionals
  - Operations (Tim Green absent)
    - Elections took place
      - Jacqui Frair will be the new president elect
      - Tammy Colt will be treasurer again
    - Altering by-laws for a 2-year presidential term instead of one
      - Will still be one year for president elect and past president
      - Will go into effect in 2020
        - 14:25 EST – Motion to adjust presidential term from one to two years starting in 2020
        - 14:26 – Seconded by Emily Just
        - 14:27 – Approved unanimously
        - 14:30 – Motion to add two board member at large positions to executive committee for one year terms (Emily Just)
        - 14:31 – Seconded by Megan Linske

- 14:32 – Amended to two-year term with elections staggered by one year
    - 14:33 – Seconded by Emily Just
    - 14:33 – Approved
  - Will need to vote both new positions and amended positions into bylaws by members
- Student Affairs
  - Conclave held in Maine this past weekend
- Workshops (Megan Linske)
  - There were two workshops to be held at NEAFWA 2019
    - Implementing and Adaptive Management Program Using Remote Automate Wildlife Monitoring Methods (with the R Package AMMonitor)
      - Cathleen Balantic and Terri Donovan
    - AWB/CWB Certification course with Calvin DuBrock was canceled
      - Considering converting the course into a webinar workshop
  - Tom Decker will be hosting a Workshop for Trappers
    - Details were posted to Facebook as well as circulated through a membership e-mail
- Field Course (John McDonald)
  - 20 student have enrolled
  - 17-18 different schools
  - We will begin soliciting for new instructors for the 2020 field course
  - Castleton will host Southeast Section field course
    - Will follow similar model to that of the Northeast Section
  - 14:59 – Tammy Colt motioned to donate \$1,000 to field course
  - 14:59 – Emily Just Seconded
  - 15:00 – Passed unanimously
- Headquarters Update (Caroline Murphy)
  - Reno Conference coming up
  - We have an instagram @thewildlifesociety
  - The Wildlife Professional has switch leadership to Keith Norris
  - Gearing up for Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA)
    - Removing royalties for on and offshore drilling for funding of RAWA
    - Funds would instead come from general treasury
      - Would still be dedicated funding
  - “Horse Rich and Dirt Poor”
    - 15 minute film
    - We are now housing and promoting that film
  - Identified two fellows at TWS
  - Need nominations for Distinguished Service Award
- Treasurer’s Report (Tammy Colt)
  - See attached spreadsheets
  - We need to hold and audit

- Merchandise
  - We will e-mail hat sales to state chapters or representatives
- 15:49 – Motion to adjourn by Tammy Colt
  - 15:49 – Seconded by Megan Linske
  - 15:50 – Passes

End of meeting: 3:49pm