



**Northeast Section
The Wildlife Society**
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Northeast Section of the Wildlife Society Executive Meeting

April 21, 2024
Cape Cod, MA

| Lead | Subject/Discussion | Action Items/Votes |
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| Veverka | Call to Order: 4pm No set agenda | |
| Williams | Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have \$50k balance • As get dues and spend, generally maintain balance. Not spending a lot, but are increasing number of scholarships, and student travel, and support for such. • Scott can manage the day to day, but can't manage any additional work and will be leaving in 1 year. • Pretty easy to fill role; Veverka has been speaking to some folks. Perhaps can reach out to some folks: Erica Macntinger at Penn State. • Field course cancelled this year, so money allocated there can be re-assigned. • Student Conclave workshop cancelled due to lack of interest. Will need to find each host school and get them up to speed one at a time to get me. • John McDonald and Ken McKenzie have separate account for field course. Have around \$20k in that bank, typically used as a pass through for student registration and field course costs. Gave flexibility for catering, stays, etc. • May want to switch to cd's or high yield savings to make more interest on the balance. Dan Bogen may be very good r.e. investing and worth talking to. • NE Natural History conference – academics meeting, for profit conference, always same weekend competing with NEAFWA. We often loose out in terms of workshops and others. Always in Albany, Burlington, or Springfield. Lose lots of students to that one too. They're more geared towards undergrads and better fit; also don't announce dates until after NEAFWA does. But always this same April 19/20th weekend-ish | Megan: Send intro to Erica Macntinger and Veverka r.e. filling Treasurer role Veverka – discuss with NEAFWA/Delaney's r.e. conflict in timing with NE Natural History conference. |
| Veverka | Committees/Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 candidate for Pres. Elect ○ 3 candidates for Secretary ○ 2 candidates for Member at Large • Will hold election online after meeting in hopes of getting another 1 or 2 recruits | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May want to hold an Executive Committee meeting mid-season to get everyone together and introduce folks. • If don't get someone to run operations, President Elect and Past President can form a Nominations committee to find folks for elections. Operations duties are to maintain/update bylaws (as voted on) and nominations for elections. | |
| Veverka | <p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Editor (Budd's wife Elisa is doing it) • Working on generating more content, looking for first week of June • Will be here for meeting on Tuesday • Canva subscription for pro version now • Still working on emails – got Google for non-profits set up. Working on getting domains, emails, etc. worked out. Will set up accounts for: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter, and Awards. Have actual website too. Can now update own website too • Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update table of contacts ○ Update office holders ○ May need to update committees and get rid of some (would need bylaws change) | Bridget – after elections submit officer update worksheet to TWS |
| Sousa | <p>Secretary Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing much, have minutes which should now be published to website | Bridget – send minutes to Budd so he can publish to the website. |
| Titus | <p>Student Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Conclave – hope to host in late February • No longer have travelling trophy • Need PR campaign to get students to sign up • Primarily need financial support and such (want cost of no more than \$100/student). NETWS will provide financial support to keep costs down for students. Have support for a couple. BHA and Rocky Mtn Elk are providing support and likely prizes. Working with a few others to get more support. • Next year's host is set, following year needs to be ID'd • Need Quiz Bowl questions • Want more ideas for beyond workshops and quiz bowl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E.g. history, consulting, etc. ○ Looking for Adirondack-y keynote speaker <p>Field Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only 3 people enrolled, so cancelled it. Also logistics problems with camp and caterer so couldn't advertise early enough. Will meet and discuss whether to keep it at Vermont, or move elsewhere (e.g. Paul Smith's). • Advertise at TWS? Cost of booth \$800 • Maybe do a booth with SE field course, so can advertise a "field course" and students can go to the one that's nearest them. Good to tag team with SE Section • How soon can we get a date so we can advertise at TWS? • Should have location by end of NEAFWA | <p>Veverka – look into getting a table at TWS in Baltimore for Field Course. Half table conclave and half field course. Or if SE Section wants to join in, could share.</p> <p>Titus – look into getting Conclave dates by June so can go into newsletter and advertise at TWS</p> |

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| | <p>Conservation Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no one's heard anything coming up • Pennsylvania – did not pass the bill to take money out of FWS to fund waters | |
| Veverka | <p>President's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Virginia Chapter meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11 attendees (out of 40 total members) ○ Discussed how to set up and run a meeting. Shared with AFS. ○ A lot of momentum and folks running for office. Are looking better and looking to recruit more ○ AFS may do own thing next year. WV chapter may want to look to partner with another state Chapter to have a joint meeting (e.g., KY, TN – same watersheds and often same issues even if different section) • NY Chapter Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Good turnout ○ Encourage to make it a 2-day meeting, since hard to take more than one night. If do noon to noon is easier than start at 8am. Might work to combine with conclave • PA Chapter Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friday – workshop day ○ Good meeting of ~80 wildlife folks ○ Partnered with PA biological survey ○ Decent interest in folks stepping up to NE Section service ○ Erin Hayns (past president) would be good to run for president further down the line • New Jersey – unable to attend due to proximity to NEAFWA. • Maine - Friday, May 3 – will be unable to make it, be great if someone from NETWS could attend | |
| Veverka | <p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented Carter with English Memorial student award, since he wont be present at NEAFWA • Pierce Award – Wild Wings (wildlife prints) bought out and moved states, so everything is taking forever to produce. • Nominations needed promptly since lead time to get plaques, prints, etc. takes more time now | |
| Veverka | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to get latest membership names/contacts to update mailing list in MailChimp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the membership portal ○ Should have portal when an officer/committee chair within own membership portal ○ Comes out monthly. Wait until March to do update since turnover happens a lot in Jan/Feb • Need to have a 2-year President's term to get anything done | Bridget – update members in MailChimp |
| Veverka | Adjourn: 5:10 pm | |

Attendees

Bridet Sousa, Interim Secretary, Newsletter Editor

Megan Linske, guest (prior past president), workshop chair

Scott Williams, Treasurer

Jessica Brown, Member-at-Large, absent

Budd Veverka, President

Tim Green, Operations

Colleen Olfenbuttel, guest

Val(orie) Titus, guest