

## **TWS Habitat and Restoration Working Group Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 1, 2010  
1 p.m. PST (2 p.m. MT, 3 p.m. CDT, 4 p.m. EST)  
Conference Dial-in Number: (218) 339-4600  
Host Access Code: 155095\*  
Participant Access Code: 155095#

### **I. Call to Order**

Stacy called the December monthly meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. PST

### **II. Roll Call**

#### **Present:**

Stacy Carpenter, President  
Kim Suedkamp Wells, Secretary/Treasurer Elect  
Gino Giumarro, Northeast Board Member  
Derek Hall, Western Board Member  
Suzy Prange, Central Board Member

#### **Absent:**

Ted Kendziora, Chair Elect  
Ron Duke, Past Chair  
Lacy Robertson, Southeast Board Member  
Deborah Burtaine, Nominations and Election Committee Chair (time conflict)  
Jean-Francois Poulin, International Board Member  
Alison Mynsberge, Communications Committee Chair

#### **Roles:**

Time Cop: Derek  
Tangent Cop: Gino  
Facilitator: Stacy

### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Board members were provided meeting minutes from January 2010 via e-mail. No corrections were noted and approved by consent.

### **IV. Board Representative Updates**

- Derek (West)

- E-mailed all Western Section members about interest
  - Contacted Ron but not attending Western Section annual meeting at the end of January 2010 in Visalia, CA where there is a restoration session
  - Provided example of water land disturbance restoration
  - E-mailed Lacey about attending the TWS/AFS Species Recovery/Reintroduction Workshop at Mississippi State, but hasn't heard back
- Gino (Northeast)
    - E-mailed members about interest
    - Discussing interest with Jean Francois about bat monitoring in Canada for a newsletter article as member of White Noise Syndrome Committee
      - Indicated captive breeding program for Virginia big-eared bat has been initiated
      - Wind Energy impacts (offshore especially) particularly in the Great Lakes may be a restoration angle
      - Restoration of anadromous fish habitat (dam removal) and/or riparian habitat interest
- Jean-Francois (International)

**Action Item:** Jean will contact members in his region via e-mail (continued from January).

**Action Item:** Jean will work on a posting for his section members in the TWS newsletter (continued from January) .

- Lacy (Southeast)

**Action Item:** Lacy will contact members in his region via e-mail (continued from January).

- Suzy (Central)

- E-mailed members to request information

**Action Item:** Suzy will contact members in his region via e-mail (continued from January).

## V. Open Issues

- Amendment to the Bylaws and Charter
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- Most current version has sections consistent with national
- Have existing board member pick up extra section and open elections next year (Suzy pick up Central and Derek pick up southwest and northwest)
- Have Jean Francois take Canada and add International folks for ad-hoc section (national TWS has everyone lumped in Canada section)
- Addition to by-laws for balloting via tie breaker with written vote (e-mail or regular mail) by board

**Action Item:** Stacy will distribute.

- **Board Approval of the Five Year Strategic Plan**
  - Posted on web site, but need to notify membership of availability for comment before voting on final approval

**Action Item:** Stacy to alert general membership to availability of draft Five Year Plan on the web site via national and working group TWS list serves (continued from January)

## **VI. New Business**

- **Web site update**
  - Allison thanked for timely updates!

**Action Item:** All board members review web site and provide suggestions to Kim who will collate for Allison (anyone outstanding).

- **Financial Update**
  - Kim opened new bank account at Bank of America and needs to add Stacy as authorized signer.
  - Current balance is \$1991.30
  - TWS national office has sent out preliminary tax forms to prepare for filing
  - Budget (allocate two-thirds to annual meeting support and one-third existing funds to operational expenses)

**Action Item:** Kim will mail Stacy forms to add her as authorized signor.

- **Member Spotlight**
  - Use TWS WTWG newsletter example for questions
  - Use Matt Bahm for first example (Derek will do)
  - Remove question about mentoring
  - Add question about favorite restoration tool if stranded on desert island
  - Ask photos

**Action Item:** Derek will interview Matt Bahm, provide to Kim for circulation, and then get to Allison. Draft by Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII. In the Chute**

- ESA position statement as an example for achieving our Five Year Goals
- Brainstorm about bat ideas for restoration case studies, lessons learned, or future symposia
- Annual working group meeting in Snowbird regarding involvement and structure
- Track Five Year Action Plan Implementation
  - Schedule quarterly review of actions completed against objectives (March, June, September, December)

## **VIII. Debrief**

- **What Worked?**
  - New time facilitates participation
- **What Could Be Improved?**
  - Increase involvement (missing board members)
  - Start on-time instead of waiting for late arrivals

**Action Item:** Stacy will follow up with missing board members.

## **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PST.

**Next Meeting: March 1, 2010**  
**NOTE NEW TIME ABOVE**