

NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
ANNUAL BUSINESS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2001

Secretary-Treasurer Ellen Campbell summarized the minutes from the last Board meeting and presented a Treasurer's report (attached). President Jack Connelly noted that the section bylaws state that three Board members constitute a quorum for the purposes of a Board meeting. However he did not feel that three was a sufficient number for deciding chapter business. Jack pointed out that the Section can help to pay for Board members to attend the annual business and Board meeting if travel expenses area problem. It was suggested that the Board meet twice a year. In-coming President Jon Haufler suggested that the Board meet again at the Reno TWS Conference since it appeared that several Board members would be attending, or by conference call as needed.

After determining that a quorum was not present for the purposes of a Section Annual Business Meeting, President Connelly convened a Section Board meeting. Board members present (and the chapters they represented if applicable) were: Jack Connelly (President), Jon Haufler (President-elect), Ellen Campbell (Secretary-Treasurer), Elston Dzus (AB), Jim Thrailkill (OR), Terry Bowyer (AK), Mike Dorrance (BC), Chuck Harris (ID) and Dan Edge (Section Representative, non-voting).

New Business:

Carl Saunders from the University of Montana (UM) Student Chapter of TWS described the Western Student Conclave which the chapter will host March 19-23. The Conclave includes student presentations, a quiz bowl, field trips and a banquet. The chapter is short on funds to host the meeting and requested financial assistance from the Section. A motion was made and seconded to give the student chapter \$800.00. Discussion included an explanation of what other organizations had been approached and their contributions, including MT chapter (\$400), parent society (\$400), and MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (prizes and in-kind support). The Board approved an \$800.00 grant to the UM Student Chapter of TWS for the purposes of supporting the Western Student Conclave.

Section Representative Dan Edge described the Wildlife Information Network (WIN). The project's objectives are to involve TWS members in grassroots community efforts to promote wildlife conservation using science based decision-making tools. Three test projects were selected and funded in 1998 (MI deer damage, PA conservation reserve, and UT conservation on private lands). TWS is currently evaluating how well these projects met the objectives of the WIN program. They are requesting additional funds to support the program. The Section determined that we are not interested in contributing at this time.

Dan also reviewed other current TWS business including:

- TWS conference in Reno – expecting good attendance, 300+ abstracts received;

- CARA – have high hopes that it will pass this year as President Bush supported it;
- Celebrating our Wildlife Heritage – capturing oral history of early years of wildlife profession, some good material is coming in. Chapters should be able to financially support this project but if they cannot, they can talk to the Section;
- International Wildlife Conference – scheduled for 2003 in Christchurch, NZ;
- TWS Conference in 2004 – most chapters in the NW have been asked to put in a bid to host the conference. There's interest in having the conference in a smaller town (Snowmass was very popular)
- Please bring any concerns to Dan that you would like carried forward to Council.

One concern expressed was the need to recognize and describe TWS as an international organization. We must drop use of the words “national headquarters” for example or “US and foreign.” TWS should address legislation and issues that arise in other countries, such as issues in Canada. No one could remember the last time a Canadian member served on Council. A Canadian policy director for TWS would be good if TWS could afford it. Dan was to take to Council the NW Section's perception of this issue and urge TWS to recognize and be sensitive to the international membership of the organization.

A second concern that Dan was to take back to Council was a perception that TWS conference (?) was becoming increasingly political and less scientific. The North American WL Conference has a strongly political orientation, but the TWS conference should not.

There was extended discussion about student travel grants. Concerns expressed include: grant amounts have not changed in several years; it would be good to have student chapter presidents attend the section meetings; US funds should be converted to Canadian when funding a Canadian student; it's important for students to get together and also meet with professionals. A motion was made to increase student grants to \$5000.00 for 10 student presenters. Discussion included lowering the amount to \$2000.00 to avoid damaging the treasury, helping to pay for attendance of student officers as well, requesting donations from the chapters to help fund student attendance, determining priorities for funding students, and appointing a committee to develop a policy for Board review. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made to establish a committee charged with developing a policy for allocating funds to student presenters and attendees as the annual Section conference. A report will be due at the September Reno conference. The motion was passed and President Connelly established a committee of: Jack Connelly (chair), Julie Fuller, Terry Bowyer, Jon Haufler, and Ellen Campbell. A recommendation was made to the committee to increase to \$2000.00 the amount of funding available for student grants.

Dan Edge announced that Phil Zwank is accepting nominations for honorary TWS membership and special recognition service awards. Dan is still looking for group achievement award nominees and would also like to see the Chapter of the Year award come back to the NW.

Dave McKinnon reported that approximately 315 people registered for the conference, and income will allow the AB chapter to return the \$1000 "seed money" from the Section.

Newsletter Editor Sandy Kratville will look into sending the newsletter electronically in order to save printing and mailing costs. It could be posted on chapter websites, but it was mentioned that posting sometimes can be difficult.

Section meeting location for 2002 was the final topic. WA would be the next likely host, with possibly OR or AK as second choices. OR recently finished a joint meeting and intends to meet separately in 2002 on the coast. AK is usually skipped every other time their turn comes up because travel costs usually mean low attendance. A conference could be held in BC, but the Section would have to take on much of the work because there is no BC chapter. Jon Haufler will take on the responsibility of finding the next conference location.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Campbell
3/29/01 draft

Northwest Section of The Wildlife Society
Treasurer's Report
Northwest Section TWS
Banff, Alberta

Previous Balance (March 8, 2000) \$23,176.83

INCOME

Membership dues	\$4,525.00
Interest (checking acct)	70.18
(savings acct)	597.00

Total Income \$ 5,192.18

EXPENSES

Newsletter	\$4,014.38
Meeting room rent 3/00	80.00
Student travel grants (3/00 ID)	325.00
Support to nat'l TWS conf	500.00
Support to CARA	1,000.00
Postage	13.35
Membership dues refund	5.00
Bank service charge	13.00
Advance to AB chapter	1005.00

Total Expenses \$ 6,955.73

BALANCE (February 26, 2001) \$21,413.28

Checking account	\$4,066.79	as of 2/26/00
Savings account	7,204.71	as of 12/29/00
180 day CD (5.15%)	5,141.78	Matures 8/7/01
365 day CD (6.15%)	5,000.00	Matures 8/11/01
TOTAL	\$21,413.28	

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Spring 2001

Business Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Minutes from last meeting (if available)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Old business
 - a. Lack of quorum at last meeting (need 6)
 - i. President
 - ii. Vice-president
 - iii. Secretary/Treasurer
 - iv. Past-president
 - v. Chapter Presidents (or representative)
 1. Alberta
 2. Alaska
 3. Idaho
 4. Montana
 5. Oregon
 6. Washington
 - b. Two meetings per year—can we do it??
 - c. Other old business?
6. New business
 - a. University of Montana student chapter need for funds (Carl Saunders) *March 19-23*
 - b. Wildlife Information Network (WIN) grants funding request
 - c. NW section student subsidy program—existing vs. needed
 - d. Awards
 - i. Honorary membership and special recognition
 - ii. Conservation education award
 - e. Site for TWS fall meeting (Chuck Harris)
 - f. Other new business
7. Adjourn



905 NWS members
National meeting in Reno
CALSA Update

~ 315 attend Alberta mtg.

Celebration of World Heritage

Student Chapter - emphasis on Study Credits

2003 early December - International meeting - back to Church

2004 National meeting in North West Section New Zealand.
Report ~ 2000

NWS Survey of membership (10-20%) regarding publications

Each chapter NWS should sponsor student chapters

President to attend meeting in Reno and

NW Section mtg. and state chapter meeting.

Comm. The - Jack, Jan, Bill, Terry, Julie (Student)
to develop a policy for awarding Travel Grants
to NWS meetings.

Money over for award Phil Zund

Conservation Education Award - Bill Student Award.

NWS Newsletter potential for electronic mailing of
newsletter.