

Idaho Chapter TWS 2004 Business Meeting
March 4, 2003, Best Western University Inn, Moscow Idaho

The 2004 business meeting of the Idaho Chapter TWS was called to order at 5:23 pm by Vice President Greg Servheen. Greg welcomed all in attendance.

Secretary's report: was read and approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: was read and approved. Final account balances for January 1 – December 31, 2003 were:

Checking	\$13,415.09
Short-Term Bond	\$4,268.62
Total	\$17,683.71

Funds from these balances were spent to bring speakers to the 2004 meeting. The bond fund made the Chapter money in 2003.

The Chapter owes \$2000 on its commitment to the Michael Gratson Field Experience Award in Fish and Wildlife Resources. The outstanding commitment to the Kvale Scholarship was paid off last year.

Committee Reports:

1. Nominating Committee (Janet Rachlow): Voting for 2004 officer elections will continue through March 31st. Members can vote at the meeting, or mail or email in ballots until then. Janet reported it was hard finding people willing to run for offices.
2. Awards Committee (Chuck Harris): There is one award to be presented tonight and that is the Special Recognition Award. There were no nominations for Professional Wildlifer this year.

Other Reports:

1. Newsletter/Website Report: feedback to Dave Musil so far has been "Great Job!" Spam filters may be preventing some emails from getting to members or is causing delays in delivery.
2. TWS International Conference is September 18-24 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
3. Idaho Wildlife Conservation Strategy (Rita Dixon): It is a congressional mandate and has 8 required elements to address. Strategies are due October 2005 for continued funding of state wildlife grants. Currently a brochure is

being developed for distribution. An overview is available on the Conservation Data Center website.

Old Business:

1. There is no 2004 membership directory being developed at this time. Discussion ensued on whether a hard copy was needed or not; it may be more feasible to post it on the website, but it would have to be made secure. Dave Musil brought up the possibility of a "members only" section of the website, with a secure entrance to it.

New Business:

1. 4-H Wildlife Habitat Program: Dean Rose gave a report on last years events. The Idaho team went to Texas and placed in the top 10 teams in the country, an excellent accomplishment. Some original team members are now coaching teams of their own. 4-H is currently rewriting the wildlife project statewide; habitat will now be an integral part of the program. ICTWS has been funding the Wildlife Habitat program since 1991; and Idaho Power, ICTWS and IDFG have all funded the program each year. Dean requested \$500 for support for this year's team to participate in the nationals in Virginia; motion was made and approved.
2. A motion was made and approved to finish funding the Michael Gratson Field Experience Award in Fish and Wildlife Resources for \$2000.
3. Position Statement on The Relationship to Economic Growth to Wildlife Conservation. A request was made of the Chapter by Brian Czeck, to take a position statement on The Wildlife Society's Technical Review document 03-1 "The Relationship of Economic Growth to Wildlife Conservation."

Brian Kernohan (a member of the technical review committee that wrote the document) gave an excellent overview of the review document – the document was produced to educate the working group on the topic of the economics of conservation. The review committee specifically did not put a position statement in the Technical Review Report.

Discussion about taking a position statement ensued; the majority of members present felt uncomfortable endorsing a position statement on the Technical Review. The request failed for a lack of a motion.

4. The 2005 meeting will be in Boise. Recommended dates are March 3&4, motions was made and approved for those dates, contingent on hotel availability.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

2004 Meeting Award Winners:

Best Poster Contest Winners were:

1. Tied for first place were "Delineating Elk Populations in Idaho: Using Genetic Analysis to Examine Population Structure" by Jocelyn Aycrigg and Oz Garton, and "Assessing Performance of Global Positioning System Radio-Collars to Study Habitat Use by Black Bears in Coastal Temperate Forests, Olympic National Park, Washington," by Kimberly Sager, Kurt Jenkins, Patricia Happe, John Beecham, R. Gerald Wright and Roger Hoffman.
2. Third Place went to "Monitoring the Brown Bear in the Italian Alps Using Non-invasive Genetic Sampling", by Marta De Barba, Lisette Waits, Piero Genovesi and Ettore Randi.

Winner of the Special Recognition Award for 2003 was the Shoshone Basin Sage Grouse Local Working Group.

Results of the 2004 ICWS officer elections are as follows:

President – Greg Serhveen
Vice President – Rita Dixon
Secretary – Diane Evans-Mack
Treasurer – Jon Beals